



## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, November 17

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

*All Things New*

Rev. Dawn Chesser

Isaiah 65:17-25

### Wednesday, November 20

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Palmer Cantler

Lunch in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm (\$8.00).

Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

#### Winter Weather Closing Policy

In the case of inclement weather or emergency, a decision to close the church will be made by 6 am of the day in question. This decision will be made by the Church Administrator and Pastoral Staff in consultation with other groups that may be affected, such as the Preschool. A decision will be made by noon for the afternoon and evening scheduled activities. When the decision is made to close, all activities will be canceled and the building secured. Decisions will be communicated by social and public media (WBIR.com *first*), phone and email.

## HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

### Celebrating our Strengths, Discerning Our Future, Nov. 22-24

Listening circles are next weekend, November 22-24. If you are signing up online through the email link or our website homepage link, and there are no times convenient for you, please click the link in the first paragraph at the top of the page and note the circles that would be convenient for you. This will add you to a waiting list and we will make every effort to include you where possible as we work to make sure everyone who wants to be heard has that opportunity. If we are unable to accommodate everyone on the waiting list, the leadership team will do all that we can to bring our facilitators back after the holidays. Please remember that these listening circles are our first opportunity – not our last – to have these conversations with one another. We hope that we all prayerfully walk through the entirety of this process, in pursuit of the grace of Jesus and with love for one another. **Sign up here - <https://bit.ly/talktous19>** (case-sensitive)



### Charge Conference - Monday, December 2, 6 pm

Our annual Charge Conference with the District Superintendent will be Monday, December 2, at 6 pm in the Chapel. This will be our annual reporting time with the District Superintendent. A brief called Church Council meeting will be held Sunday, December 1, following the second service to hear a recommendation from Staff-Parish Relations Committee for Charge Conference.

### Honoring Kelly Woods & Doris Lively

Kelly Woods and Doris Lively each celebrated their staff anniversaries at Church Street in October. Kelly, as the Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor, has worked with Church Street for 38 years, and Doris, Executive Secretary, celebrated a milestone of 20 years. Thanks to both these tremendous stewards of CSUMC!



2019-2020 Master Arts Series at Church Street UMC

## Christmas Dinner & Concert

Thursday, December 12: 6 PM Dinner | 7:30 PM Concert

*O come, let us adore Him*

Call 865-521-0278 to make your reservation by Nov. 24.  
Pay online at <https://bit.ly/csumcgive> or by check. Dinner is \$42 per person.

*All are welcome at Church Street!*

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. We respect diversity of opinion and expressions of Christian faith. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally! As God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ.

## Calendar: November 17 - November 23

### Worship

Worship  
 Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
 Rejoice! TV Broadcast  
 Sunday, 8:00 am, WVLT-TV  
 Midweek Noonday Service  
 Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel  
 Lunch (\$8), 12:30 pm,  
 Parish Hall

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Music

Chorister Choir  
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-306  
 Primary Choir  
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-304  
 Kinder Choir  
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-212  
 Parish Adult Choir  
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-306

### Meetings & Ministry

Parish Health Team  
 Sunday, 12:15 pm, Chiles Room  
 Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
 Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm-204  
 Endowment & Planned Giving  
 Monday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A  
 Benevolence Team  
 Monday, 12 pm, Office  
 Worship Committee  
 Tuesday, 6 pm, rm-201A  
 Finance Committee  
 Tuesday, 6 pm, rm-204  
 Education Committee  
 Wednesday, 6 pm, rm-201A  
 Pastor's Bible Study  
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204  
 Soup Kitchen  
 Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
 Staff-Parish Relations  
 Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A  
 Preschool Board Meeting  
 Thursday, 6 pm, rm-202

### Meetings & Ministry

Celebrating Our Strengths, Discerning  
 Our Future  
 Friday-Sunday, Various Times,  
 CLC 123

### Beacon of Hope

BOH Benevolence Team  
 Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC  
 BOH Food Co-Op  
 Thursday, 9:30 am, Vestal UMC

### Children & Youth

SLA  
 Sunday, All Day, Offsite  
 Open Gym  
 Sunday, 4 pm, Gym  
 Wesley House Tutoring  
 Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Offsite  
 Youth Band  
 Wednesday, 6:15 pm,  
 CLC Lower Level

