

Worship
OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 22

5th Sunday of Lent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Wednesday, March 25

Community Lenten Service

Noon - First Presbyterian Church

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

Thursday, March 26

Community Worship

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Sunday Supper

5-5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, March 22

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

Menu:

Spaghetti with meat balls, fresh baked French bread, green beans, garden salad and tiramisu.

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

New York Polyphony In Concert Next Week

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, online at www.churchstreetumc.org or in the Chapel hallway after both services on Sunday, March 22.



Volunteer in the Church Gardens

Spring is almost here and we need volunteers to help get the gardens of Church Street ready for the season. There are many ways you can get involved. An individual, family, small group or Sunday school class can adopt a small area. For example, they might take an area in front of a sign. They can plant and give TLC through fall. You can also partner with a gardener. You or your group can provide the muscle while one of our seasoned gardeners provide the guidance. Summer watering is another way to pitch in. You or your small group can rescue during dry spells. There are garden hoses that reach most areas. Weeding while you’re there is an optional bonus. Those who are not up to gardening are encouraged to contribute to our garden fund. The work schedule is flexible. If you are interested, please contact Mary Cartwright at 579-5617.



Nursery Volunteers Needed at Beacon of Hope

The next round of Getting Ahead classes will begin at Beacon of Hope at Vestal UMC in late March or early April. There will be two classes each week from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Depending on the number of children we have, we need a couple of volunteers to help throughout the 8-week course. Nursery volunteers are also needed for a Faith & Finance class in late April. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Beacon of Hope program director Richard Ginn at 865-599-5047 or beaconofhopevestal@gmail.com.

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 last service will be held on Wednesday, March 25, at First Presbyterian Church.

Easter Food Drive

The Beacon of Hope ministry continues to serve the needs of those in South Knoxville. You can help by participating in the Easter food drive. Please purchase the following items and place them in the designated bin located outside the kitchen across from room 118: canned ham, 5 pound bag of potatoes, canned fruit, dessert mixes (cakes, brownies, etc.), sugar/sugar substitute, flour, and oil. These items will go a long way towards helping the families we serve. Thank you!

Smiling Faces Needed

The Welcome and Outreach Committee is looking for Sunday morning greeters! As we attempt to cover all of our entrances and more effectively welcome everyone who enters Church Street, we would like YOU to consider helping. Greeting is a fun and easy way to serve our large, but very friendly church. Greeters serve for about 25 minutes, one Sunday per month by opening doors, answering questions (resources provided), and most importantly, extending a warm welcome and offering a smiling face to our church family. It is a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones! If you would like more information or to sign up, contact Cindy Hollingsworth at 363-1124 or cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net

Celebration Event- April 12

By now you should have received your invitation in the mail for our capital campaign celebration event, *Sweet Success*, on Sunday, April 12. Please read the invitation carefully and remember to call the church office at 524-3048 to make a reservation. Be sure to have the name of your dessert ready if you will be preparing a treat to share. You may also make reservations by e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

If you have not received an invitation or need more information, please contact the church office at 524-3048 or visit the church website, www.churchstreetumc.org. All are invited to this event and we hope to see you and your family there on Sunday, April 12!

Sweet Success
A DESSERT POTLUCK CELEBRATION

Church Street UMC Calendar: March 22-28

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,
First Presbyterian Church
Community Worship
Thursday, Noon, Chapel

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Music

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

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,
Homburg 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
Church Council Dinner
Tues., 5:15 pm, Parish Hall
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
Church Council
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 120
Missions Committee
Wed., 6 pm, rm 204
Stephen Ministry Peer Review
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Advance Commitment Gathering
Thursday, 3 pm, CLC 120
Stewardship Committee
Thursday, 6 pm, rm 202

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

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall

Singles

Line Dance Lessons
Thurs. 6:30 pm, Gym

Lectionary READINGS

March 22
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 29
Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

We build Church Street United Methodist Church for a future we can only imagine.

I recall a day when the list of occupations in a community was fairly short. One church I served was made up of farm families. Another church included several school teachers. That was the list of occupations. It was a simple list; each occupation was easily understood. The church's schedule was easily adjusted for the harvest when workers were in the fields and other times when workers were available for activities.

The list of occupations today runs pages in length -- if it is printed on paper, which it probably is not. Repeatedly, I run into people who work at jobs that I cannot imagine. My son and daughter work in occupations that did not even exist when I was just starting out.

