

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 26

*4th Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday*

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave
Rev. Nicole Krewson

Wednesday, April 29

Midweek Communion

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch is served in Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. after the service. Call 524-3048 to make reservations.

Thursday, April 30

Community Worship

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Sunday Supper

5-5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, April 26

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

Menu:

BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans,
green beans, garden salad
dessert

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

Celebrating Sue Isbell

Our Director of Children's Ministry, Sue Isbell will be retiring next week after 23 years of service to our children, families, and community. The time has come, then, for us to say "thank you."



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has scheduled a church-wide reception and celebration for Sue which will take place at noon in Parish Hall on Sunday, April 26. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend to express your love and thanks.

Please call 524-3048 or e-mail reservations@churchstreetumc.org so we can make adequate preparations for the meal. We hope to see you there as we celebrate Sue's ministry at Church Street!

Confirmation Class Culmination Weekend

This coming weekend this year's Confirmation class will culminate in a big celebration. On Saturday night, April 25, the class along with parents, family members, mentors and friends will gather in Parish Hall for a banquet honoring this year's class of 22 students. Beginning with a buffet dinner, the evening will continue with Rev. Ferguson speaking to the class, presentation of gifts from the church to the students, and ending with a rehearsal of the Confirmation service in the nave. It will be a special evening.

Then on Sunday morning, April 26, during the 8:30 a.m. service each student will profess his/her faith in Jesus Christ, be confirmed and received into the membership of Church Street UMC. The class has been meeting since August of last year during the Sunday School hour. They have also been taking part in a lot of activities reaching beyond the classroom. Please pray for this special group of youth as they profess for themselves their faith in Jesus Christ and take the vows of church membership.



Hunger Helper Market Returns on Sunday

The Hunger Helper Market kickoff is Sunday, April 26. The market will be open from 8:15-11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the breezeway. All proceeds will benefit Wesley House.

Sunday School classes and other groups are needed to help staff the market on Sundays. Please give generously of your talents and support to this important mission in our church. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Keith & Jenni Poveda at jenniandkeith@gmail.com or 865-803-3616.

Next Four Course Fellowship begins in May

The next rotation of Four Course Fellowship begins in May. In this fellowship opportunity, groups will be established and locations, appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts will rotate monthly within the group. If you have taken part in the past, please rejoin those of us who would like to meet or renew acquaintances.

Here's how it works: You sign up (with a spouse, relative or friend) and are placed in an 8-person group to share a meal and fellowship. Your group gets together once a month (for four months). The days and times of the meals are determined by your group to be convenient for all eight persons. The host pair provides meat, beverage and home; the second pair provides appetizer and vegetable; the third pair provides salad and bread; and the fourth pair provides dessert. Each month a different 2-person team



becomes the host pair, and all pairs rotate the portion of the meal for which they are responsible.

Here's how to sign up: Please contact Kathy Alexander at 379-5249 or kr_alexander@att.net by Friday, April 24.

Join us For Evensong

Please join us for a time of worship and music, presented by our Youth and Children's Choirs on Sunday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in the Nave. The service will include hymns, prayers, scripture and anthems.

Prior to the service, dinner will be served at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please make dinner reservations by calling the church office at 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org by Thursday, April 30.

Women's Bible Study

Here and Now – Living in the Spirit by Henri J.M. Nouwen
Spiritual living takes place in the present; the Spirit meets us in the ordinary. These inspirational reflections cover a number of topics to make us stop, reflect and grow in our relationship with Christ as we journey each day. The topic for each chapter contains questions for reflection and discussion. This four-week study will begin on Wednesday, April 22, and will finish on May 13. Books cost \$12 and can be picked up in the church office. Read and prepare for chapters 1-3 to discuss on April 22. We will meet in room 201-A from 9-11 a.m. Childcare provided. You may contact Juanita Cowles at 712-3262 or by email at Juanita.cowles@att.net for information and to sign up.

Church Street UMC Calendar: April 26 - May 2

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, Chapel

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Meetings & Ministry

Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 201-A
Contemplative Prayer
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 301
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Vision Committee
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Mission Subcommittee
Thursday, 6 pm, rm 202

Youth

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

Singles

FOCUS
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 120
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym
First Friday Dance
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

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 Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sue Isbell Luncheon
Sunday, noon, Parish Hall
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
Wednesday Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
UMW
Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall
Lydia Circle
Friday, noon, rm 119

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
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

**Hunger
Helper Market
Opens Sunday,
April 26
8:15 a.m.
Breezeway**

Lectionary

READINGS

April 26

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May 3

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Stock the Shelves at Beacon of Hope

The Beacon of Hope Food Co-op started in 2014 and now has 20 active households, consisting of 50 people -10 senior citizens, 14 children, and 26 adults.

