

*Worship*

OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, September 27**

*18th Sunday after Pentecost*

**Worship Times**

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Matt Hampton

“Stronger in the Broken Places”

James 5:13-20

**Wednesday, September 30**

**Midweek Communion**

Noon - Rev. Laura Shearer

Lunch will be served after the service in Parish Hall. Please call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

**Sunday Supper**

**4:45–5:45 PM in Parish Hall**

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

**Sunday, September 27**

**Reservations Required**

Family maximum \$25.

**Menu:**

Roast chicken  
Rice pilaf  
Summer vegetables  
Fresh salad  
Cornbread  
Dessert

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

**Blessing of the Animals**

On Sunday, September 27, we will continue the Church Street tradition of Blessing of the Animals. All are invited to bring their pets to this unique service of worship where we thank God for our furry, fuzzy, feathered and/or scaly friends. The service begins at 3 p.m. in the Courtyard and pets receive a blessing by the Church Street clergy. This service is open to the community. Pets should be on a leash or in a cage if appropriate, and should be well-mannered. You will be responsible for cleaning up after your pet should the need arise. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our faithful companions in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and his great love for all God’s creatures.



**Hogwarts Holiday Coming Soon**

Now is the time to sign your child up for a one-day fall break adventure for Harry Potter fans. Hogwarts Holiday will take place on Monday, October 12, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. It’s suggested for children in first through fifth grades. Building on the Harry Potter stories, children will have a holiday from Hogwarts classes and will visit the holiday village of nearby Hogsmeade where they will experience the fun of the various magical shops through games, crafts, music, and cooking.

The cost is \$20 per student to cover lunch, snack, and all supplies.

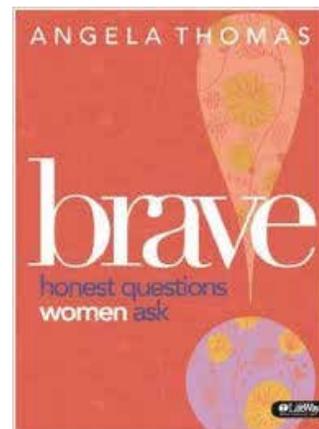
Register online at [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org). Volunteers are needed to help make the day a success. If you can lend your magic, e-mail Sue Isbell at [sueisbell2629@gmail.com](mailto:sueisbell2629@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Women’s Bible Study**

*Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask* - by Angela Thomas

We all have insecurities, flaws, and struggles that we are afraid to address. But if we can be brave enough to raise the questions, God will answer us. We will have weekly homework and a DVD on the following topics: *I am worn out. I am suffering a thorn. I am undisciplined. I am trembling inside. I am invisible. I am broken.* Join us as we dig into scripture for God’s truth on these topics.

This seven-week study will begin on Wednesday, October 7, and conclude on Wednesday, November 18. Books will be handed out at the first class. We meet from 9-11 a.m. in room 201-A. The cost of the study guide is \$13. Childcare is provided. Please contact Juanita Cowles at 865-712-3262 or by email at [Juanita.cowles@att.net](mailto:Juanita.cowles@att.net) for information and to sign up.



## Support the Food Co-op at Beacon of Hope

Beginning on Sunday, October 4, we encourage you to bring food donations for the Beacon of Hope Food Co-op each communion Sunday. As we share a meal at the Lord's Table, let's be reminded of those who are in need of food right here in our own community. Please bring donated items to the marked bin outside the kitchen, across from room 118. Our youth and children will be collecting food in their own classes as well. The list of items needed is below. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry. If you are interested in volunteering with the food co-op, please contact Tresa Childs at [childs4au@att.net](mailto:childs4au@att.net).

- cereal
- juice
- canned chili/stew/ravioli
- soup
- jelly
- oil
- coffee & tea
- canned meat
- sugar
- mayo
- canned fruit



## Church Directory Photos Begin Next Week

We hope you will make time to be a part of the next church directory. Online registration is open so you can schedule your family's portrait time. You can find the link to online scheduling on the church website (News/Upcoming Events) and on Facebook & Twitter.

