



THE MESSENGER

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Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 29

1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Nicole Krewson
“The Beginning is Near”

Luke 21:25-36

Wednesday, December 2

Midweek Communion Service

Begins at 11:40 a.m. with an
Advent Recital in the Nave

Classical guitarist Rob Cameron and
violinist/violinist Jim Davis will present
a concerto by Antonio Vivaldi,
Ave Maria by Franz Schubert,
and other familiar works.

Lunch will be served afterwards in
Parish Hall for \$7. Make a reservation
by calling 524-3048.

Church Conference Set for December 1

Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. is our Annual Charge Conference Session where Church Leadership is elected for the year, Pastor’s salaries are set, and other action items take place. Our District Superintendent, Nathan Malone, will be present to lead us.

The first part of our meeting will be extended to a Church Conference for the sole purpose of allocating funds from the sale of church parsonages over the years to the Hill Street Parking Lot Project. The Church Council has approved the Trustees recommendation to level the upper lot, replace the retaining wall, landscape, and place stairs to the lower lot. This will greatly help our handicap and special needs parking, along with making all parking on the Hill Street side more accessible.

In a Church Conference, every member has voice and vote. In a Charge Conference, every member has voice, but only elected members of the Church Council will have vote. Following the Church Conference and Charge Conference, the Church Council will meet to take care of any additional needed business. Please note: Dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Call 524-2038 to make a meal reservation.

Rev. Jim Bailes to Speak at UMW Christmas Service

Don’t miss our United Methodist Women’s annual Christmas service and luncheon on Saturday, December 5. The service begins in the Nave at 11 a.m. Former Church Street Associate Pastor Jim Bailes will deliver the meditation.

The luncheon begins at noon in Parish Hall. Our special Church Street tradition has been that individual UMW Circles decorate their own tables and enjoy Food Service Director Mike Weatherly’s wonderful meal together. Circle members may decorate their tables on Friday, December 4, from 1-3 p.m. or on Saturday morning before our program begins.

Each Circle Chairperson should call the church office at 524-3048 with a total number of reservations for their Circle. The cost of the lunch is \$10. A nursery will be provided. Please e-mail Pat Bellingrath at patbellingrath@gmail.com with the ages of your children no later than Wednesday, December 2.

If you are not involved in a UMW Circle but would like to attend the luncheon, please indicate that information when you make a lunch reservation, and we will be so pleased to seat you at one of our many festive and welcoming Circle tables. As always, all are welcome!



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**Holston Home
Offering
This Sunday
Please give generously**

Advent Devotion Books

Our church's Advent devotional books are now available. 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. You can also download a copy on the church website and click on the Advent 2015 page. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's book!



We Need Smiling Faces to Greet

- Did you know about half of our church entrances are without greeters every Sunday morning?
- Did you also know most of our greeters have been greeting for years, some for over a decade!
- There are no greeter committee meetings and no training is necessary.
- 100% of greeters' service is done while they are already at church.
- Being greeted at one of our entrances can have a profound effect on how a person views our church.

For last year's Christmas Eve services, our newest members were approached about serving as greeters. These individuals and families quickly signed up and served with enthusiasm because the importance of feeling welcome was fresh on their minds. We even added a few regular greeters, but we need more. As we make plans for the future, we need to ensure those entering our doors are made to feel welcome at Church Street. If you would like to join our amazing group of greeters, we would love to have you! Please contact Cindy Hollingsworth at cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net or 363-1124.

Volunteers Needed for Advent Crafts Festival

We need volunteers for the upcoming Advent Craft Festival on Sunday, December 6. Volunteers will report at 4:30 p.m.; dinner is 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. 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.

UMW Bake Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the UMW Bake Sale on Sunday, November 22. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$1,700! The proceeds will be given to the Beacon of Hope Food Co-op. Thank you again for making this possible!

Church Street UMC Calendar: November 29 - December 5

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT
Advent Noonday Service
Wed., Noon, Nave

Sunday School-9:40 AM

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Bridge
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Church Council Dinner
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Wednesday Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall

Meetings & Ministry

SERRV Market
Sunday, 9 am, CLC Hallway
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 127
Charge Conference
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Chapel
Properties Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Singles

Friday Fun Night
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

UMW

Christmas Program & Luncheon
Saturday, 11 am, Nave

Youth

Night Life
Sun, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC
Wesley House Tutoring
Tuesday, 3:45 pm, Wesley House
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

Music

Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
KinderChoir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
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

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Pastor's Bible Study
Wed., 7 pm, rm 202

Lectionary READINGS

November 29
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

December 6
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Be Part of the Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 13, from 5-7 p.m. We will begin in Parish Hall with a light meal and then progress to the Nave for a unique Christmas Pageant where everyone can participate.

