

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship

10 a.m.

Church Street's YouTube Channel

[Youtube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](https://www.youtube.com/ChurchStreetUMC)

Lessons from

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Please join us for an online Service of Lessons and Carols this Sunday morning at 10 am on YouTube. The service will feature festive hymns accompanied by organ and brass quintet, Christmas anthems by the Parish Adult Choir, and a virtual handbell ensemble. We hope that this offering will be a blessing to you during this holy Advent season.

UT Football Parking!

Dec. 12

\$20 / space

Lots open 2 hours before game

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET



Join Church Street for Online Christmas Eve Services

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Church Street's beloved Christmas Eve services from your home this year. While the service will have many familiar traditions and opportunities to participate at home, we will also bring new elements to our online services that we hope feel special in their own, unique, 2020 way. Join us live on YouTube at 3:00 pm for our Family Service. Or join us live on YouTube at either 5:30 or 10:30 pm for our traditional services (or for all three!).

Thursday, December 24:

+ At **Noon**, Rev. Nance will offer Holy Communion via Zoom. All are invited to the table as we begin our Christmas Eve celebration together. Please arrive to the call with your elements prepared. **Zoom Link:** <https://bit.ly/csumctable> (case-sensitive, no password required). Call-In Number: +1 929 436 2866, Meeting ID: 897 8282 9782

+ The **3 pm Family Service** will feature our children reading scripture, the building of the creche, and festive music. It will be a short and special time of worship.

+ The **5:30 & 10:30 pm Traditional Service** will feature organ, strings, and soloists presenting portions of Handel's *Messiah*. We will sing "Silent Night" together and see familiar faces while we light our candles at home during this most holy night. The video will premiere at each time on YouTube so you may enjoy corporate worship at the time you might normally celebrate Christmas Eve with Church Street - the services will be the same.

WVLT-TV - Traditional Service airs 12/24 at 11 pm - WBXX-TV - Family Service airs 12/25 at 7:30 am

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

All meetings are on Zoom, unless otherwise indicated.

Sunday School Classes:

Open Doors: Sundays, 9 am

Partners: Sundays, 9 am

Followers: Sundays, 9:30 am

Epworth: Sundays, 10:30 am

Seekers: Sundays, 11 am

Crossroads: Sundays, 11 am

(Isuters@tnitech.edu)

Breakfast w/ Ms. Katryn and Friends:

Sundays, 9 am

Upcoming Events:

Youth Advent Missions Night:

Sunday, 12/13, 4 pm, CLC

Finance Committee: Tuesday,

12/15, 6 pm

Missions Team: Wednesday, 12/16, 6 pm

SPRC: Thursday, 12/17, 5:30 pm

Ongoing Meetings:

Confirmation Class: Sundays, 11 am

Kinder Choir: Sunday, 12/13 11 am

Chorister & Primary Choir Christmas

Party (Zoom): Sunday, 12/13, 3:30 pm

I'm Still Here Advent Study:

Sundays, 4 pm

Young Adults Advent Study:

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Advent Old Testament Study with the

Pastors: Wednesdays, 7 pm

Please contact Kate Spencer at

kspencer@churchstreetumc.org for

more information and assistance in

setting up your Zoom meeting.

Staff Love Offering

Dear Church Street Family,

For the last few years, we have collectively expressed appreciation to our church staff with a **Staff Christmas Love Offering**.

Thanks to your generosity, each staff member received an extra deposit in their bank account as well as a personalized handwritten note from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Because we may not be able to give the staff a raise in 2021, this remembrance for each person will be especially appreciated.

We are truly blessed at our church to have a dedicated staff working to fulfill our mission. Think of those who have been helpful to you or whom you most appreciate. In this time of Thanksgiving, please share your personal thanks to them.

For our Staff Christmas Love Offering in 2020, you may make your contribution in these ways:

1. Mail your check to the church office, memo line "Staff Love Offering"
2. Go online & give through the website at www.churchstreetumc.org (click on the "Give" button at the top right menu)

If you write a check, please note that it is for the Staff Christmas Love offering. Your gift is tax deductible. This offering is above and beyond your regular tithe or contribution. Any amount is appreciated!

In this season of Advent, may we demonstrate to those who serve us a tangible form of gratitude.

In Christian service,
Jeff Cheek, Chair
Staff-Parish Relations Committee

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

The Church Office is closed to non-staff persons. You may call or email our staff any time and we will be happy assist.

865-524-3048

Open Door Class Advent Study - "Mary and Joseph Journey to Bethlehem"

This coming Sunday, Dec. 13, the Open Door Class will continue their Advent study, "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph." The class will look at differences in the nativity stories in Matthew and Luke as well as the geography & biblical history behind the journey to Bethlehem. You are invited to join this study written by Rev. Adam Hamilton whether or not you have attended before. Rev. Rick Isbell continues leading this study focused on Joseph. The class begins at 9 am on Zoom.