We are in need of food donations. Please consider adding some of these items to your grocery list this week: **canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fruit, flavored rice/pasta, pasta, pasta sauce.**

You may place all donations in the marked bin outside the kitchen, across from room 118. Thank you for your support of this growing ministry!



Kay Center Honor Roll

Mother's Day is a few weeks away. We invite you to join the Kay Center Honor Roll by honoring a special woman in your life by including them in our Mother's Day Honor Roll--your mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, teacher or friend.

Honor Roll funds will be used to support the Kay Center. Please stop by the tables located in the breezeway on Sundays, April 26 and May 3, between 9:30-11 a.m. Donations should be made to Church Street United Methodist Church (please write KSCC in the memo line.)

All honorees will be named in *The Messenger*. We appreciate your support of the Kay Center.

Built on Prayer

Last Saturday we held a Prayer Service in the Magnolia Lot to pray for the future of our church, specifically the building of a new addition that will improve accessibility and hospitality. Below is the text of the prayer we prayed as a group. Please take time this week to pray this prayer.

Dearly beloved friends, we are standing on holy ground, ground made holy by the love and service and worship that have taken place here over many years. As countless others have done before us in this place, we join our voices to say...

Lord, we pray, what do you want to do through us?

We give thanks that we have been welcomed with open arms into this community of faith, and that we have, each and every day, an opportunity to be an ever more welcoming and affirming church. Standing together in this Magnolia Lot, as our neighbors speed by us, going about their business on these busy city streets, knowing that the work of hospitality and love you have for us is all around us...

Lord, we pray, what do you want to do through us?

We give thanks for the good work that goes on in the spaces at Church Street United Methodist Church; for the laughter and learning of children in our Preschool; for the majesty of the music we hear each week in our Nave; for learning and camaraderie, for children and confirmands and Sunday School classes and Stephen Ministers; for prayer shawls and Wednesday worship and Camp Hogwart's; for our Youth Group, our United Methodist Women; for MAD in the City and for missions as close as Beacon of Hope and as far as Eleuthera Island; for the Kay Center and the Soup Kitchen, the Benevolence Team and the Sharing Shop; in and through all of our ministries and all the ministries yet to come...

Lord, we pray, what do you want to do through us?

We give thanks for the outpouring of support we have already received, in this Building for Christ capital campaign. We give thanks for everyone who has worked and sacrificed to make the campaign a success. We give thanks that you, O Lord, have blessed us in this endeavor. We pray always to perceive in this great undertaking simply one more way to express our love and hospitality, one more way to know you better, even as we seek better to serve our neighbors. Mindful of all those individuals who struggle to enter and leave this place because of injury or disability or age, and mindful of the opportunities we have to better serve them...

Lord, we pray, what do you want to do through us?

Help us to see that this place and these spaces are sacraments of your living presence, O Lord. Save us from making idols out of your good gifts. Grant us to see that marble and wood and stained glass and wrought iron all speak of you, and that if we will only place our trust in you, you have plans for us that are for good, and not for ill. We seek your face in all our ways, and we will continue to seek, and continue to ask...

Lord, we pray, what do you want to do through us?

Amen.



BUILDING FOR
Christ.

2015 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A Note From Pastor Ashley

Dear Church Street Family,

I came to this church two years ago as a newly graduated seminary student and a recently commissioned pastor in the UMC. You allowed me to baptize your babies, officiate your weddings, bury your loved ones, and walk along side you in all that life brings. You gave life to what I know God has called me to do by being the first congregation to call me Pastor Ashley. Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that I announce I will be leaving Church Street to accept a new call at Christ UMC in Halls on June 14.



I cannot express the gratitude I have for this congregation. Each of you have meant so much to me in my first two years of ministry. It has been around your dinner tables, by your hospital beds, and through your calls in the midst of crisis that I have been made certain that I am truly called to be a minister in the church. Thank you for giving me that gift and entrusting me with the sacred moments and dark corners of your life as your pastor.

You all have helped shape me into the pastor that I will be to the people of the Halls community at Christ UMC. I am excited for what lies ahead, but am sad to say goodbye to this congregation. Please do not hesitate to call, email, or text if you have questions or would like to talk concerning my move. I plan to write a more in depth reflection letter prior to June 14 to properly say thank you for this experience. For now, please join me in prayer and conversation as I prepare to become pastor to the next group of people who will invite me into their lives like so many of you have.

