

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. David Graves

“Why Let Them In?”

Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17 and John 1:9-17

Wednesday, December 9

Midweek Communion Service

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

Craig Campbell will present an organ recital featuring works of J.S. Bach, Marcel Dupré, and an improvisation.

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

Sunday Supper

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, December 6

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

Menu:

Chicken Wings, Chicken Strips
 Corn Dog Bites, Mac & Cheese,
 Veggie Tray, Salad Bar and Cookies

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

UMW Christmas Service This Week

The United Methodist Women’s annual Christmas service and luncheon will be held this 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. 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 her 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. As always, all are welcome!

Advent Crafts Festival Is Here

This coming Sunday night, December 6, we will usher in the Advent season by holding our annual crafts festival from 5-7 p.m. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall and is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Please call 524-3048 to make a meal reservation.

After dinner we will move to the gym for crafts. There will be something for every age and every aspect of creativity. There will be craft centers where you can make something for your home, your tree or to take to our homebound members. The



Kinder Choir will also share some of the music they have been working on this fall.

We still need 20 volunteers to make the Advent Crafts Festival possible. Please e-mail Susan Dominick at susanlynnedominick@gmail.com to sign up. We need your help!

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, December 6, 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 spiper1957@gmail.com.

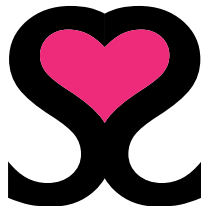
A Decembered Grief

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

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



From the Pastor

-Rev. David Graves

Thank you! Thank you for your commitment to all the ministries that take place through Church Street United Methodist Church. As 2015 quickly winds down, it is amazing all that has taken place this past year. Your faithful giving of your prayers, time, financial gifts, service and witness have blessed many. I encourage all of us to do what God leads us to do in our giving to the 2015 ministries budget so that we can finish strong. If you have not turned in your 2016 Commitment Card, please do so this week so that we can finalize ministry plans for the coming year.

This Sunday, December 6, will begin week two of Advent, and it will be a special day of worship concluding with our craft festival. My message this Sunday morning is "Why Let Them In?" from Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17 and John 1:9-17.

Advent reminds us once again that in the turbulent world in which we live, there is great hope. Malachi 3:1 "Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Advent is a wonderful time to invite others to attend with you. Come this week with eager hearts.

In Christ,
David

Church Street UMC Calendar: December 6-12

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 & Recital
Wed., 11:40 am, Nave

Sunday School-9:40 AM

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Pastor's Bible Study
Wed., 7 pm, rm 201-A

Music

Parish Adult Choir
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

Meetings & Ministry

Stephen Ministry
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 127
Singles Council
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 120
CollegeLife Small Group
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Decembered Grief
Wed., 6 pm, rm 201-C
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Moms Group
Friday, 10 am, rm 103

UMW

Circle #11
Wed., 6:30 pm, Off-site

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

CollegeLife Lunch
Sunday, 12:15 pm, Parish Hall
Advent Crafts Festival
Sunday, 5 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

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

Lectionary

READINGS

December 6

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

December 13

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Alternative Christmas Gifts

Dear Church Street Family-

As we enter the season of Advent, we seek to have a deeper relationship with the One who is the greatest gift to us. I hope all of us are making plans to spend adequate time in prayer, devotion, and service as we look towards the birthday of the Christ-child. I am grateful to all of the church leaders, staff, and servants who are offering many opportunities for us to experience spiritual growth during this holy season. Because we live in a gift-giving culture, we might feel pressured to “shop until we drop.” As Christ’s followers, we have the wisdom to find balance in the midst of the hectic schedule, constant marketing, and alluring presents.

Are you looking for special gifts to share with your friends and family this year that will reflect the true meaning of this season? Here are some ideas for you to consider.

Church Street UMC

Make checks payable to CSUMC, and write the cause on the notation line.

- **Soup Kitchen**
- **Benevolence Team**
- **Habitat for Humanity**
- **Youth Scholarships**
- **Sharing Shops**
- **Beacon of Hope**
- **Kay Center**

Holston Conference and Knoxville District

Wesley House:

Every year, generous individuals and groups sponsor Wesley House children and “grannies” (senior citizens) for Christmas. These gifts allow our kids and grannies to experience the best Christmas possible. If you would like to sponsor a kid or a family, please contact Anderson Olds. If you would like to adopt a granny, please contact Sharon Earl. All gifts must be turned in by Monday, December 14. Contact information: 1719 Reynolds Street; Knoxville, TN, 37921, (865)524-5494.

Holston Home: www.holstonhome.org

Wesley Woods Camperships:

329 Wesley Woods Road • Townsend, TN 37882 • (865) 448-2246
campwesleywoods.com/camperships

UT Wesley Foundation:

Publix gift cards for students in need (Publix only, please) –
Please give cards to Pastor Barbara or Pastor Matt.

