

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, March 24

*Third Sunday in Lent*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Chuck Starks

“The Price of Priceless”

Isaiah 55:1–9

### Wednesday Lenten Services

Downtown Community Lenten Services begin at 12 noon at a different downtown church each week in Lent.

Lunch is provided following each service.

Donations are appreciated.

### Wednesday, March 27

Week 3: St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral

### Wednesday, April 3

Week 4: First Presbyterian Church

### Wednesday, April 10

Week 5: First Baptist Church

### Holy Week Services at Church Street

#### Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. in the Nave

#### Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship at 7:15 p.m. in the Nave

#### Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service: 7 a.m. in the Courtyard  
(breakfast follows in Parish Hall)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. in the Nave

Gathering music presented by the Tennessee

Brass begins at 8:15 a.m.

and 10:45 a.m. respectively.

### General Conference Follow-up Meeting

Sunday, March 24 at 9:40 a.m.

Over 120 responses were received at the General Conference Special Session debriefing that was held at Church Street on Sunday, March 3 between worship services. Many of you had questions relating to the outcome of GC2019.

Please join us on **Sunday, March 24 in the Nave at 9:40 a.m.** as those questions are addressed. All are invited and encouraged to attend.



### Learn more about Reconciling Ministries at Church Street

Sunday, March 24

5 p.m. in the Parish Hall

We invite everyone who is interested in learning about Reconciling Ministries and how individuals and groups can become a part and/or be supportive of LGBTQ in our churches. We encourage other churches to attend, as well. Please invite people to come and learn about our mission.



### BucsWorth Men's Choir of ETSU

Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave

The East Tennessee State University **BucsWorth** Men’s Choir is an award-winning and nationally recognized choral ensemble. BucsWorth is a founding partner of the Men in Song Choral Festival, an annual event for male singers that draws over 200 voices from throughout the region.

The program will include a variety of classical and contemporary repertoire, including selections from Luigi Cherubini’s *Requiem in D Minor*, *Love Was My Lord and King*, a trilogy by Gwyneth Walker, *How Great Thou Art*, and much more.

## CLERGY

ORNER

### Together, let's think about ... rest

Spring has sprung and with the kids out for break, life is probably feeling a bit hectic. Sports seasons are beginning, it's time to do some spring cleaning and, before we know it, summer will be here. With the end of the academic year rapidly approaching, it is hard not to feel worn down by all that we are involved in. Recently, I've been trying to be more diligent with resting and self-care.

I've never been good about rest. While I love a good nap, it is usually a result of working myself too hard during the week. It is much easier to schedule a 30-minute power-nap than to truly set aside time to fully rest: physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

Yet, God set the divine example for us to rest on the Sabbath. We are called to **"Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy"** (Exodus 21:8). Moses was told by God to instruct the Israelites, "You shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, given in order that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you" (Ex. 31:13). **Sabbath is more than just rest; it is sanctification and reconciliation to God.** However, we cannot find this renewal if our spirits, minds and bodies are exhausted. I hope, as we journey through Lent, you might intentionally set aside time to Sabbath and rest.

—REV. PALMER CANTLER

*"Come to me, all you that are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28

## Church Council Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of CSUMC Church Council will be held on **Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m.** in the Chapel. Voting Members of Church Council include the heads of each committee, as well as 10 members at large. However, *everyone* is invited to attend and there is time at the end of the regular agenda for comments from visitors. The regular minutes of the meetings are always available from the church office. We welcome all to participate in the work of the Church and spread the word of Christ.

—SALLY LIGHTER, CHAIR  
CSUMC CHURCH COUNCIL

## SAVE THE DATE

**Jim Harb**, a native of Knoxville with a Palestinian Christian Heritage, will lead a presentation entitled "Christians in Palestine" on **Tuesday, April 9 at 11 a.m.** in the Chapel. Jim has been active in efforts for peace in the Middle East for 47 years.

