

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship

10 a.m.

Church Street's YouTube Channel
[Youtube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](https://www.youtube.com/ChurchStreetUMC)

Rev. Tim Best

Mark 1:1-8

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

Virtual Youth and Children's Choirs

Gabriel's Message

arr. William Llewellyn

High School Senior Girls Ensemble

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET



Virtual 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!).

December In-Person Opportunities

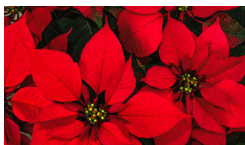
With Covid-19 cases continuing to rise in Knox County, and with every effort to protect each other and slow the spread however we can, *we have canceled in-person prayer times in the nave on Dec. 19 & 20.* On **Sunday, December 20**, children and their families are invited to bring the mission gifts collected as part of their Advent calendar to the Welcome Center for drop off, any time between 12-2 pm. Look for an email from Katryn Bancroft with details.

Beacon of Hope Giving Tree - Return Gifts by Dec. 5

There's no Giving Tree in the hallway this year, but there are lots of children in the Vestal area who are already looking forward to Christmas. Thank you, Church Streeters, for once again embracing the young people connected to Beacon of Hope and making their holidays special. Please remember to return the gifts **unwrapped** to Beacon of Hope (it's right across the bridge at 115 Ogle Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920) **by December 5**. Questions? Call Dona McConnell at 865-599-5047. Please do not bring gifts to the church office.

Poinsettia Dedications

Purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one this holiday season. Each poinsettia is available for purchase now, for \$12 each and will be arranged for our early December recording of our Christmas Eve services. We will run a listing of all poinsettias memorials and honorariums in mid-December before Christmas. Pay online at churchstreetumc.org/give or mail a check to the front office. Please make your gift **by Monday, December 7** to have your memorial or honorarium included in our listing.



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@tntech.edu)

Breakfast w/ Ms. Katryn and Friends:

Sundays, 9 am

Friends in Christ: Monday, 12/7 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

Stephen Ministers: Sunday,
12/6, 1:30 pm, Zoom

Trustees: Wednesday, 12/9, 5:30 pm,
Zoom

UMW Circle 11: Wednesday, 12/9, 7 pm

Ongoing Meetings:

Confirmation Class: Sundays, 11 am

Kinder Choir: Sunday, 12/6 11 am

NightLife & Youth Office Hours:

Sundays, beginning at 5 pm

I'm Still Here Advent Study:

Sundays, 4 pm

Young Adults Advent Study:

Wednesday, 7 pm

Advent Old Testament Study with the Pastors:

Wednesday, 7 pm

Please contact Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org for more information and assistance in setting up your Zoom meeting.

UT Football Parking!

Dec. 5

Dec. 12

\$20 / space

Lots open 2 hours before game

Support Youth and Choir ministries by parking for UT football games at Church Street - share with friends! This annual fundraiser has been severely impacted by Covid this fall - every car helps!

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

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Rev. Larry Best**
Beacon of Hope: Keith & Jenni Poveda
- **Sylva Bowlby**
Beacon of Hope: Anonymous
- **Wallace Clendenen**
Beacon of Hope: Susan Greene
- **Dr. David Craig**
Building Fund: Keith & Jenni Poveda
- **Tori Mitchell Furst**
Beacon of Hope: Anonymous
- **Dr. Ginger Hood**
Confirmation Class: Aaron & Gabe Blake, Jenni & Keith Poveda
Building Fund: Frank & Elaine Ralston, Loretta Best
Beacon of Hope: Paul & Susie Watkins
Music Ministry: Betty Craig, Verna McLain & Herman Sain, John & Marjorie Reynolds, Rem & Louise Edwards, Behalf of the Smokers, Chris Craig & Ann Robinson Craig, Anonymous
- **Hon. Pamela Reeves**
Beacon of Hope: Susan Greene
Building Fund: Loretta Best
- **Clatty Word**
Building Fund: Keith & Linda Biggers

Honorariums

In honor of:

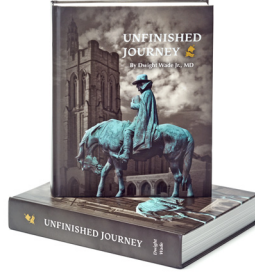
- **Celia Ferguson**
Beacon of Hope: Kathie Bemis
- **Katryn Bancroft**
Children's Ministry: Vedi & Arun Biswas
- **Dwight & Jan Wade**
Building Fund: Keith & Linda Biggers
- **Frank & Elaine Ralston**
Building Fund: Keith & Linda Biggers
- **Gail Redding**
Building Fund: Keith & Linda Biggers
- **Bill Barkley & Pat Rule**
Stephen Ministries: Keith & Jenni Poveda
- **John & Sandy Mann**
Soup Kitchen: Keith & Jenni Poveda

United Methodist Student Sunday Special Offering - Dec. 6

We welcome your gifts for a special offering this Sunday, December 6, as we celebrate United Methodist Students' Sunday. Thank you for generously giving to helping United Methodist students across the globe embark on and continue their educational and spiritual journeys. If mailing a check to the Church, please use P.O. Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901, and add **UM Student** to the memo line. Or pay securely online at www.ChurchStreetUMC.org/give.

