

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, March 8**

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

### Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time  
begins this week.

**Wednesday, March 11**

### Community Lenten Service

Noon - St. John's Cathedral

A light lunch will be served after the  
service. Donations are appreciated.

**Thursday, March 12**

### Community Worship

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

### Sunday Supper

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

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, March 8

### Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

#### Menu:

Meat loaf, buttermilk mashed potatoes,  
country gravy, green beans, fresh salad,  
home made yeast rolls and dessert.

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

## Youth & Children Host Auctions to Benefit Capital Campaign

The children of Church Street have been hard at work in the art room for the past few weeks. They have been using a variety of mediums to create beautiful artwork that celebrates our church and our congregation. On Sunday, March 8, their artwork will become part of a silent Art Auction beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. Be sure to stop by the auction and place your bid on one of the many beautiful works of art!

Additionally, the Youth Department will be supporting the Capital Campaign with a Service Auction. It will be set up similarly to the Art Auction - the difference is that the winner will receive the service of a middle or high school student rather than a good. Students have donated their time and their talents for this project which include activities such as babysitting, yard work, and guitar lessons. Between this auction and a Change War (money raising competition between middle and high schoolers), the youth have a goal of raising \$1,000 and have committed to provided the landscaping for one of our new entrances after construction is complete!



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2015 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## UMW Call to Prayer Service

Please join Church Street's United Methodist Women for our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service on Tuesday, March 10, at 11 a.m. in the Nave.

The theme of this year's service is "A Gesture of Gratitude" featuring the Rev. Harold Middlebrook as our speaker. Well-known for decades in our area as a minister and civil rights advocate, Dr. Middlebrook is also known statewide and nationally as a friend to Dr. Martin Luther King and as an active member of the historic 1960s civil rights movement in Selma and other cities across our nation. Rev. Middlebrook remained politically active in the 1970s and 1980s during which time he also served as senior pastor to Knoxville's Mount Calvary Baptist Church. He founded Canaan Baptist Church in Knoxville in 1980.

This is a District UMW event, and we are delighted to serve as the hosts for this service. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall following the program, and the cost is \$7. Make reservations by calling 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org by Thursday, March 5.



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As always, our program is open to all, and we hope to have a large attendance for Rev. Middlebrook. Those who have heard him speak know what a treat we have in store for us as we hear from this legend in our midst. He is someone who has lived, on a daily basis, our United Methodist Women's motto, "Faith, Hope, Love in Action."

## New York Polyphony

Join us on Tuesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m., for a concert from New York Polyphony. Praised for a “rich, natural sound that’s larger and more complex than the sum of its parts,” (NPR) New York Polyphony is regarded as one of the finest vocal chamber ensembles in the world. The show will be a sell-out, so purchase your tickets (\$20 per person) now to guarantee a seat. You can buy them in the church office or online at [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org).

## Downtown Community Lenten Services

Each Wednesday during Lent, the Downtown Cooperative Ministry hosts a mid-week service. Each service begins at noon and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Lunch follows the service and donations are appreciated. The schedule for the services is listed below. We hope you will join us for these special services throughout the season of Lent.



Wednesday, March 4 - Church Street  
 Wednesday, March 11 - St. John's Cathedral  
 Wednesday, March 18 - First Baptist  
 Wednesday, March 25 - First Presbyterian

## College Scholarship Applications Available

Each year Church Street gives out two scholarships to support our students in higher education. The Carrie Ellis Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has been highly involved in the life of our church and youth group. The Frankie Sherman Rasnake Scholarship is available for graduating seniors, current college students, and graduate students who demonstrate financial need and high achievement. Applications are available now in the church office and on the church website. Please turn in all applications to Pastor Matt no later than April 12, or e-mail them to [mhampton@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:mhampton@churchstreetumc.org). Our prayers and well wishes are with each of you as you make such important decisions about your educational future.