Lunch will be available in Parish Hall following the presentation (\$10; RSVP to the church office at [524-3048](tel:524-3048)).

## Calendar: Sunday, March 24 – Saturday, March 30

### Worship

Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 am, Nave  
Sunday, 11 am, Nave  
Rejoice! TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am, WVLT-TV  
Downtown Lenten Service  
Wednesday, 12 pm,  
St. John's Episcopal Church

### Sunday School—9:40 AM

### Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Primary Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308  
Chorister Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306  
Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303  
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306  
MAS: BucsWorth Men's Choir  
Friday, 7:30 pm, Nave

### Meetings & Ministry

General Conference Follow-up Mtg  
Sunday, 9:40 am, Nave  
Stephen Ministry Training Group  
Sunday, 1:30 pm, Ft. City UMC  
Reconciling Ministries Info Meeting  
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124  
Sharing Shop  
Monday, 12 pm, Gym  
Church Council  
Tuesday, 6 pm, Chapel  
Education Committee  
Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 201A  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
SPRC Meeting  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A  
Preschool Board Meeting  
Thursday, 6 pm, rm 202

### Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team  
Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC  
BOH Sharing Shop  
Thursday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC

### Spiritual Growth

Letters of Paul Study  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 201A  
Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204  
Men of God  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 201A  
Meditation & Prayer Group  
Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211  
Lenten Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Open Gym  
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym

### UMW

Service Circle  
Tuesday, 9 am, CLC 122

### Youth

NightLife  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC  
Wesley House Tutoring  
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Wesley House  
Youth Band  
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11  
High School Prayer Breakfast  
Thurs, 7:15 am, Chik-fil-A (W. Hills)

### Children

4th and 5th Grade Lock-In  
Friday–Saturday, 4 pm, Gym

### Singles

Bridge Group  
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C  
Yoga Class  
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204  
Singles Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, off-site  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

### Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles that you wish to be published in the March 26 edition of *The Messenger* by **Sunday, March 24 at midnight to:**  
[communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org)

## A Traditional Plan Perspective

There are important points where I and others who have spoken to me are in agreement with the recent Messenger article from the Reconciling Ministries Group. Certainly, God's love is for all individuals. We also agree that all peoples are of sacred worth. We also believe, as stated in the United Methodist Book of Discipline, that all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, status or economic condition are welcome to attend worship services, participate in all programs, receive the sacraments and upon baptism to be admitted as baptized members and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any United Methodist Church. We will continue to welcome all persons at Church Street and offer them the love of Christ.

The National Reconciling Ministries advocacy group speaks in defiance to the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline regarding two main points of human sexuality: The prohibiting of Pastors being ordained into ministry who are "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" and the "banning of same sex marriages by UMC pastors in church sanctuaries and by its clergy in any setting."

It is my understanding that there are United Methodist Churches which have joined this National group and are calling themselves Reconciling United Methodists. It seems that there are congregations that have accepted "self-avowed and practicing" homosexual pastors. Additionally, there are a number of pastors who are choosing to officiate at same sex marriages in defiance to the current UMC Book of Discipline. This same Book of Discipline was just reaffirmed by the Special Conference vote in Feb, 2019 under the Traditional Plan. The Traditional Plan upholds the current language around sexuality and increases accountability guidelines needed to uphold the discipline.

There are other voices within Church Street that are concerned for the future of the United Methodist denomination and our Church Street congregation. We do not share in the actions of the Reconciling Ministries regarding allowing self-avowed practicing homosexuals to become ordained Ministers in the UMC and performing same gender marriages. We stand in honoring and being faithful to God's Word. The Bible is our primary authority for faith and Christian living which has been used for over 2000 years of Christian teachings and tradition.

We have not joined any National Group in support of the Traditional Plan. We seek to maintain Church Street as compliant to the United Methodist Book of Discipline. If you would like to stand with us in honoring God's Word and maintain the current Book of Discipline or have any questions, please contact me.

