

*Worship*  
OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, February 8**

*5th Sunday after Epiphany*

**Worship Times**

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

**Wednesday, February 11**

**Midweek**

**Worship & Communion**

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch will be served in Parish Hall after the service. Call 524-3048 to make reservations.

**Thursday, February 12**

**Community Worship**

Noon - Room 118

Rev. Matt Hampton

**Sunday Supper**

**5-5:45 PM in Parish Hall**

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, February 8

**Reservations Required**

Family maximum \$25.

**Menu:**

Chicken Roulade, roasted potatoes & vegetables, fresh baked apple pie and salad. Served with fresh baked bread.

**Reservations needed by noon on Thursday; call 524-3048.**

**Be a Part of Gratitude Sunday**

*When you think about Church Street, what are you thankful for?*

For celebration of “Gratitude Sunday” on February 22, Church Street is assembling a Scroll of Gratitude. It will contain expressions of gratitude about the church from everyone who wants to participate. Being included is very easy. Simply pick up one of the sheets available throughout the church, in Sunday School classes, or by requesting one from the church office. Jot down your personal response to “One reason I’m thankful for Church Street is ---,” and put it in one of the collection boxes or return it via your Sunday School class’ attendance envelope on February 8 or 15 (or anytime in between). You do not have to include your name, although you can do so if you wish. Join us as we thank God for all this church has given us!



BUILDING FOR  
*Christ.*  
2015 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**CPR/AED Training Offered This Month**

You will soon have the opportunity to attend a certified CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) training at Church Street. The training will be held on Thursday, February 26, from 6-9 p.m. in CLC 120. The cost is \$20 per person to be paid on the night of the class. Advanced reservations are required, so please contact the church office at 524-3048 by Monday, February 23, to sign up. Contact John Hollingsworth at 806-4477 with any questions.

**Confirmation Class Prepares for Annual Retreat**

This coming weekend 54 confirmation students, parents and leaders will go to Lake Junaluska for their annual retreat. This retreat will involve the students and parents in a variety of activities. Saturday will be filled with creative learning activities in small groups, trips to both the Heritage and World Methodist Museums and plenty of fun and fellowship. Sunday morning the group will continue their small group activities and end with worship and Holy Communion. The retreat will be led by Rick Isbell, Jenny Darden and Ashley Helton. Some of the other confirmation teachers will help with the retreat. In past years, this annual retreat has been a highlight for both students and parents as they learn, play, worship and fellowship together. Please be in prayer for the retreat and for the participants and leaders.

**Preschool Needs Community Helpers**

If you are a “Community Helper” and would like to discuss your job with our Preschool students, we would love to have you as a special guest. We would love to hear stories about firemen, police officers, paramedics, medical personnel and construction workers. If not, how about a mail carrier, city sanitation worker, maybe a school crossing guard or a baker! Just about everyone in the community is a helper in some way. We will study Community Helpers beginning February 16. Please contact Miss Beth at 524-3511 at the preschool office for more information.

## Food Donations Needed

The Beacon of Hope Food Co-op is in need of donations. The list of needed food items is located below. Please consider picking up some of the items on your next shopping trip. Please place the requested items in the large donation bin in the hallway outside the kitchen, across from room 118.

- **Cooking Oil**
- **Cereal**
- **Coffee**
- **Oatmeal**
- **Sugar**
- **Pancake Mix**
- **Pasta (any kind)**
- **Fruit Juices**
- **Dried Beans (any kind)**
- **Jelly**
- **Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Canned Green Beans**
- **Canned Tuna**
- **Canned Corn**
- **Canned Peas**
- **Spam**
- **Canned Chicken**
- **Canned Mixed Vegetables**
- **Canned Ham**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Saltine Crackers**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Mac n Cheese**
- **Boxed Potatoes**
- **Breakfast Bars**
- **Canned Soup**



## Medical Mission Trip

The Missions Committee would like to make health professionals, especially physicians, aware of the 2015 Mexico Medical Mission organized by Volunteers in Mission under the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. For 30 years, this group of volunteers has provided medical services for two underserved communities, Tatoxcac and Ixtepec, located in the Sierra Madre Mountains of the State of Puebla, Mexico. This year's trip will depart March 7 and return March 15. If you have never experienced the fulfillment of serving the medically underserved or you are a veteran of such trips wanting to renew the experience, please contact Missions Committee member, Jeff King, at 865-525-4333, or the mission team leader, Paul Brown, at 423-612-0005, with your questions or to register for the trip.

