

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 22

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. David Graves

“What Is the Truth?”

John 18:33-38a and Luke 15:1-24

Wednesday, November 25

No Midweek Communion

Please note there will not be a service on Wednesday, November 25. It will resume on December 2.

Sunday Supper

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, November 22

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

Menu:

Chicken Madeira, Buttered Pasta
Steamed Vegetables, Homemade
French Bread

House Salad and Desserts

Kids:

Chicken Nuggets & Tater tots

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

Let UMW Take the Stress Out of Your Thanksgiving

Plan to stop by the UMW Bake Sale in the Church Life Center hallway this Sunday, November 22, to pick up some delicious baked goods and casseroles! We have some of the best bakers in town and we would love to share our talents with you this holiday season! In addition to cakes, pies and more, the UMW Cookbook will be available for purchase. The cost is \$10 per book.



Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Beacon of Hope Food Co-op as well as scholarships for Church Street UMW members to attend the UMW Leadership Development Conference in Lake Junaluska in January 2016.

Jim Fleming Lectures This Weekend

This weekend, November 21-22, Church Street will host the James Fleming Lecture Series. Dr. James Fleming, noted archaeologist, biblical scholar and founder of the Biblical History Center in LaGrange, GA, will offer lectures on the overall topic, “Finding God in Difficulty.” There is no cost for the lectures, only \$7 for

Saturday, November 21

8:30-9 a.m.

Coffee, Juice & Refreshments

9-10:15 a.m.

The Geography of the Bible

10:30-11:45 a.m.

The God of the Exodus

Sunday, November 22

9:40-10:40 a.m.

The Daughters of My People

3:30-4:45 p.m.

The Vinedresser & the Vineyard

4:45-5:30 p.m.

Dinner in Parish Hall

5:45-6:45 p.m.

The Tear Cup

Sunday supper between the last two lectures. Please make a meal reservation by calling 524-3048. Many of Dr. Fleming’s notebooks and gift items will be for sale.

Be In Prayer for Fall Youth Retreat

Please be in prayer for our youth as they travel this weekend (November 20-22) for Spiritual Life Advance (SLA), their annual fall retreat. Almost 70 youth and adults, including Pastor Nicole, will spend time in worship and fellowship. The group will travel to Camp BaYoCa in Sevierville. This retreat is one of the most important weekends in youth ministry each school year. Our students, volunteers, and leaders are looking forward to a weekend of renewal and rest. Please keep them in your prayers throughout the weekend.

LIVING STONES



SPIRITUAL LIFE ADVANCE

A Decembered Grief

As the world moves forward with the festivities of life and light, those who mourn often face a season of shadows and loss. If you find yourself wrapped in sorrow as Christmas approaches this year, perhaps because you have lost a loved one, a cherished pet, or have suffered another type of hurt, these sessions may be helpful to you. Reverends Jan Wade and Diana Brown Taylor will explore avenues toward grace and healing the Wednesdays of December 2, 9, 16, & 23, from 6-7 p.m. in room 201-C. Participants are asked to register for the class through the church office, and to purchase the book *A Decembered Grief: Living with Loss While Others Are Celebrating* by Harold Ivan Smith. Books may also be purchased in advance from the church office. Childcare is available.

Sharing Shop Needs List

Cold weather is fast approaching and our Sharing Shops are busy and in need of the following items. Several of our customers are homeless, some have no heat, many are ill and all have needs that we can help meet. Please share any of the following items if you can and know that they are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do and share.

- Coats (adult and children)
- Socks (adult and children)
- Children's clothing, especially girl's
- Blankets
- Large shopping bags
- Christmas wrapping paper

We would also like to thank the congregation for its support of our recent toilet paper drive. Approximately 900 rolls were collected and we are, once again, so very grateful for this outpouring of support for our shops. Toilet paper continues to be the #1 requested item.