Peace,
Rev. Ashley

SHARING s h o p s

Our shops continue to be busy with customers and volunteers. The Church Street Sharing Shop welcomed 34 customers on March 23 and the BOH Sharing Shop shared donations with 68 customers on April 1. Our shops are stocked with many wonderful items and we thank you for all that you donate. We are constantly amazed and forever grateful for the donations that come our way. Thank you for thinking of us, supporting us and allowing us to share so much with others.

Items needed at this time:

- any toiletry item
- men's and women's summer clothing
- young women's summer clothing
- prom dresses
- umbrellas
- tennis shoes
- any kind of small radio that uses batteries
- household items, especially kitchen
- children's books
- any size fan

Mission Trip Presentation

The Missions Committee would like to invite you to Parish Hall on Sunday, May 3, during the Sunday School hour. The Adult & Youth Mission teams from the trip to Bahamas Methodist Habitat will share photos and stories from the trip last month.



On that day you are asked to bring donations of laundry detergent. It will be used in both Sharing Shop locations. All types and sizes of detergent will be accepted.

Vacation Bible School Needs Volunteers

Our annual Vacation Bible School is looking for volunteers to shepherd our classes of children June 15 – 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Since VBS follows a rotation format, adults spend most of their day simply escorting children from activity to activity where other leaders handle the instruction. Only about 20 minutes each day is spent in classroom or free time, when children arrive and when they are preparing to leave each day.

We currently need teachers for all ages, craft, music and recreation leaders. You don't have to have children of VBS age to help. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org or 521-0282.

Chuck Poore Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for the children of Chuck Poore. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Anita Poore, on memo line write Chuck Poore Scholarship Fund.

Address:

Anita Poore

c/o Church Street UMC

PO Box 1303

Knoxville, TN 37901

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:

Tennova Regional: Marjorie Siddens

Home from the Hospital:

David Lineberger, Christa Dansereau

Christian Sympathy to:

The family of Carlotta Wells on her death on April 13.

The family of Sandra Taylor on her death on April 10.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship 737

Sunday School 421

Our Gifts

Received toward budget \$43,349

Other \$6,133.68

Our Church Family

Baptism:

- **Bradley Zachariah Dorsey**, son of Tommy & Danielle Dorsey, was baptized on Sunday, April 19, at the 11 a.m. service.

New Members:

- **Rachel Kerlin** joined by transfer of membership from Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Blountville, TN, on Sunday, April 19, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Kathleen Harwell** joined by transfer of membership from Myers Park UMC in Charlotte, NC, on Sunday, April 19, at the 11 a.m. service

Altar Flowers for Sunday, April 19

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Eugene Duncan White, Sr. by his family.



In Memoriam

Sandra Taylor

Joined 4/27/14 Died: 04/10/2015

Memorials

In Memory of:

• David Alley

Pastoral Special Needs Fund: Sally Cleveland

Altar Guild: Bobbie Congelton

Altar Guild: Susan & Frederick Weber

Pastoral Special Needs Fund: Bob & Mary Straight, Jr.

Altar Guild: Howell & Joy Smith

Pastoral Special Needs Fund: Susan & Frederick Weber

• Betty Bell

UMW: Circles #4 & #10

Capital Campaign: Camille Smith

Capital Campaign: Pat & Len Bellingrath

Capital Campaign: Priscilla Blanton

Capital Campaign: Bill & Janie Dempster

Capital Campaign: Cathie Wilbourne

Music: Ray & Shirley Smith

Music: Dr. David & Dorothy Wilt

Capital Campaign: Buckingham Community Association

Capital Campaign: Harold & Sarah Wimberly

• Lyla Boehms

Capital Campaign: Jim Lees

• Ruth DeFriese

Capital Campaign: Harold & Sarah Wimberly

UMW: Circles #4 & #10

Capital Campaign: Camille Smith

• Chuck Poore

Memorial: Robert & Amy Cathey

• Ann Sturdivant

Memorial: Cherokee Country Club Ladies Golf Association

Honorariums

In Honor of:

• Vivian Chance

Capital Campaign: Jim Lees

• Rev. Andy Ferguson

Capital Campaign: Camille Smith

Capital Campaign: Frank & Elaine Ralston

• Sue Isbell

Capital Campaign: Frank & Elaine Ralston

• Powell Richardson

Accessibility Fund: Church Street United Methodist Women

In Memoriam

Carlotta Wells

Joined 12/21/01 Died: 04/13/2015

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

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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

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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

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