## Sign Up Now for Jubilation

All adults ages 55+ are invited to the 15th annual Jubilation retreat, sponsored by the Holston Conference. The three-day event will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN, on April 19-21. This year's theme is "Our Story" and the programs will feature several storytellers. For more information, contact Gaye King at gayeking@holston.org or 865-690-4080.

## Church Street UMC Calendar: February 8-14

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT  
Midweek Communion Service  
Wednesday, Noon, Chapel  
Community Worship  
Thursday, Noon, rm 118

### Sunday School-9:40 AM

### Music

Youth Choir  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Primary Choir (1st-2nd grades)  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308  
Chorister Choir (3rd-5th grades)  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306  
Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303  
Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

### Singles

Lunch Bunch  
Sunday, noon, Bearden  
Calhouns  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thurs. 6:30 pm, Gym

### Youth

Confirmation Retreat  
Sunday, Lake Junaluska  
NightLife  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, lower CLC  
Girls' Basketball Practice  
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym  
Girls' Basketball Practice  
Monday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Wesley House Tutoring  
Tues., 3:45 pm, Wesley House  
Middle School Girls Bible Study  
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC17  
Youth Band Practice  
Wed., 6:45 pm, CLC 11  
High School Prayer Breakfast  
Thursday, 7:15 am,  
Homborg Chik-Fil-A

### UMW

Circle #6  
Monday, 1:30 pm, rm 103  
Circle #7  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204  
Circle #10  
Tuesday, 10 am, CLC 14  
Circle #8  
Tuesday, 1:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Circle #11  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 103

### Meetings & Ministry

Financial Peace Orientation  
Sunday, noon, rm 118  
Adult Mission Trip Meeting  
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201-A  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, noon, CLC 124  
Food Service Committee  
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 118  
Kay Center Board Meeting  
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122  
Trustees Meeting  
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
Preschool Board  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 202  
Moms Group  
Friday, 10 am, rm 103

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper  
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall  
Bridge  
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120  
Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204  
Young Men's Basketball  
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 122  
Jesus in the Gospels  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 118  
Women's Bible Study  
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A  
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

### Lectionary

#### READINGS

**February 8**  
Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**February 15**  
2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

## Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Recently, we pulled together a report filled with numbers. We call these the “2014 Year End Reports.” The numbers tell us some interesting information about this congregation and its people.

- We received 71 people into this congregation (Confirmation class or transferred from other churches). In the same period, we lost 68 people (41 of those by death). In other words we had a net gain of only three people. This church has to work very hard just to stay even.
- Those 41 deaths represent some precious souls; they are not just numbers.
- Total church membership is now 2,643.
- Average attendance at the weekly worship services was 745.
- (Not part of the Year End Report) The largest single day attendance in 2014 was Christmas Eve. In the four services that day, we had 2140 persons. It was an exciting day!
- Sunday School and Small Groups: Number of Sunday School Classes 34, ongoing classes and small groups 31, and short-term classes and small groups 15. This is evidence that the traditional Sunday School experience is alive and well, though it is changing as small groups become more visible.
- Mission: the number of people engaged in mission activities 243.
- Mission: the number of people served by community-oriented missions 11,341. Linger over this number a moment. 11,341 Soup Kitchen meals, Sharing Shop visitors, Benevolence Team contacts, and more. A surprising number of people from the Knoxville community have been touched by our ministries.
- Money: Amount paid on the Conference Tithe was \$219,835. (The tithe replaced the Conference Fair Share a few years ago.)
- Money: Amount of property indebtedness is \$0.00.

What do you make of all this? The importance of most of these figures is self-evident; I have added comments along the way. What I see is a church that can be counted among the largest churches in Holston Conference. Having spent 2014 right here at Church Street, I also know how hard we worked to accomplish these numbers. Thanks to every member, every volunteer, and every staff-person who worked to make these numbers possible.

Finally, each of these numbers represents a precious person who does their part and receives a blessing from this church. God has given each one to our spiritual care. Let us work as those who work for the Keeper of the Universe/the Father of the Sparrows. With these ministries, we serve an awesome God!