Thanksgiving Baskets A Success

On behalf of our church, I want to express my profound gratitude to everyone who made this year's Thanksgiving Basket event such a resounding success. Thanks to Jenny Cross and Sue Isbell, who led the effort and put in many hours of work in preparation for the big day; to the youth and children, who filled the gym with their joy and excitement, and managed to pack 160 boxes in record time; to Richard Ginn and his team at Beacon of Hope, for delivering boxes to those we serve in South Knoxville; to Melinda Derrick, for her invaluable help with the logistics of delivery, and for calling all the basket recipients; to everyone, young and old alike, who packed and taped and delivered; and to everyone who donated money to make this possible. Sunday was a joyful and blessed day, a day to be proud of the life and work going on at Church Street. Thank you all!

- Pastor Matt



Church Street UMC Calendar: November 22-28

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Jim Fleming Lectures
Sunday, 9:40 am, Parish Hall
Sunday, 3:30 pm, Parish Hall
Sunday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Contemplative Prayer Group
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 301

UMW

Bake Sale
Sun., 8:15 am, CLC Hallway
Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall

Meetings & Ministry

SERRV Market
Sunday, 9 am, CLC Hallway
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 127
CollegeLife Small Group
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 124

Youth

Fall Retreat
Sunday, off-site
Wesley House Tutoring
Tuesday, 3:45 pm, Wesley House

Music

KinderChoir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Choristers Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Parish Adult Choir
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 4:45 pm, Parish Hall
Bridge
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27.



Lectionary READINGS

November 22
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 29
Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

Reflections

—Rev. David Graves

Holy! Holy is the word that keeps running through my mind as I reflect back on this past Sunday. The entire Church Street UMC city block was alive from great worship in the Nave, children, youth and adults coming together to fill 160 Thanksgiving Baskets in the Church Life Center, Sunday Classes meeting throughout our buildings, to a delicious meal being served in the Parish Hall.

It was a Holy moment for me in worship to see our Chancel steps filled with children in both morning worship services. Our preacher for the day, Chris Brown, sat on these same steps as a child and was nurtured by the pastors and people of this congregation. Our Parish Youth and Adult Choirs blessed us in music, and former pastor, Bill Fowler, who mentored Chris in his call to ministry, shared in our worship services. It was a Holy moment when people came and placed their 2016 Faithworks Commitment Card in the baskets and many prayed at the altar. It was a Holy moment as people moved through our worship space as if the rushing of the Holy Spirit was moving about.

It was a Holy moment as Chris, Suzanne, and their daughter, Ella, stood up front following worship along with Bill and Virginia Fowler, and Nancy and I. What a special privilege for us to share together in this special day. It was Holy for me to see smiles, laughter, and love abounding in this place on Sunday. One young adult who was visiting with us for the first time said, "This is my first time to visit here and this church is all that I have been looking for! I can't wait to be back next Sunday." Their reflection was so special to me, and just think, it was Stewardship Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who turned in your Faithworks Commitment Card. We received others last Sunday and throughout the week in the mail. I encourage each of you who have not joined with us in this Holy opportunity to get your card in over the next week so that we can finalize plans for the wonderful ministry opportunities before us in 2016.

Many have shared with me what a great day we had here on Sunday. It was a great day! For me, it was filled with Holy moments that assure us that the best is always yet to come.

We need this assurance as we live life in a broken world. Our hearts break for the people of Paris, other parts of Europe, and the Middle East. The news and social media paint a fearful and bleak picture. We need to be in much prayer for our community, our nation, and the nations of the world. Moreover, it is the Holy moments of a day like this past Sunday that remind us that God is greater still.

This Sunday, I look forward to sharing a message titled, "*What is the Truth?*" Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas are approaching. More Holy moments!

In Christ,
David



SERRV market

The SERRV market is back at Church Street. You are invited to shop at the market on Sundays, November 22 and 29, in the CLC Hallway. We will be selling the fair-trade merchandise beginning at 9 a.m. Shop early for the best selection. The SERRV market is sponsored by the Missions Committee. For more information, visit www.serrv.org.