### Children & Youth

High School Prayer Breakfast  
 Thursday, 8 am, Offsite

### UMW

Book Review  
 Wednesday, 1:30 pm, rm-204

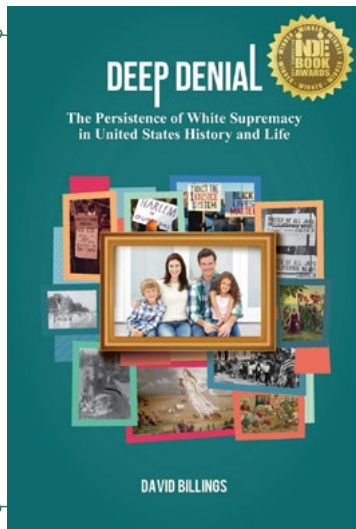
### Singles & Fellowship

Game Night  
 Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124

### Newsletter Deadline

Please submit written articles and photos that you wish to be published in the next edition of *The Messenger* by Fridays at noon to [communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org).

## UMW News



UMW BOOK  
 REVIEW:  
 WEDNESDAY, 11/20  
 1:30 PM | ROOM 204



Join Pat Bellingrath as we discuss the book *Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life* by David Billings. All are invited to join.

### UMW Holiday Bake Sale & Service Circle Sale

**When:** Sunday, November 24, 8am - 12:30pm  
**Where:** CLC Hallway  
 Proceeds will support local mission projects of UMW.

It's not Christmas season just yet, but on **Sunday, November 24**, the Service Circle will be having a sale in conjunction with the UMW bake sale. We will have quilts, baby gifts, Christmas placemats, and all sorts of "gifty" things sewn by Service Circle members. Come, shop, and support this ministry. All proceeds will support Service Circle projects!

## CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, Nov. 17, Rev. Rick Isbell will continue his teaching series on important faith topics as he explores "The Holy Spirit" as part of the Fast-Track Adult Confirmation Series. This 3rd part of The Trinity is probably the least discussed and understood by Christians. We will look at the biblical foundations, the place of the Holy Spirit in our lives today and how we can be open to the warnings and promptings of the Spirit. Join the Open Door Class in Parish Hall as we grow in our Christian discipleship.

### Table Graces Arriving Soon

In an effort to remind families to pray together at mealtime, this helpful little booklet of table graces has been prepared by the spiritual enrichment team. Designed to sit upright on the dining table, adults and even small children can easily choose among the 42 prayers to offer gratitude regularly for God's provision. This handsome collection would make a fitting holiday gift and will be on sale during the UMW Holiday Bake Sale on November 24. A donation of \$5 is requested per booklet. You may also reserve your copy by emailing Rev. Wade at [jwjbwade@gmail.com](mailto:jwjbwade@gmail.com).



# Advent Events

## Advent Craft Festival Coming Up

Adult Council will host our annual **Advent Craft Festival** in the Church Life Center on Sunday evening, Dec. 1, 5-7 pm. At 5 pm, we kick off the evening with a potluck dinner in Parish Hall and the opportunity to "Shop the World" at the fair trade market in the Welcome Center. At about 5:45 pm, we will move to the Gym for the Advent Craft Festival.

This popular holiday event attracts large crowds each year. There will be over a dozen craft centers where persons of all ages can make a holiday decoration to take home. There will be an area where you can make a card to go along with a gift for our homebound members. Our Kinder Choir and Preschool Singers will share music as a part of the festivities.

We need *volunteers* to help in the various craft centers. No experience needed, just willing hands. Please contact Susan Dominick, [susanlynndominick@gmail.com](mailto:susanlynndominick@gmail.com) if you can lend a helping hand to make the evening a success.