## Church Street UMC Calendar: March 8-14

### Worship

Morning Worship  
 Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
 Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
 Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT  
 Community Lenten Service  
 Wednesday, Noon,  
 St. John's Cathedral  
 Community Worship  
 Thursday, Noon, Chapel

### Sunday School—9:40 AM

### Music

Youth Choir  
 Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
 Primary Choir (1st–2nd grades)  
 Sunday, 6 pm, Echo Ridge  
 Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades)  
 Sunday, 6 pm, Echo Ridge  
 Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
 Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303  
 Furman Singers Concert  
 Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Nave  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

### Singles

Lunch Bunch  
 Sunday, Noon, Longhorn  
 Steakhouse, Kingston Pk.  
 Line Dance Lessons  
 Thurs. 6:30 pm, Gym

### Youth

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,  
 Homberg Chik-Fil-A

### 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

### Meetings & Ministry

Financial Peace University  
 Sunday, 3:30 pm, E-01  
 Benevolence Team  
 Monday, noon, CLC 124  
 Food Services Committee  
 Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 118  
 Program Council  
 Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204  
 Trustees Committee  
 Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202  
 CPR/AED Training  
 Wed., 6 pm, CLC 120  
 Soup Kitchen  
 Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
 Memorials Committee  
 Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A  
 Stewardship Committee  
 Thursday, 6 pm, rm 202  
 Moms Group  
 Friday, 10 am, rm 103

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Art & Service Auction  
 Sunday, 9:30 am, Gym  
 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

### UMW

Circle #6  
 Monday, 1:30 pm, rm 103  
 Circle #7  
 Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204  
 Circle #10  
 Tuesday, 10 am, CLC 14  
 Call to Prayer Service  
 Tuesday, 11 am, Nave  
 Circle #8  
 Tuesday, 1:15 pm, rm 201-A  
 Circle #11  
 Wed., 7 pm, rm 103

### Lectionary READINGS

**March 8**  
 Exodus 20:1-17  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
 John 2:13-22

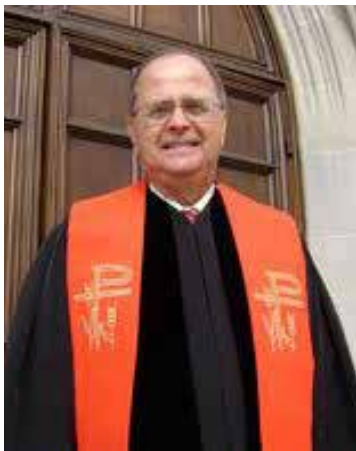
**March 15**  
 Numbers 21:4-9  
 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
 Ephesians 2:1-10  
 John 3:14-21

## Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

This Sunday, we will baptize two youngsters: Aisha Amie Jallow, born 07/11/08 and Xavier Christopher Young, born 4/19/03. We baptize people fairly often at Church Street. If we assume that this is just “another baptism,” we will miss one of God’s grand moments.

You see, the connection which brings these two youngsters to Church Street for baptism is a long-time Church Street family, Kevin and Stephanie Blue. They attend the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship so their daughter Kloi can sing in the Parish Youth Choir and son Samuel can be in Sunday School. Kevin hurries to Asbury United Methodist Church in Clinton for their late morning service. You see, he is the pastor at Asbury.



Back in January the request came to baptize these youngsters; Kevin is not a licensed pastor yet so he cannot administer the baptism sacrament. We offered to send one of our pastors from Church Street to Asbury UMC for the baptism. But, Kevin suggested a different plan with strong reasons.

For starters, Xavier, Kevin and Stephanie’s nephew, attends Church Street with the family. You may have seen him with them. Then, Kevin went on to say what makes these baptisms at Church Street important: Aisha and Xavier are “bridge baptisms” for the United Methodist Church. Like myself and my children, our baptisms were not only an outward sign of the inward change that God has caused in us. Our baptisms are important to the UMC because of who did them and where they took place. They are “bridge baptisms” because they bridged races, economic classes and churches. Their baptisms would be another witness to Church Street that all God’s children can find shelter within its walls.