You will receive a free 8x10 and church directory for participating. The photography will take place in room 214 located in the Children's Wing near the main elevator. Photography dates: 9/29, 9/30, 10/1, 10/6, 10/14-17, 10/20-24. If you need additional assistance, please contact Caroline Lamar at 521-0299 or [clamar@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:clamar@churchstreetumc.org).

## Kinder Choir Begins October 12

All children ages 4 and 5 (Pre-K and Kindergarten) are invited to participate in Kinder Choir on Sundays at 5:15-6 p.m. beginning Sunday, October 11, in room 212. This choir, led by Shirley Smith, will rehearse through November 29 and sing for the Advent Crafts Festival on Sunday, December 6. Please contact Shirley if your child is interested, 681-2919 or [fcountr@charter.net](mailto:fcountr@charter.net).

## Church Street UMC Calendar: September 27–October 3

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT  
Blessing of the Animals  
Sunday, 3 pm, Courtyard  
Midweek Communion Service  
Wednesday, noon, Chapel

### Sunday School—9:40 AM

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204  
Covenant Bible Study  
Sunday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Women's Bible Study  
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 201-A

### Meetings & Ministry

FPU Class  
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 202  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, noon, CLC 127  
Communications Committee  
Wed., 5 pm, rm 201-A  
Lay Leadership  
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

### Youth

NightLife  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC  
Wesley House Tutoring  
Tuesday, 3:45 pm, off-site  
Middle School Girls Bible Study  
Wed., 5:30 pm, lower CLC  
Guys Bible Study  
Wed., 5:30 pm, lower CLC  
Youth Band Rehearsal  
Wed., 6:45 pm, CLC 11  
Prayer Breakfast  
Thursday, 7:15 am, Bearden  
Chik-Fil-A

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper  
Sunday, 4:55 pm, Parish Hall  
Bridge  
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124  
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

Lydia Circle  
Friday, noon, rm 119

### Singles

Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym  
First Friday Dance  
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

### Music

Youth Choir  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Choristers Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306  
Primary Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308  
Adult Handbells  
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303  
Parish Adult Choir  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

### Lectionary READINGS

**September 27**  
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

**October 4**  
Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

## Reflections

—Rev. Nicole Krewson

September is National Suicide Prevention month. I recently had the privilege of being the keynote speaker for the East Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network's "Diversity in Faith" event. A panel of faith leaders representing different faith traditions discussed how our respective traditions respond to suicide and how we can better be in ministry to those who are contemplating suicide as well as those who are survivors of suicide.



As the keynote speaker, I was asked to share my experiences with suicide. When I stopped to think about how deeply I've been affected by suicide throughout my life, I counted seven people among my family, friends, and colleagues who have died by suicide. I've tried to be open and honest with others about my own grief. I've been heartbroken, angry, confused, and even questioned my faith in the face of the loss of my loved ones. I want others to know it's okay to be open and honest with our grief before God.

The witness of Romans chapter 8: "Nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ" has been a great comfort for me. Another source of comfort is the way Jesus showed compassion and care for those who were hurting. Also, knowing I am not alone in my grief has been a source of comfort and hope.

When I spoke of my experience, I shared that my first response is to be a caring, compassionate, and non-judgmental listener. We heard from the epistle of James a few weeks ago in worship, and I cannot begin to stress how important his advice to be quick to listen and slow to speak is in helping those who are hurting. Feelings of isolation and hopelessness often are felt by those contemplating suicide as well as those who have lost loved ones to suicide. One of the first steps of prevention and healing is to simply listen to those who are hurting.

Moving beyond the stigma and shame that often accompany mental and emotional health issues is also important. Illnesses affecting how we feel emotionally are just as real and profound as illnesses that affect our physical well-being. We never tell people with heart disease or cancer to just pull themselves out of it. Understanding and compassion must be given to those dealing with mental and emotional health issues.

If you or a loved one is struggling with thoughts of suicide or if you are a survivor who is grieving, there is hope, and there is help. You are loved. Know you can talk to me or any of the other clergy. Also, know that if you need help beyond what we can provide professionally, we will help you find the care you need.