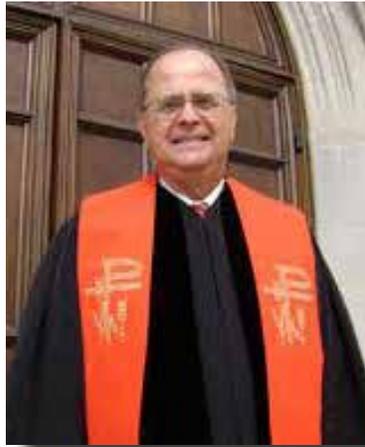
As a result, people cannot easily be identified and understood according to their occupations. There is no such thing as an ordinary workday. What is "9 to 5" anyway? People are available for church activities anytime and no time at all. As a result, the chance to gather as a congregation at one time and place is becoming harder to do. According to the year-end report, we served 11,000 non-members at Church Street last year. How many of them did you encounter? My guess is that you (and I) personally encountered very few of them. Congregations are more fragmented and less traditional than ever.

This is the present which we are living. As we build, we must think about the present habits and lives of the people of this community. As we build, we must plan enough flexibility to work with future generations of Church Streeters. And, we must build.

Building, we are making a commitment to generations of Church Streeters whom we will never see. Building, we give voice to our commitment to Jesus Christ, who calls us to prepare the church to welcome the coming generations of Christians. Building, we speak to the larger community that this congregation is determined to stand in witness to Jesus Christ.

Next time you are at Sunday worship, notice the children on the steps at Moments for God's Children. It is for these that we build -- that the church will be vibrant and ready to welcome them across their lives. It is for children who are not yet born that we build.

How will they work? When will they worship? Who will lead them to faith? To answer all of these questions and more, we build Church Street into the building and into the congregation that it must be.



ONLINE giving

Did you know you can support the programs and ministries of our church by giving online? Log on to www.churchstreetumc.org and click "online giving" on the home page. You can choose a one-time payment or set up a recurring gift.

MUSIC news

Church Street will host the TN American Choral Director's Regional High School Choral Festival on Friday, April 24, all day. We want to be really good hosts to all these high school choirs from East Tennessee who will be adjudicated by judges in our Nave. Choirs are invited to this festival if they received a superior rating at the local JB Lyle Choral Festival. We need your help—we need volunteers to act as greeters and give directions to choir directors, singers and bus drivers, etc... We will have as many as 30 choirs in and out throughout the day. Would you be willing to work a 3-4 hour shift? If so, please contact Tim Ward at 521-0276 or tward@churchstreetumc.org. This event is a wonderful opportunity to expose these young singers to our church while giving all the choirs a really warm Church Street welcome!

SHARING shop

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, umbrellas, ponchos, maternity clothes 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!

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



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, Debbie Roberts
Parkwest: Dan Burtch, Pat Hunter

Home from the Hospital:

Bob Paulson, Brandon Amburn, Luke Gaddis, Ann Davis

Christian Sympathy to:

Susan Weaver Jones on the death of her sister, Kathy Weaver Connor, on March 10.
Nancy Horton on the death of her nephew, Brenton Dean, on March 13.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	553
Sunday School	345

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$37,303.17
Other	\$20,493

Our Church Family

New Members:

- **Will Johnson** joined by transfer of membership from Powell UMC in Powell, TN, on Sunday, March 15, at the 11 a.m. service.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Duane & Nancy Johnson**
Benevolence Team: Gene & Sandra Flinter

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **David Carr**
Soup Kitchen: Jim Boehms
- **Joe Golden**
Memorial: W. Gage Logan III & Shelley Logan
- **Joe & Patsy Golden**
Memorial: Nancy & George Wexler
- **Bertha Lees**
Soup Kitchen: Jim Boehms
- **Felix Line**
Memorial: The Trust Company
Memorial: Russell Herndon

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 22

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Susan Moeller and Gene Moeller by Betty, Diane and Michael.

In Memoriam

Ruth DeFriese

Joined 9/21/30 Died: 3/16/2015



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2015 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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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
Watch *Rejoice!* on our web site.
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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, Ruth Dalton, Jonathan Irwin
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047

College Scholarship Applications Due By April 12

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. Our prayers and well wishes are with each of you as you make such important decisions about your educational future.



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