## ADVENT CRAFT FESTIVAL

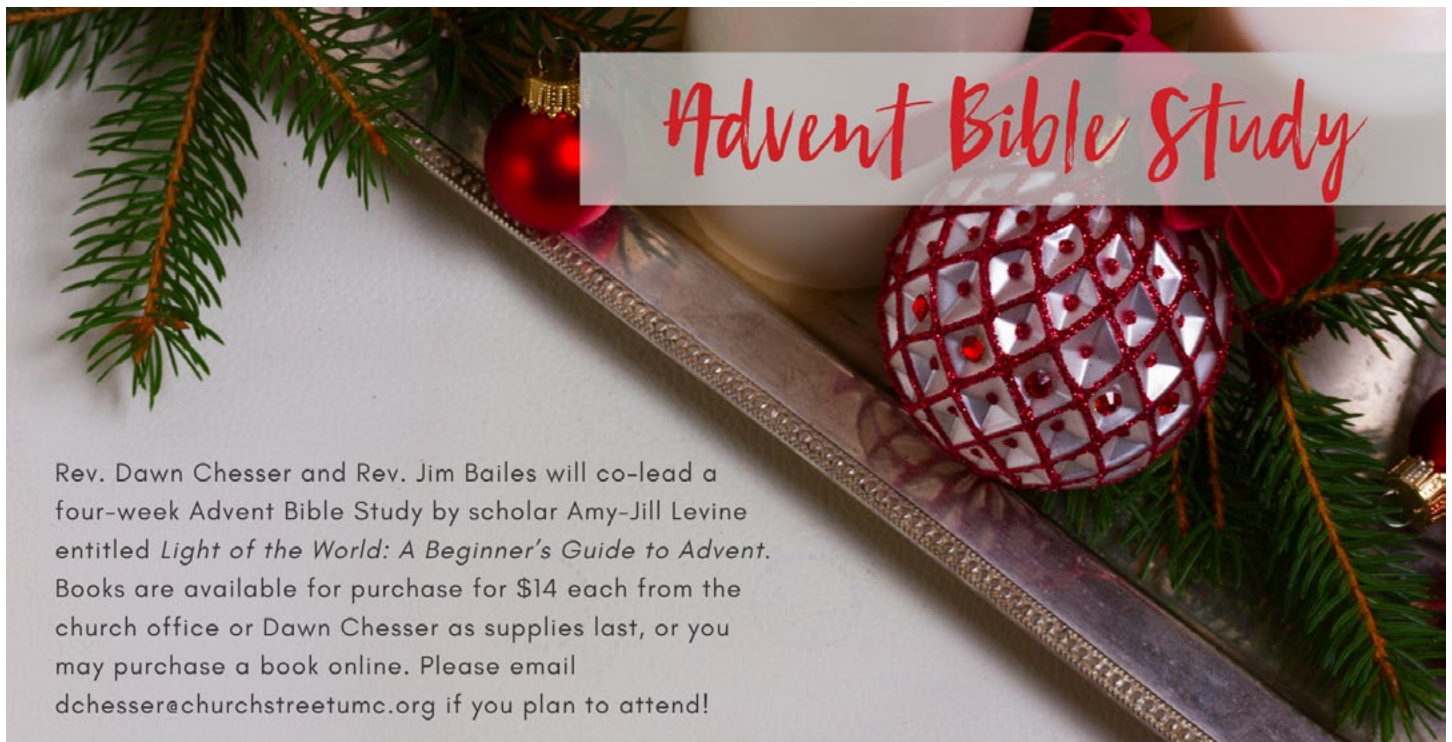


**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

5 PM - POTLUCK IN PARISH HALL

5:45 PM - CRAFTS IN GYM

Everyone welcome for potluck dinner, performances by our youngest choirs, and an evening of fun making holiday crafts in 12 different centers.



## Advent Bible Study

Rev. Dawn Chesser and Rev. Jim Bailes will co-lead a four-week Advent Bible Study by scholar Amy-Jill Levine entitled *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. Books are available for purchase for \$14 each from the church office or Dawn Chesser as supplies last, or you may purchase a book online. Please email [dchesser@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:dchesser@churchstreetumc.org) if you plan to attend!

**DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 & 22, 5 PM IN RM 201-A**

Advent Devotionals Available Dec. 1  
Holiday Poinsettias On Sale Dec. 8 & 15  
Advent Noonday Services: Dec. 4 & 11, Chapel  
Blue Christmas: Dec. 18, Noon, Chapel



Advent & Christmas Music: Dec. 8, 8:30 & 11 am  
Families Trim the Tree: Dec. 8, 9:40, Welcome Center  
Christmas Lessons and Carols: Dec. 15, 8:30 & 11 am  
Christmas Pageant: Dec. 22, 9:40 am

## First Recipient of HARP Expresses Gratitude



Unbeknownst to Melissa (Missy) Adkins, pictured left, her decision to participate in the Beacon of Hope Getting Ahead class would lead to many blessings over the next 4+ years. She graduated from the first Getting Ahead class and volunteered in the Sharing Shop and Food Co-Op. While looking for a job, she was connected to the Church Street Preschool, where she accepted a position and is now working part-time at Church Street helping with event preparation. Now we enjoy seeing her regularly at Church Street events and on Sunday mornings.

Missy had frequent childhood ear infections that began to affect her ability to hear. She also worked in a high-noise manufacturing environment, and like many of us, experienced loud music at concerts. Earlier this year, after a severe ear infection, she realized that her hearing had not returned to where it was before. She had significant hearing loss that required her to use closed captioning when available and learn to read lips. She realized that she could not look someone in the eye while they spoke to her. She had to watch their mouths.

Her Ear, Nose and Throat physician recommended hearing aids, but as is usually the case, her insurance company would not cover the high cost. At a Church Street Wednesday lunch, member Vivian Chance mentioned the new Hearing Aid Repurposing Project (HARP) started by our Parish Health Ministry Team this year, and she connected Missy to Rev. Chesser to complete an application.

On October 31, Missy became the first recipient of a hearing aid for which she is extremely grateful, giving credit to God and the people of Church Street for connecting her to resources that could truly help. She calls it "God's perfect timing" in bringing the right people across her path when she needed them most

*If you or someone you know would be a beneficiary of a hearing aid through HARP, please contact Rev. Dawn Chesser for an application ([dchesser@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:dchesser@churchstreetumc.org) or 521-0279).*

- Written by Elaine Doss



## Bless a Child in Need this Christmas!

Watch for the Giving Tree to appear soon in the Chapel hallway outside the Nave. For those who are new to Church Street, this special Christmas tree contains ornaments that represent the children of Beacon of Hope whose families need assistance at Christmas. If you are able to be a blessing to one of our children served by BOH, pick up an ornament (which contains a "wish" list) and make a BOH child's Christmas special. Contact Dona McConnell if you have questions:  
[beaconofhope@gmail.com](mailto:beaconofhope@gmail.com)



## Worship on Thanksgiving with Our Neighbors at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral

Our downtown neighbors at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral will host a 10 am Worship Service on Thanksgiving Day, which will include a service of Thanksgiving hymns and anthems sung by the Cathedral Choir. St. John's invites our community to share in giving thanks together on this day: 413 Cumberland Ave, Knoxville, TN 37902

## CLERGY CONNECTION

### Together, let's think about... *Thanksgiving Baskets*

It's that time of year again! The Fall has flown by and our annual Thanksgiving Basket ministry is upon us! For those who have helped before, you know the thrill of assembling over 100 boxes in less than an hour. In a blitz and flurry of activity, youth, children, and adults descend on the gym to assemble the boxes of food. The boxes are assembled and then delivered by members to 120 deserving families all over Knoxville.

But, who receives the food? The short answer is persons served by our Benevolence Team, Beacon of Hope, or the Wesley House Community Center. I have the pleasure of personally knowing some of the families who will be receiving these Thanksgiving Baskets, and you cannot imagine the

depth of their gratitude. For example, one family that will be receiving a Thanksgiving Basket consists of a Great-Grandmother who has custody over her great grandchildren after their family was affected by opioids. Another family is a husband who dutifully cares for his chronically ill wife. Another person recently lost her job and now has to put every penny of her savings toward rent, leaving little money for food.

Each person served through these Thanksgiving Baskets has a different story of need. However, each story also tells of God's goodness and mercy. I hope that you will take the chance to help sort, pack and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets this year. Many of us are blessed to not worry about where our Thanksgiving dinner will come from, and this is our opportunity to provide a meal for families in need.

### Here is how you can help:

- Pick up and organize food for the baskets on 11/20.
- Provide a \$55 donation to cover the cost of a basket. ([bit.ly/csumcgive](https://bit.ly/csumcgive) or write "Thanksgiving Basket" on the memo line of a check)
- Join the Basket Blitz and help us package baskets in one hour on 11/24! Join us at 9:50 am on Sunday, 11/24 in the Gym.
- Deliver baskets following worship on 11/24.