## BENEVOLENCE n e w s

This past year has been a very busy year for the Church Street Benevolence Team. Thirteen volunteers spent over 1,300 hours in the service of the needy in our community. Because of your generous support we interviewed 326 clients and were able to offer \$16,087 in assistance. Eighty seven percent of our assistance either kept families in their homes or kept the utilities on. You can support your Benevolence Team in two ways, either by your financial support or volunteering to become a team member. Contact: Keith Biggers at 865-288-7666 or kbiggers1@charter.net.

## UMW n e w s

Please join us for our first UMW book club of the year. We will gather in Cox Parlor on Wednesday, February 18, at 1:30 p.m. to hear Verna McLain review the book *Sum It Up* by Pat Summitt. We hope you will join us. All are welcome and you do not need to have read the book to participate.

## ONLINE g i v i n g

Did you know you can support the programs and ministries of our church by giving online? Log on to [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org) and click “online giving” on the home page. You can choose a one-time payment or set up a recurring gift.

## Sharing Shop Update

During these last weeks of winter, we are running low on a few things and could use your help. If you have any of the items below, please consider donating them to our Sharing Shops. You may leave the items in the box outside the church kitchen on Sundays. This past week, we served 52 customers at the Beacon of Hope Sharing Shop and 39 customers at the Church Street Sharing Shop. Thank you for continuing to support these missions with your prayers and donations.

Items needed: children’s clothing- all ages, blankets, men’s and women’s **WINTER** clothing, men’s shoes (especially tennis shoes), sheets (twin and double), and towels.

## Sermon Scripture

Sunday, February 8

Mark 1:29-39

## Stewardship

*We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.*

### Our Prayers

#### In the Hospital:

UT: Felix Line, Duane Johnson

Ft. Sanders: Betty Olson

#### Home from the Hospital:

Dona McConnell, Maj. David Alley, Cabel Trent

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Barbara Carr** on the death of her husband, David Carr, on January 29.

### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	739
Sunday School	437

### Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$25,956.14
Other	\$3,108

## A Giving Heart

Beginning this Sunday, February 8, the Missions Committee invites you to pick up a "heart" located on a tree next to the bulletin board outside the Nave. Each heart contains an item needed by the Zion Children's Home in the Bahamas where Church Street will soon send two mission teams. It's an easy way for you to help support our mission teams and the communities they will serve this March!

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 8

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. W. C. Alford by their daughter, Sara Jane Alford Francis.



## Our Church Family

### New Members:

- **Hannah Gunderman**, joined by baptism and profession of faith on Sunday, February 1, at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- **Barbara Carr** joined by transfer of membership from Ebenezer UMC in Knoxville, TN.

### Wedding:

- **Cassie Bates and Matthew McGinley**, were married on Saturday, January 31, in the Nave with Rev. Ashley Helton officiating.

## Memorials

### In Memory of:

- **David Adcock**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Len & Pat Bellingrath
- **Pat Patton**  
*Memorial:* David D. Bunton  
*Renovation:* Marion Bloomer  
*Renovation:* Anonymous  
*Memorial:* Gretchen McKee
- **Horace Yarberry**  
*Renovation:* Evelyn & Bennett Horton

### In Memoriam

**David Carr**

Died: 01/29/2015

## Lenten Studies Available

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. If you would like ideas for a Sunday School or small group Lenten study, please contact Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship at risbell@churchstreetumc.org. You can also go to [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) to see samples of various Lenten studies available before you make a decision. If you have any other questions, please contact Rev. Isbell at the above e-mail address.

## 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.

### On the Web:

[www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org)  
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## Staff Directory

### Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-260
Associate Pastor	Matt Hampton-279
Associate Pastor	Ashley Helton-263
Associate Pastor	Nicole Krewson-298
Minister of Spiritual Enrichment	Jan Wade-524-3048
Minister of Discipleship	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
Child Care Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director	Jenny Darden-287
Preschool Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Judith Winters-293
Kay Center	Kay Center Staff-289
Church Administrator	Kate Spencer-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Communications Director	Caroline Lamar-299
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Food Services	Mike Weatherly-273
Part-time Secretary	Julie Hill-278
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Head Custodian	Brandon Amburn-274
Custodians:	Matt Newberry, Jason Mallette, Joe Holmes, Ruth Dalton, Jonathan Irwin
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