ADVENT wreaths


During the season of Advent, families participate in the two Sunday morning services by lighting the Advent wreath. If you and your family would like to participate in lighting the Advent Wreath in either of the two services on Sunday morning and have not done it in several years, please contact Rev. Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, risbell@churchstreetumc.org. He will be compiling a schedule of all families who would like to participate in lighting the Advent Wreath beginning on Sunday, November 29.

MUSIC news

Church Street member Fay Adams and Music Associate Edie Johnson will present a recital of works for two pianos on Friday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. in Powell Recital Hall at the Haslam Music Center of the University of Tennessee. This free concert will feature Latin American dances by William Bolcom, a sonata by Mozart and virtuosic works by Witold Lutoslawski and Darius Milhaud.

MISSIONS news

We still need donations to meet our fundraising goal for the Habitat for Humanity project. You can donate online at the church website or by placing a designated check in the offering plate. For more information, please see Pastor Barbara.



Funds needed to complete our ministry, mission and operating expenses for 2015:
\$560,370

FAITH + WORKS =
CHANGED LIVES

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: Juanita Doss

Tennova Physicians Regional: Cynthia Del Cul

Home from the Hospital:

Gene Flintner, Rebecca May to Shannondale Healthcare

Christian Sympathy:

To Marc Gamble & family on the death of his grandmother, Rosemary Westbrook, on November 10.

To Pati Scott & family on the loss of her great-granddaughter, Connally Ann McCurry.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	713
Sunday School	389

Our Gifts (11/8)

Received toward budget	\$66,762.36
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$16,948.33
Other	\$18,775

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 22

The Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Joe R. Shepherd by Claire Shepherd and Susan & Louie Kramer.

Advent Crafts Festival

We need volunteers for the upcoming Advent Craft Festival. It is Sunday, December 6, with volunteers reporting at 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 5 p.m. and crafting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will take place in the Parish Hall and the crafts will be in the gym this year. There will be 17 craft stations so we need about 35 volunteers.

If you could assist, the Adult Council would very much appreciate it! Please contact Susan Dominick at 604-4023 or susanlynnedominick@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Brooks Elisha Johnson**
Children's Ministry: LaNoka Rhodes

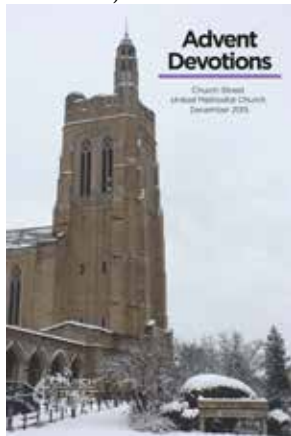
Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Janette Bingham**
History Room: Martha Hess
UMW Missions: Stella Lyons
UMW Missions: Betty Anderson
UMW Missions: Bible Harris Smith P.C. Partners & Staff
UMW Missions: Tennessee Audiology Partners, McMinnville Hearing Center, Cookeville Audiology & Hearing Aids
- **James Busker**
Capital Campaign: Murphy Builders Class
- **Dorothy Coker**
Memorial: Bob & Mary Carmichael
- **Arnold (Roy) Godsey**
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
Capital Campaign: Dorothy Winfrey
Music: LaNoka Rhodes
Memorial: Paul S. Bay & Sara Culvahouse
- **James Lawell**
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
Capital Campaign: Dorothy Winfrey
- **Felix Line**
Memorial: Mary B. Line
- **Frances Thomas**
Music: LaNoka Rhodes
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
Kay Center: Dorothy Winfrey
Memorial: Kurt & Anna Graunke

Advent Devotion Books

Our church's Advent devotional books will be available Sunday, November 29. Written by Church Street members and illustrated by our children, the book of daily Advent



devotions can be found around the church in regular and large print editions. This Advent ministry is coordinated through and provided by our

Congregational Care Committee.

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:

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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,
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	Lee West, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047



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