Logo United Methodist Church in South Sudan:

Contact the Knoxville District Office: P.O. Box 6680, Knoxville, TN, 37914, (865)470-7005.

Family Promise of Knoxville - www.familypromiseknox.org

Global Church

Advance Specials – www.umc.org/advance

Heifer International – www.heifer.org

Imagine No Malaria – www.umcor.org

I wish you a holy and meaningful Advent season!

Blessings,

Pastor Barbara



Reflections on Fall Retreat

-Jenny Cross, Youth Director

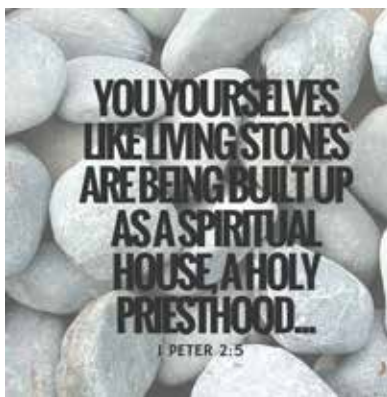
On the weekend before Thanksgiving, our youth traveled to Camp BaYoCa for Spiritual Life Advance (SLA). This weekend is a time to step away from life's hectic demands and focus on our individual walks with Christ. Students in grades 6-12 spent time in worship, fellowship, study, and quiet time. I believe it is one of the holiest and most joyful weekends of my entire year.

This SLA, we had the privilege of learning from Pastor Nicole. Our youth ministry theme for the year is "Living Stones" - inspired by one of Pastor David's early sermons and a piece of scripture from 1 Peter 2:5. It says, "You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood..." She challenged us to answer the question "Who is Jesus?" for ourselves, much like Jesus himself asked the apostles. She encouraged us to have our words and our actions be pleasing to God. She reminded us that we have been blessed by being surrounded by people who are living stones throughout our lives. She pushed us to be living stones for others.

It is hard for me to put into words what SLA means to me each year. I love watching the way students get to know each other on deeper levels thanks to free time and a lack of phone service. I am moved to tears by the way the youth band leads their peers through beautiful song - intentionally displaying their faith with boldness. I am in awe of the way volunteers give selflessly of their time and energy to share the love of Christ with middle and high schoolers. I am humbled by the charge I have been given to share the Gospel with these remarkable young people. It is a joy to watch students dig through their buddy bags - delighted by their contents. And it is even more of a joy to watch the bags fill back up, but this time - rather than candy or socks or notebooks - they are filled with notes of encouragement, written from one student to another.

What I can confidently say is this: SLA is one of the most physically and mentally demanding times of the entire year for me. There is always a momentary panic as we pull out of the youth lot that something is being left behind. The nights are late and the mornings are early. And I wouldn't trade it for the world. Our 3 short days of retreat are a glimpse of heaven on earth. It is as if the very ground becomes holy and the air becomes thick with the breath of God.

So, thank you. Thank you for filling Buddy Bags and covering us in prayer. Thank you for investing in the lives of our students. Thank you for seeing the value in youth ministry and helping to make events like this possible. One way that we answered the question "Who is Jesus?" is a line from one of our worship songs - He is God. He is good. He is Jesus. And I can't think of a more fitting reminder for each of us as we enter into this Advent season together.



PRAYER t r e e

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.

UMW n e w s

Thank you to everyone who contributed medicine bottles for the mission project in Malawi. The collection time has ended so we no longer need additional bottles. Thank you again for supporting this project!

SINGLES n e w s

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.

**Funds needed
to complete
our ministry,
mission and
operating
expenses for
2015:
\$472,189**

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: Amy Freyre

Home From the Hospital:

Juanita Doss to NHC Ft. Sanders

Christian Sympathy:

To Ann Marie Tugwell on the death of her mother, Alberta Eargle, on November 30.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	733
Sunday School	357

Our Gifts (11/22)

Received toward budget	\$40,434.51
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$22,471.88
Other	\$6,280.99

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be on sale Sundays, December 6 and 13, in the hallway outside the Chapel (and through the church office during the week). Help beautify the church this Advent by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant.

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.

Our Church Family

Baptism:

- **Joseph Richard Nelson**, son of Rich & Jennifer Nelson, was baptized on Sunday, November 29, at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- **Ryn Grey Miller**, daughter of Billy & Anna Miller, was baptized on Sunday, November 29, at the 11 a.m. service.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Betty Bell**
Capital Campaign: Anonymously
- **Janette Bingham**
UMW Missions: Ann Marie Tugwell
UMW Missions: Patricia Chester
- **Dorothy Coker**
Capital Campaign: Anonymously
- **Frederick Neal Dow**
Capital Campaign: Anonymously
- **Frances Thomas**
Capital Campaign: Anonymously

Altar Flowers for Sunday, December 6

The Chancel & Chapel Altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Jr. by Paul & Susie Siler.



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 days 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.

Contact Us

Church Office (865) 524-3048
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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
Watch *Rejoice!* on our web site.
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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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