—JUANITA COWLES  
[Juanita.cowles@att.net](mailto:Juanita.cowles@att.net)

## Church Street United Methodist Church Director of Communications

CSUMC is seeking an energetic individual, who will professionally and accurately communicate the message of the church in all relevant formats: print, electronic, internet and social media, and in using creative abilities, guide the church in new and effective ways of communicating. Benefits include medical and dental insurance, pension plan, paid holidays and vacation. Salary will depend on education and experience.

Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's degree in some area of communications (journalism, marketing, electronic media) or the equivalent.
2. 3 to 5 years of experience in these same areas.
3. Professional or volunteer experience with a non-profit or service organization is highly desired.
4. Possess strong written and verbal communications skills.
5. Excellent computer skills, with proficiency in Microsoft Office products, Adobe Suite Products (especially InDesign). Internet proficiency including web site and social media. Basic knowledge of publication schedules and budget preparation.

Please submit a letter of application with resume, a portfolio, 1–2 writing samples and references to [kwoods@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kwoods@churchstreetumc.org) or the Search Committee for Communications Director Chairperson, Church Street UMC, PO Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901. **All information must be received by March 27.** A detailed job description is available upon request.

## Communication Needs in the Interim

While we are operating without a full-time communications director, please continue to send *Messenger* articles to Julie Hill at [communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org). For all other communication needs, please send to Doris Lively at [dlively@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:dlively@churchstreetumc.org), who will forward the request to the Communications Team. Thank you!

# CHURCH-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

## Friday–Saturday, April 5 & 6

### 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## Church Street Gym

Hosted by Church Street's Children's, Youth and Music Ministries

### WE NEED YOUR HELP...

to support the ministries of our church! During the season of Lent, we are encouraging one another to practice the spiritual discipline of decluttering—ridding our homes and lives of things that distract us or cause us frustration in order to make room for growth in our faith.

Our hope is that this practice of tidying might be mutually beneficial—we remove the clutter from our homes and host a church-wide rummage sale whose proceeds will allow ministry to thrive at Church Street.

### HOW CAN I HELP?

- Attend the sale, April 5 & 6
- Donate items, April 1 & 2
- Volunteer to pick-up items, April 1 & 2
- Volunteer to help receive items, April 1 & 2
- Volunteer to help set-up and price items, April 3 & 4
- Volunteer to work the sale, April 5 & 6



To access our volunteer sign-up form: scan the QR code, or visit:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084daeae22a0f49-rummage>

### WHAT ITEMS MAY I DONATE?

General household and personal items that are in good, clean condition, like:

- toys
- kitchenware
- home decor
- children's clothes
- furniture
- art
- clothing (should be in good condition; clean and sorted by sizes.)
- jewelry (bring jewelry donations anytime in advance, so that it can be processed. Simply drop-off at the church office.)

More expensive and new items will be displayed in a separate area at the sale.

### WHEN CAN I BRING MY ITEMS?

We will receive items on **Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, March 31, April 1–2.** If this does not fit your schedule, let us know and we'll schedule another time.

### ARE THERE ITEMS I SHOULD NOT BRING?

Yes, we don't need TVs, computers or books.

### QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Call or text Katie Heatherly  
[615.712.4925](tel:615.712.4925)

### The VBS Tree

Located in the  
Welcome Center

It is time to start getting excited and ready for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Due to the budget concerns, we are asking for everyone's help in supplying some of our basic VBS needs.

To help, all you have to do is to take a COLORED leaf off of the tree trunk that is in the Welcome Center and purchase that item(s) or give the suggested monetary donation.

If you take a leaf, please let us know by entering your name, phone number/email, and leaf number in the provided notebook.

Thank you for your help and for partnering with our Children's Ministry!