How do I volunteer?

This Sunday, November 29, each adult Sunday School class will receive sign-up sheets for the tasks. Sign-up sheets are also available on the large bulletin board outside the church office. For more information, please contact Sue Piper at 690-5188 or spiper1072@aol.com.



Mitten Tree Ministry

We need your help collecting mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and hats in all sizes. These items will be distributed to our guests at the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13. In the coming weeks you may place the items on the Christmas trees located on the first floor near the library, on the second floor in the Children's wing, and in the Preschool. All contributions are appreciated.

Sharing Shop Needs List

Our Sharing Shops are busy as the year winds to a close and are in need of the items listed below. 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
- Christmas wrapping paper
- Large Shopping Bags



Support the Food Co-op at Beacon of Hope

The Food Co-op at Beacon of Hope continues to grow and serve more families which means we need help stocking the shelves. Please bring donated items to the marked bin outside the kitchen. The items most-needed are: canned fruit, juice, cereal, oatmeal, grits, granola/breakfast bars, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and mayonaise. 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.

SERRV market

You have one more Sunday to shop at the SERRV market. You are invited to shop at the market on Sunday, November 29, in the CLC Hallway. We will be selling the fair-trade merchandise beginning at 9 a.m. The SERRV market is sponsored by the Missions Committee. For more information, visit www.serrv.org.

PRAYER tree

A special tree of prayer will be in our Prayer Room across from the Chapel throughout Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. It will signify the world's longing for the expected Prince of Peace. All are welcome to write their own petitions for peace or for other individual concerns on the ribbons that will be provided and to display these prayers on its branches. Petitions will be lifted up daily by clergy and by specific lay prayer team members. For more information contact Jan Wade at 521-0264.

SINGLES news

The Singles Ministry will host its First Friday dance on Friday, December 4, from 8-11 p.m. in the gym. 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. For more information, contact Barb at barbarastinnett@charter.net or Don at dlasbury@nxs.net.

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 "Give Online" on the home page. You can choose a one-time payment or set up a recurring gift.



**Funds needed to complete
our ministry, mission and
operating expenses for 2015:
\$ 501,027**

**Reminder: if you haven't turned in your
Stewardship Commitment Card, please
place it in the offering on Sunday or bring
it to the church office.**

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

Home From the Hospital:

Cynthia Del Cul

Christian Sympathy:

To Jeanie Phillips on the death of her son, Bryan Coker, on November 16.

To Betty Walter on the death of her father, Ralph Brickle, on November 21.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	696
Sunday School	400

Our Gifts (11/15)

Received toward budget	\$53,187.97
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$144,558
Other	\$14,728

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.

*Living Christ,
Teaching Christ,
Offering Christ*

Our Church Family

Baptism:

- **Lydia Kathryn Herbstritt**, daughter of Chris & Lauren Herbstritt, was baptized on Sunday, November 22, at the 11 a.m. service.

New Members:

- **Larry & Terrye Danner** joined by transfer from Concord UMC, Knoxville, TN, on Sunday, November 22, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Jim & Ann Reego** joined by transfer from Concord UMC, Knoxville, TN, on Sunday, November 22, at the 11 a.m. service.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Larry & Loretta Best**

Beacon of Hope Food Co-op: Lily Willard

- **Soup Kitchen Volunteers**

Thanksgiving Basket Fund: Barbara Shipley

- **Ann Marie Tugwell**

Youth Renovation Fund: Hotch, Ty & Mac Chandler

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Janette Bingham**

Thanksgiving Basket Fund: Carol Moore Vermillion

- **Dorothy Coker**

Capital Campaign: David & Betty Craig

- **Elaine Luttrell**

Music: David & Betty Craig

- **Mike Lyons**

Capital Campaign: The Building Committee

- **Betty Olson**

Music: Anonymous

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 29

The Altar flowers are given
in memory of

Florence & Russell W. Hillis by
Sherry & Steve Hillis and family.

The Advent Wreaths are given
in loving memory of

Dr. Lucian Trent, Mr. & Mrs.
Wilmer Loveless and Mr. Edward
Crawford and in honor of Kathleen
Crawford, given by Mike & Mary
Crawford.

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, Jeffery Rose, Stacey Mitchell, Lee West, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047



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