

## Worship

### OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, December 13**

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

#### **Worship Times**

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

*This Sunday, the Parish Adult Choir will present a Service of Music & Readings during both services.*

**Wednesday, December 16**

#### **Blue Christmas Service**

Noon – Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Lunch will be served afterwards in Parish Hall.

Please make a reservation by calling the church office at 524-3048.

## Food Co-op Needs List



Cereal  
Pancake mix  
Breakfast bars  
Juice  
Canned fruit

Please bring these items to the designated bin outside the kitchen, across from room 118.

Thank you for your continued support of this growing ministry at Beacon of Hope.

## Join Us for 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. We hope you will join us for this special telling of the Christmas story!



## Mitten Tree Ministry

We need your help collecting mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and hats of all sizes. These items will be distributed to our guests at the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13. 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.

## Blue Christmas Service

**Wednesday, December 16, noon in the Chapel**

Again this year we will offer a Blue Christmas service in the Chapel. This service is designed for those who might have suffered some type of loss during the past year – a death, an illness, a loss of relationship or employment, and just about any life change. The invitation is to all who find themselves feeling “blue” this year to join us for this service of hope.

The service begins at noon in the Chapel and will last about 30 minutes. Lunch will be served in Parish Hall following the service; cost is \$7 per person. Please call 865-524-3048 or e-mail [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org) by Monday, December 14, to make a meal reservation.

## Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be on sale this Sunday, December 13, in the hallway outside the Chapel. Help beautify the church this Advent by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant.

## New Children's Director Announced

We are pleased to announce that Church Street has hired Ms. Katryn McKinney to serve as our new Director of Children's Ministries. Having grown up at Church Street, Katryn completed her undergraduate studies at Milligan College, served there as an intern in children's ministry at Grace Fellowship Church in Johnson City, and comes to us after serving as Children's Director at First UMC of Starkville, Mississippi.

Katryn will begin on January 1, 2016. We invite you to pray for her as she prepares to lead this vital ministry with us, and to consider the ways that we might all welcome her back to Church Street.

## Four-Course Fellowship begins in January

### Sign-up deadline Sunday, December 27

The next 4-month rotation of Four-Course Fellowship begins in January, and you can be a part of it. In this fellowship opportunity, groups will be established and locations, appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts will rotate monthly within the group.

**Here's how it works:** You sign up (with a spouse, relative or friend) and are placed in an eight-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:** To sign up or for more details, please contact Kathy Alexander at 379-5249. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the CLC Hallway, or e-mail [kr\\_alexander@att.net](mailto:kr_alexander@att.net) by Sunday, December 27.

## 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. Rev. Jan Wade and Rev. Diana Brown Taylor will explore avenues toward grace and healing the Wednesdays of December 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 from the church office. Childcare is available.

## Parables Class Dessert Sale

The Parables Class is having a Christmas Desserts Sale on Sunday, December 20. If you want to save a few hours during the Christmas rush, why not let the Parables take care of it? They will be offering delicious desserts for you to take home to share with your family and friends. The sale will run from 9-11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. All proceeds will go to the Wesley House, Emerald Youth Foundation and the Sharing Shops at Church Street and Beacon of Hope. Please stop by the Christmas Desserts Sale for some delicious treats in support of Parables mission efforts.

### Prayer Tree

A special tree of prayer is in our Prayer Room across from the Chapel throughout Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. It signifies the world's longing for the expected Prince of Peace. All are welcome to write petitions for peace or for other individual concerns on the ribbons provided. Petitions will be lifted up daily by clergy and by specific lay prayer team members.

## Church Street UMC Calendar: December 13-19

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT  
Blue Christmas Service  
Wed., noon, Chapel

### Sunday School-9:40 AM

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Contemplative Prayer  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 301  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 201-A

### Meetings & Ministry

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

### Music

Parish Adult Choir  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

### Youth

Christmas Parties  
Sun., 12:30 pm, off-site

### Singles

Christmas Gathering  
Tuesday, 6 pm, off-site  
Game Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Christmas Pageant  
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  
Men's Basketball Practice  
Wed., 6 pm, Gym

### Lectionary READINGS

**December 13**  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

**December 20**  
Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

## Reflections

—Rev. David Graves

This past Saturday, my Dad served as the Grand Marshal in the Fountain City Christmas Parade. He and my mom rode in the front of the parade route. He was proud of the fact that he rode ahead of all the politicians. My Dad is a lifelong resident of Fountain City. Outside of his years in the Marines, he has always lived there.