### 4th & 5th Grade Lock-in

We will be holding a lock-in for our fourth and fifth graders at the church **Friday–Saturday, March 29–30.**

We will play games, have a Bible study, watch a movie, do some crafts, and just have a good time of fellowship.

The cost is \$20 per child, which includes dinner and breakfast, as well as all the supplies we need for our activities.

Children may bring a friend if they wish to do so (registration required).

If you would like to chaperone, or if you would like to participate in another capacity, please contact Katryn Bancroft at [kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org). The link to sign up is: <https://goo.gl/forms/bUveYvkhifAyKt7A3> or scan the QR code to be taken to the form.

LOCK-IN  
REGISTRATION



## SINGLES EVENTS

**Fourth Friday Game Night**  
Friday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
in CLC-124

Join us for game night on each fourth Friday for an evening of fun and relaxation. Enjoy Mexican Train dominos, Phase 10, Monopoly, Sequence and other fun games or bring your favorite game. Bring a snack to share and a drink for yourself (ice, cups and tableware provided). We will gather at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and play until about 9:30. Host is John Waddell: [865-405-8538](tel:865-405-8538), [j7waddell@aol.com](mailto:j7waddell@aol.com) for questions.

**Singles Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sullivan's on Northshore at  
Morrell

If you would like to help with the Singles' budget requirements, you may do so by contributing to Church Street UMC noting "Singles Ministry" in the memo. Thank you and God bless you for any and all help you can provide.

## College Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available now on the CSUMC youth website at: <https://churchstreetyouth.wordpress.com/forms/>. Completed applications along with two references are required, and are due March 24 to Jenny Cross's mailbox in the main church office. Announcement of recipients will be early May. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Cross at [865-521-0287](tel:865-521-0287) or at [jcross@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jcross@churchstreetumc.org).

Have you remembered  
Church Street  
in your will?

CSUMC MISSIONS PRESENTS:

## Missions Dinner and Celebration

**March 31 | 5-7 PM**  
**Adults \$10, Family: \$28**  
**Call 865-524-3048 for reservations**

The Missions Team will be hosting a dinner and celebration in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, March 31 from 5-7 p.m.** to highlight all of the wonderful ways that Church Street has been in missions over the last year.

Our Soup Kitchen volunteers will make their infamous meatloaf, and invite you to share in a time of fellowship over dinner. **Information Stations will be set up in the Welcome Center** to provide opportunities and details about different mission areas, including the Hunger Helper Market and Beacon of Hope. We will have a short program to celebrate the various ways Church Street missions have served our neighbors, both local and distant.

**To make a reservation for dinner**, please call the church office at **(865) 524-3048** or send a message to [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org); you may pay ahead or at the door. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$28 for a family of 4. We hope that you will come join us to celebrate missions at Church Street!

## CONVERSATIONS ON RACE Book Discussion

**All are invited to join us**  
**Sunday, March 31, 5:00 p.m.**

We will meet at Second United Methodist Church to discuss *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson. This academically challenging and spiritually and emotionally harrowing book is well worth your time. Celia Ferguson and Rev. Leah Burns will facilitate the discussion.

## IT'S CANDY TIME!

It is time to start collecting candy, tattoos, and small prize items to stuff into the Easter eggs for this year's Egg Hunt. If you would like to contribute items, please bring them to Katryn Bancroft's office or the front office by **Wednesday, April 3rd**.



P.S. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. on **Saturday, April 20** at Whitlow Park in Sequoyah Hills.

## Jubilation is coming in May—register now!

The Holston Conference retreat for adults (50+) is coming **May 6-8** to Pigeon Forge, TN. This popular event for mature adults has a little something for everyone. The event will take place at MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge. It features Bishop Ken L. Carder (former senior pastor at Church Street) as the featured speaker and worship leader. The multiple workshops address a variety of topics and the entertainment features Rev. Brad Hyde (aka Forrest Gump) and Jimbo Whaley & the Greenbriar Band.