To be included on the class email list to get the updates and the link each week, email communications@churchstreetumc.org.

ZOOM Link: bit.ly/opendoorclass20

The Preschool Perch

Congratulations to the CSUMC Preschool!

In September, the Preschool applied for and was awarded an Operations Support Grant that is meant to cover equipment and staffing needs as the Preschool responds to Covid-19. Our Preschool has continued to work closely with the Tennessee Department of Human Services as it adapts its program during this time.

CSUMC Preschool Holiday Fashion Show!

On Dec. 8th our preschoolers donned their "holiday best" and had a chance to strut their stuff in the gym, where they had a fun and socially distanced fashion show after breakfast. All children were invited to participate regardless of their choice to dress up, and we saw some very confident and festive walks down the runway!



Flowers that Bless Twice!



Are we not blessed by those who weekly contribute the exquisite floral arrangements for our Sunday morning services? Have you ever wondered what happens to these beautiful bouquets that adorn our altar when worship has concluded? The secret is out! Church Street has a small team of elves who scurry about the county delivering these bright blossoms to our ill, homebound, grieving or hospitalized members. They know that nothing lightens the spirit more than a mass of happy hydrangeas, roses, mums, peonies, or gladiolas!

Among our faithful elf team spreading hope and love are:

Ann Warwick, Mary Lewis, Sarah Wimberly, Nancy Christmas, and Barbara Langford.

They know that even on the darkest days the heart can still bloom! Thanks to this generous group who provide much joy to so many.

Thank you for supporting the 2020 Beacon of Hope Angel Tree!

Each year, Church Street's congregation shows tremendous love and generosity shown to families served at Beacon of Hope through the Angel Tree program. In 2020, you supported **61 children** by purchasing clothes, shoes, books, and toys so they could have a joyful holiday season. Thank you for your giving!



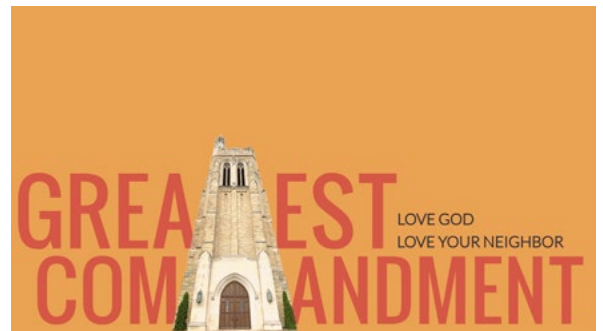
A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of the wearing of this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

Author unknown, Submitted by Judy Fethe



Stewardship Update

Many thanks to the 206 families who have made a commitment to the operating budget of 2021! These **206 pledges total \$1,115,825**. We are now close to our goal of \$1,700,000.

Please consider making a commitment to our church, so that together we may continue to strengthen the many ministries of Church Street UMC as we "Love God and Love Neighbor."

To make a commitment to the 2021 operating budget of Church Street, go to:

www.churchstreetumc.org/stewardship

Send Kate Spencer an email with any questions: kspencer@churchstreetumc.org.

Our Prayers

In Christian love and sympathy:

The family and friends of Margie Nunn, grandmother of Holly Nunn-Smith, who died on December 3.

Our Presence

December 6

Sunday Worship 416
416 screens were tuned in to our online worship service on Sunday. As of printing, the worship service had been viewed 598 times.

Our Gifts

December 6

Contributions toward Budget	\$28,161.42
Building Fund	\$4,628.00
Other	\$5,739.00



Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Carl & Betty Bell by Celia & Andy Ferguson and Rachel & Alan Burley and their families.

Giving Securely Online or 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

New Arrival

Marie Azalea Cudzilo, daughter of Hannah and Noah Cudzilo, was born December 6. Maternal grandparents are Jean and Scott Wilhoite. Maternal great-grandmother is Barbara Carr.

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Tori Mitchell Furst**
Youth Fund: Ann Marie Tugwell
- **Dr. Ginger Hood**
Building Fund: Kay Luttrell
Memorial Fund: Derek Alderman
Music Ministry: Donald Rickels, Judy & Brad Thompson, Edward & Valerie Nicholson, Ann Marie Tugwell
- **Jackson Stoess**
Soup Kitchen: Dawn Harbin
- **Clatty Word**
Beacon of Hope: Ed Soler & Gloria Gaskin

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Rev. Tim Best**
UMW: Circle 11
- **Rev. Catherine Nance**
UMW: Circle 11
- **Powell Richardson**
Chancel Enhancement: Edward & Valerie Nicholson

LECTIONARY READINGS

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John 1:6-8, 19-28

Contact Us

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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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Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Ministry	Katryn Bancroft-282
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Youth/College Ministries	Jenny Cross-287
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Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Receptionist	Nancy Keen-270
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber-278
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey-295
Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose-274
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