I believe that this Sunday, when we baptize Aisha and Xavier in the name of the one Lord Jesus Christ, that all the angels of God’s heaven are going to catch their breath. The Son of God will stop and smile at the sight of the water running down their beautiful heads. And the Father will recall the day when He tore open the heavens to say, “This is my child, my beloved. With this one I am well pleased.”

Because of Pastor Kevin and Stephanie, Church Street has a living connection with a predominantly African American United Methodist Church in Clinton. It is not a connection of policies and projects. It is a connection of families and a witness that walks the halls of the church several times each week.

Kevin reminded me that I wrote last month: “I dream of a church that spreads its shade over a wide variety of people -- people of different colors, different politics, different experiences, different economic levels.” (Rev. Ferguson, *The Mountain*, Feb. 2015). I still believe (it).

**Remember to wear red each Sunday as a symbol of your commitment to pray for our church during the Capital Campaign!**



## SINGLES news

The Singles Ministry will host its March dance on Friday, March 6, from 8 - 11 p.m. DJ John Rutherford will play music suitable for line dancing, swing, ballroom, country couples, and freestyle. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. for a couples dance or line dance lesson. Your \$7 admission includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake, and door prizes. This event is a part of the ongoing outreach ministry of Church Street. All are welcome! For more information, contact Barb at [barbarastinnett@charter.net](mailto:barbarastinnett@charter.net) or Don at [dlasbury@nxs.net](mailto:dlasbury@nxs.net).

## SHARING SHOP news

We appreciate your continued support of both Sharing Shop locations. Here is a list of most needed items: shampoo, deodorant, diapers, Depends, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and household items. You may bring these items to the church office or place them in the marked bin outside the kitchen, across from room 118. Your donations mean so much to our customers and no donation is too small!

## CPR/AED class

The certified CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) training at Church Street has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 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, March 9, to sign up. Contact John Hollingsworth at 806-4477 with any questions.

## 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: Duane Johnson

Ft. Sanders: Betty Olson

#### Home from the Hospital:

George McNutt

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**The family of Dorothy Williams** on her death on February 21.

**The family of Jim Burgin** on his death on February 24.

#### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	806
Sunday School	417

#### Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$26,302.62
Other	\$3,295

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 8

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of James A. Newman by his wife Jacqueline T. Newman.

## Memorials

*In Memory of:*

#### • David Adock

*Soup Kitchen:* LaNoka Rhodes

#### • Foy Biggers

*Benevolence:* Frank & Elaine Ralston

#### • David Carr

*Music:* Gretchen McKee

#### • Joe Golden

*Memorial:* David & Betty Craig

#### • Betty James

*Pastors' Discretionary Fund:* Gretchen McKee

#### • Felix Line

*Memorial:* John & Joyce Line

*Memorial:* Dr. Michael & Cammy Glover

*Memorial:* Margaret Page

*Benevolence:* Dr. Sanford & Hope Carson

*Memorial:* Ed & Valerie Nicholson

*In Memoriam*

### Dorothy Williams

Joined 12/5/82 Died: 2/21/2015

*In Memoriam*

### Jim Burgin

Died: 2/24/2015

## Contact Us

Church Office (865) 524-3048  
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## Staff Directory

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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
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047

## Support the Kay Center With Your Kroger Plus Card

We have a new and exciting way to raise money for the Kay Senior Care Center. Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, you can link your Kroger Plus Card to the Kay Center and begin earning money for the center every time you shop. All you need is a Kroger Plus card and a Kroger Rewards Account.

If you have a Kroger Rewards Account, sign in and click account setting. Then scroll to the bottom of the page, click on edit in the Community Rewards Program box and follow the instructions.

If you do not have a Kroger Rewards Account, go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com), create an account, and add your Kroger Plus Card to the account. The website will walk you through the process. Scroll to the bottom right and click on edit in the Community Rewards Program box and follow the instructions. The Organization Number for the Kay Senior Care Center is 80410. Now you are ready. Just swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card at the register and each purchase you make will count towards the Kay Senior Care Center. If you have any questions, please contact Judith Winters at 521-0293 or [jwinters@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jwinters@churchstreetumc.org).



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