Registration and complete information brochures can be found around the church. **Registration deadline is March 29.**

### Our Prayers

#### Home from the hospital

Jo Lynch

#### Our Presence: March 17

Sunday School	229
Sunday Worship	417

#### Our Gifts: March 10

Received toward Budget	\$ 55,617.83
Building for Christ Campaign	\$ 76,051.00
Ash Wednesday offering	\$ 2,002.00
(Alabama tornadoes)	
Other	\$ 2,258.00

## Altar Flowers

Sunday, March 24

The Chancel altar flowers are given in loving memory of Ed and Elizabeth Eldridge by Joe, John and David Eldridge.

## The Sharing Shops

Thank you for continuing to share with our neighbors. Currently, we need:

- shampoo & deodorant
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid

We are NOT accepting clothing at this time.

## Golf Cart Driver Needed

We need a volunteer to help on Sunday mornings driving the golf cart for the 10 a.m.–12 p.m. shift. To help or for more details, contact Daniel Burtch at [daniel.burtch79@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.burtch79@gmail.com). Drivers must be 25 years or older.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### March 24

Isaiah 55:1–9  
 Psalm 63:1–8  
 1 Corinthians 10:1–13  
 Luke 13:1–9

### March 31

Joshua 5:9–12  
 Psalm 32  
 2 Corinthians 5:16–21  
 Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

## Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Mary Cartwright**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Dawn von Weisenstein
- **Bill Stoess**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Dawn von Weisenstein
- **Palmer Cantler**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Dawn von Weisenstein
- **Church Street Staff**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Dawn von Weisenstein
- **Kelly Woods**  
*Building Fund:* Frank & Clatty Word

## Memorials

In memory of:

- **Jim Lees**  
*Benevolence Team:* Pat Winters  
*Building Fund:* Friends (AKA The Harem), Dr. and Mrs. Harold Winston  
*Memorial:* JoAnne & Fred Brassart  
*Music:* Allison & Anne Ensor  
*Soup Kitchen:* Jim Boehms
- **Dr. Lynne Taylor**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous  
Larry & Loretta Best  
*Music:* Ruth Laverne Baxter, Fred & Kay Wyatt

## What qualifies as Special Needs Parking in the Magnolia Lot?

- Any vehicle displaying a valid, state-issued permanent or temporary handicapped placard or license plate
- Any vehicle in which the driver or a passenger has a chronic and/or temporary condition for which "special needs parking" accommodation is reasonable and appropriate. Examples include, but are not limited to: expectant mothers; parents with infant(s) and/or toddler(s); reliance on assistive equipment for ambulation (including crutches or canes); cardiovascular, pain, respiratory, balance, and neurological conditions; vision impairments; weakening effects of surgeries, cancer treatments, etc.

## Contact Us

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Fax number (865) 521-0288

Pastor On-Call Number (865) 320-9100

For emergencies, call the On-Call Number and the pastor on call will answer or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

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## Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Chuck Starks–260
Senior Associate Pastor	Dawn Chesser–279
Associate Pastor	Palmer Cantler–298
Minister of Spiritual Enrichment	Jan Wade–264
Minister of Discipleship	Rick Isbell–266
Visitation Pastors	Rev. Larry Best: 865-705-2993 Rev. Andy Ferguson: 865-236-0951
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward–276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson–277
Children's Ministry	Katryn Bancroft–282
Child Care Coordinator	Sarah Burtch: 865-567-0913
Youth/College Ministries	Jenny Cross–287
Preschool Director	Beth Libby: 524-3511
Church Administrator	Kate Spencer–268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne–267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods–262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best–280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively–271
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken–270
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber–278
Director of Communications	521-0299
Sterchi Lodge Caretakers	Jack & Barbara Bratton, 828-622-3524
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey–295
Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose–274
Custodians:	Dedra Ellison, Robin Crain, Kevin Bailey
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell: 599-5047



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