This year, I will spend this Christmas with the wonderful people of Church Street and in my community of Fountain City where I spent the first 25 years of my life. Yet, the Fountain City Christmas Parade with my Dad serving as the Grand Marshal brought back a lot of memories. My great grandfather owned a laundry business in Fountain City, and his laundry wagon was pulled by a horse. My grandfather owned Fountain City Automotive on Broadway, and this is where we would gather to watch the Fountain City Christmas Parade as a child. His store was across from Steven's Drug Store where community politics were discussed and decisions made. My grandfather also served on the County School Board for 28 years. Both buildings, my grandfather's store and Steven's Drug Store, have long been torn down, and the places to talk community politics and events is Panera Bread or Litton's. Major automotive chains now sell parts, and laundry services are abundant in the area.

The Fountain City community has changed dramatically over the years. Most of the change has been good, but the traffic is overwhelming. Yet, the stories of the past are now a part of my story. I am thankful for great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents that instilled in me what it means to be a follower of Christ, hard work, make your word count for something, and make a difference wherever you are planted. My Dad has been planted in the Fountain City Community going on 86 years. This past Saturday the community honored him as the Grand Marshal in the annual Christmas Parade.

As we approach Christmas, Jesus is honored that you are a child of God. Just perhaps, we all need to reminisce a little of who is in our life story. Maybe you need to come home this Christmas. Perhaps you need to welcome someone into your life this Christmas or you may need to let something go.

Your story and God's story make a great combination. I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday as we have a wonderful day of worship to be shared. In the meantime, we keep writing our story!

In Christ,  
David



## SINGLES n e w s

The Singles Ministry invites you to join us for a Christmas outing on Tuesday, December 16. We will meet for dinner at Rosarito's Mexican Cantina on 210 Lovell Rd. at 6 p.m. Please call the church office at 524-3048 for reservations by noon on December 16. All are welcome!

## FAMILY p r o m i s e

You have the opportunity to help Family Promise. It is the only shelter program in Knoxville that can keep families together as they battle back from homelessness. Four times a year Church Street partners with Church of the Ascension and other churches to host Family Promise families. We host dinner two evenings from 5:30-8 p.m. You can help by organizing your family, Sunday school class or other church group to host a potluck dinner either December 21 or 22. Overnight hosting opportunities also are available. For more information please see Pastor Barbara or contact Zayna Trammell at 660-2828.

## SHARING s h o p

We want to thank you for the many items you have donated over the past weeks. We continue to be inspired by your generosity and your support, and it is because of you that we are able to be in mission in our shops. We have received so many donations, and we cannot think of a better way to celebrate this Christmas than to share things such as basic human necessities with our neighbors. Jenny Cross and the middle school youth purchased and wrapped many packages for our children at the Beacon of Hope. We appreciate each of you and your love for all God's children and want you to know that while we see so much wrong in our world, there is so much good in our Sharing Shops.

**Funds needed to complete our ministry,  
mission and operating expenses for 2015:  
\$396,317**

## 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 Turkey Creek:* John Ed Cox

#### Home From the Hospital:

Amy Freyre, Joy McCabe

#### Christian Sympathy:

To Phillip Sherman and family on the death of his father, Tom Sherman, on December 1.

To Tom Parkhill, Jr. on the death of his wife, and Tom Parkhill, III, on the death of his mother, Grace Parkhill, on December 2.

To the family of Richard Reed Sterchi on his death on December 2.

### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	975
Sunday School	488

### Our Gifts (11/29)

Received toward budget	\$28,837.71
Capital Campaign Contributions	\$9,235
Other	\$28,385.72

### In Memoriam

#### Richard Reed Sterchi

Joined: 08/23/2012 Died: 12/2/2015

### In Memoriam

#### Grace Parkhill

Joined: 12/4/1960 Died: 12/2/2015

## Our Church Family

### New Members:

- **Stephanie Allen** joined by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, TN, on Sunday, December 6, at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- **William (Dusty) Holder** joined by transfer of membership from Ft. Donalson UMC in Dover, TN, on Sunday, December 6, at the 8:30 a.m. service.

## Memorials

### In Memory of:

- **Alberta Eargle**  
*Youth Choir:* Tim & Terri Ward
- **Thomas Sherman**  
*Memorials:* Robert & Amy Cathey

## Honorariums

### In Honor of:

- **Rev. Barbara Clark**  
*Discretionary Fund:* Anonymous
- **Jo Lynn Cunningham**  
*Food Co-op:* Mary Lewis
- **Tim Ward**  
*Discretionary Fund:* Anonymous

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, December 13

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Carl & Betty Bell by Celia & Andy Ferguson and Rachel & Alan Burley and families.



## 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.  
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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	Dona McConnell 599-5047

## New Care Notes Have Arrived

In the literature rack in the Chapel hallway there are new Care Notes helping persons deal with issues around the holiday season and beyond. Provided by the Congregational Care Committee the Care Notes are short and concise printed materials helping persons deal with many of the life issues that come our way in unexpected ways. Next time you need a new perspective on a difficult or everyday issue, try our Care Notes. It just might help you see things in a whole new way.

*Living Christ, Teaching Christ,  
Offering Christ*



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