— **Rev. Palmer Cantler**

*Please contact Jenny Cross or Katryn Bancroft to volunteer for any of the opportunities above.*  
[jcross@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jcross@churchstreetumc.org)  
[kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org)



SLA Focus Verse: 2  
Corinthians 3:17 -  
"Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the  
Lord is there is freedom."

### Spiritual Life Advance - SLA

Each November, the youth of Church Street travel to a nearby camp for a weekend of worship and fellowship. Spiritual Life Advance, known as SLA, is a time to reset our hearts and respond to the Holy Spirit working in, with, and through us all. This weekend, 95 of us (a combination of middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults) will step away from the busy demands of our everyday life to be together and grow in Christ. We want this special time to be covered in prayer. So, we ask that you partner with us by praying for:

- Safe travel for our trip
  - A desire to grow deeper in our faith and relationships
  - Rest for students feeling weary & worn
  - That our hearts are open to receiving what God has in store for us.
- We hope to experience freedom in Christ together this weekend.

— *Jenny Cross, Youth Director*



**New Painting in Welcome Center:** A custom painting was hung and dedicated in memory of Wilbur Warwick on All Saints' Day, Friday, Nov 1st, in the new welcome center. The painting is the first one of Church Street to include the new addition and welcome center. The artist, Joe Parrott, is a well known local artist ([joeparrott.com](http://joeparrott.com)). He visited Church Street twice to see the new spaces and conceptualize the idea for the painting. Connie Taylor, who designed the interiors for the new spaces, worked with Joe and The District Gallery to commission and develop the concept for the painting. Many thanks to the Warwick family (pictured with the painting at left) for making this painting possible.

## Our Prayers

### *In the Hospital:*

Pamela Reeves: Vanderbilt  
Kathie Bemis: Parkwest

### *Home from the Hospital:*

Tom Parkhill  
Dr. Jim Carroll

### *Christian love and sympathy to:*

The family of John "Jay" Dunlap, who died on November 5.

The family of John Longmire, who died on November 13.

The family of Jack William Arms, who died November 2, and Linda Norman Arms, who died on November 7, parents of Mike Arms.

### **Our Presence: November 10**

Sunday School	349
Sunday Worship	595

### **Our Gifts: November 10**

Operating Budget	\$32,939.60
Building Fund	\$430.00
Other	\$5,401.00

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 10/31/2019

Look for this information each month in the *Messenger* to stay updated on our financials.

### Expected Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,641,685

### Received Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,565,031

Shortfall \$76,654

# GIVE PLUS+

### Give Plus App

It's easier than ever to tithe and give to Church Street. In three steps, you can download, set up, and give directly from a secure mobile giving app. Please search for the GivePlus app in your App Store or Google Play, select Church Street UMC, and begin your donation.

## Our Church Family

### IN MEMORIAM

## John "Jay" Dunlap

Joined: 11/3/1985      Died: 11/5/2019

## John Longmire

Joined: 4/29/2001      Died: 11/13/2019

## Memorial

*In memory of:*

- **Earl Pentecost**  
*Capital Campaign:* David & Betty Craig

## Honorarium

*In honor of:*

- **Ann Marie Tugwell**  
*Master Arts:* Tim & Terri Ward

## Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are from the wedding of Savannah Dabney and Christopher McCabe honoring Savannah's grandparents, Edsel Lee and Jeana Young Burris, and Eloise Harlan Cheatham. And given in loving memory of Chris' grandparents and aunt, Christopher and Mara Georges, Robert and Elizabeth McCabe, and Mara Dee Georges Allen.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### November 17

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Malachi 4:1-2a  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

You are invited to join the Pastor's Bible Study to follow the lectionary, each Wednesday at 7 pm, rm-204.

## Contact Us

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Children's Ministry Katryn Bancroft–282

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Administrative Assistant Kelly Woods–262

Executive Secretary Doris Lively–271

Receptionist Nancy Keen–270

Part-time Secretary Eileen Weber–278

Director of Communications Katie Strangis –299

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