Journeying Forward

Over the last many months, author and historian Dr. Dwight Wade has shared portions of stories from *Unfinished Journey* (2020) as it describes the journey of Church Street, its people, its challenges, and its successes and failures placed in the context of two centuries of American history. It is a journey far from completed, a story still in the process of being told.



There are so many more stories that show the rich history of Church Street, our community and region that haven't been included in these shorter Messenger articles. The images by photographer Jim Wells are beautiful and the book makes an excellent volume for your coffee table or library.

***Unfinished Journey* makes an excellent holiday gift for anyone interested in the stories and images of Church Street, Methodism and the Knoxville area. New donations of \$500 or more to the Building Fund made during the duration of 2020 will receive a complimentary signed copy of *Unfinished Journey* and will be recognized at the end of the calendar year.**

Cost of the book is \$75 by check / pick up, \$78 by credit card / pick up, or \$86 shipped in the U.S. Proceeds support the Church Street Building Fund. Checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901 or you may pay securely online at www.churchstreetumc.org/give.

Correction: The name of the church in paragraph 3 of the November *Messenger* issue, should have read Church Street MEC, South (not UMC). Our name did not become Church Street UMC until the last union in 1968 with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. From 1939-1968, the designation of the denomination was simply called The Methodist Church.

Open Door Class Advent Study - "Raising A Child Not Your Own"

The Open Door Class will continue looking at the Christmas story through the eyes of Joseph. You are invited to attend at 9 am Sunday morning via Zoom. This Sunday we will explore how Joseph chose to care for, protect and raise a child who was not his own. God's plan for redemption of the world depended on one man's willingness to raise a child who was not his own. We will also look at the role of angels in the Nativity story. The class will be led by Rev. Rick Isbell. Whether you've attended before or never attended, you are invited to be a part of the study Sunday.

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/pendoorclass20

Celebrating Our Great 90s!

Join us in celebrating
John Scott
who celebrates his birthday on 12/4!

This concludes our Great 90s recognition this year! Thank you to all who have helped make our members feel loved this year!

Thank you!

On behalf of Congregational Care, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many people who have contributed to this year's Lenten and Advent devotionals. This project would not be a success without all of you who submitted devotions, artwork, and spent many hours editing and proofing.

Many thanks to Katie Strangis and her countless hours of planning, arranging, and bringing everything together; to Katryn Bancroft and the children for their drawings; to Jenny Cross and the Youth writing team; to Lisa Cooper and her beautiful artwork; to Kelly Woods for her proofreading; to Rev. Catherine Nance for her recruitment of contributors; and to Doris Lively and Nancy Keen who mailed booklets and Advent Gift Packages to our church members. We all love working on this project, but we could not do it without the help of you, the congregation and clergy, and your inspiring, entertaining and encouraging devotions.

Please keep sharing your faith and love of God with all of us. Your gift touches our hearts and encourages us to stand fast in our faith during this difficult time.

May God bless all of you,
Barry Christmas, Chair
Congregational Care Committee

Incelement Weather at Church Street

Church Street's front office staff and Preschool continue to operate on campus. We will announce any delays or closures through WVLT and WBIR by 6 am the day of inclement weather. We will post to social media and send an email. If inclement weather is expected for the afternoon / early evening, we will post a decision to those same channels by noon. If the office is closed and you need to reach a pastor, please use the Pastor On-Call number: 865-320-9100

Our Prayers

In Christian love and sympathy:

The family and friends of Sharon Pickering, who died on November 1.

The family and friends of Scot Milford, brother of Sally Lighter and uncle of Megan Dunaway, who died on November 25.

The family and friends of William Blankenship, father of Becky Durrance, who died on November 23.

The family and friends of Genevieve Bartlett, mother of Beecher Bartlett, who died on November 22.

The family and friends of Peggy Hurst Johnson, mother of Dr. Jeff Johnson, who died on December 1.

Recently hospitalized:

Paul Sturdivant

Our Presence

November 22

Sunday Worship 398

398 screens were tuned in to our online worship service on Sunday. As of printing, the worship service had been viewed 525 times.

November 29

Sunday Worship 410

410 screens were tuned in to our online worship service on Sunday. As of printing, the worship service had been viewed 567 times.

Our Gifts

November 22

Contributions toward Budget	\$46,887.17
Building Fund	\$1,060.00
Other	\$1,537.00

November 29

Contributions toward Budget	\$6,341.00
Building Fund	\$51,375.00
Other	\$3,709.00

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

IN MEMORIAM

Sharon Pickering

Joined: 7/13/1997

Died: 11/1/2020

New Arrival

Samuel Reed (Sam) Cross was born on November 23 to proud parents **Jenny and Jordan Cross.**



Altar Flowers

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Jr., by Paul & Susie Siler.

LECTIONARY READINGS

December 6
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

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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Staff Directory

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Senior Associate Pastor	Tim Best-279
Associate Pastor	Palmer Cantler-298
Minister of Spiritual Enrichment	Jan Wade-264
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	Rev. Pat Clendenen: 865-406-3854
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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: 865-524-3511
Church Administrator	Kate Spencer-268
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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