Blessings,  
Pastor Nicole

(National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-TALK,  
Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network: [tspn.org](http://tspn.org))

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## AARP Smart Driving Class

The AARP Smart Driving Course is a classroom refresher course for drivers ages 50 and older, explaining the changes that occur in vision, hearing and reaction time as we age, and provides useful safety tips for handling these changes. The course is taught by Nancy Carmon and will be held at Church Street on Thursday, October 8, and Friday, October 9, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in room 204. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Please call 865-524-3048 to register for the class. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 7.

## DEVOTION b o o k

The Congregational Care Committee is planning a book of Advent Devotions written by members of our congregation. If you would like to contribute a short devotion (250 words) to be considered for publication, please contact Caroline Lamar at 521-0299 or [clamar@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:clamar@churchstreetumc.org) to receive the writing guidelines. All submissions are due by Monday, October 12.

## MISSIONS n e w s

There is still time to volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity project that will begin in October. You may volunteer by visiting [www.churchstreetumc.org/habitat\\_2015](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/habitat_2015). More than 65 volunteers are needed to make the build a success. There is a place for you!

## LIBRARY n e w s

The church library received several updates over the summer. The new computerized card catalog is now up and running. If you would like to learn how to use the new software, please stop by on Sundays, September 27, during the Sunday School hour and someone will assist you.

## SHARING s h o p s

The Sharing Shops are preparing for cooler temperatures and we know that many of our customers lack essentials such as blankets and socks. Please consider donating the following items during these next several months. Your support is greatly appreciated and we know that we would not be able to help others without your donations and your prayers. Items needed at this time: Socks (men and women), Blankets, Jackets and coats (adult and children), Long-sleeved shirts (men and women), Men's jeans.

## 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:

*Parkwest:* Bob Paulson

**Home from the Hospital:** Rob Troxler, Luke Gaddis, Sandra Flinter

#### Christian Sympathy:

To the family of **Darrell Alsip** on his death on September 17.

### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	685
Sunday School	409

### Our Gifts (9/13)

Received toward budget	\$39,951.70
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$ 13,428.33
Other	\$34,120
Hunger Helper	\$ 220.75

## Our Church Family

*New Members:*

- Chelsea Hale and Zach Ladd joined by profession of faith on Sunday, September 20, at the 11 a.m. service.

## Memorials

*In Memory of:*

- **Charlie Coffey**  
*Capital Campaign:* Bill & Janie Dempster
- **Christopher Georges**  
*Capital Campaign:* Bill & Janie Dempster  
*Youth Choir:* Ann Warwick  
*Youth Choir:* Kirk & Lisa Icuss  
*Youth Choir:* James & Laura McNeil
- **Lucy Gibson**  
*Memorial:* Dave & Betty Craig
- **Betty Olson**  
*Capital Campaign:* Bill & Janie Dempster  
*Capital Campaign:* Hugh & Janice Hixson  
*Capital Campaign:* Dottie Winfrey  
*Capital Campaign:* Larry & Loretta Best  
*Memorial:* Bob & Barbara Eldridge, Jr.  
*Memorial:* Zan Schriver, Jr.  
*Capital Campaign:* William & Carol Reeves, III  
*Capital Campaign:* Gentry, Tipton & McLemore  
*Memorial:* Dave & Betty Craig

## Contact Us

Church Office (865) 524-3048  
Hours: Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Fax number (865) 521-0288  
Pastor On-Call Number (865) 320-9100  
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)  
Watch *Rejoice!* on our web site.  
Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

## Staff Directory

**Dial 521-0 + extension**

Senior Pastor	David Graves-260
Associate Pastor	Matt Hampton-279
Associate Pastor	Barbara Clark-263
Associate Pastor	Nicole Krewson-298
Minister of Spiritual	
Enrichment	Jan Wade-264
Minister of Discipleship	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	-282
Child Care Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director	Jenny Cross-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,
	Jeffery Rose, Stacey Mitchell,
	Jonathan Breeden, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047

## Greeters 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](mailto:cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net)

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 27

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Donald G. Rhodes by LaNoka and Grant Rhodes.



*In Memoriam*

**Darrell Alsip**  
Died: 09/17/2015

*Living Christ, Teaching Christ,  
Offering Christ*



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