



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 20

4th Sunday of Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. David Graves

Who Let Her In?

Luke 1:47-55

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

All services are held in the Nave and include candlelight & communion.

Noon - Midday Service

3 p.m. - Family Service

5 p.m. - Evening Service

10:30 p.m. - Evening Service

Sunday, December 27

1st Sunday after Christmas

Combined Worship

11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. David Graves

Greeters Still Needed For Christmas Eve Services

We need more greeters for the Christmas Eve services! We have the greatest number of visitors at one time on Christmas Eve. There will be four Christmas Eve services, and we need greeters to be at the primary entrance doors from the parking lots to greet and welcome our guests. No greeting experience needed! Greeting times are 11:30 a.m. (for the noon service), 2:30 p.m. (for the 3 p.m. service), 4:30 p.m. (for the 5 p.m. service), and 10 p.m. (for the 10:30 p.m. service). If you would like to help, please contact Cindy at cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net or 363-1124 and include the service you will attend.



Staff Changes at Church Street

After eighteen years of faithful service caring for the children of our church, Jamie McKinney will be stepping down as Child Care Coordinator at the end of this year. With gratitude for the vital role she has played in the life of Church Street, we invite everyone to join us in expressing our affection and thanks to Jamie for her love, diligence, and care over these many years.

We are pleased to announce that Youth Director Jenny Cross has accepted the position of Director of Youth Ministry and College Life, a role she will engage alongside her current responsibilities in Youth Ministry. In order to help make this possible, the church will be utilizing the services of three interns, one for Children's Ministry, one for Youth Ministry, and one for College Ministry. We give thanks for Jenny, for her leadership, her many talents and graces, and her hard work. We ask for your prayers and support as we make this vital expansion in our student ministries.

We are also pleased to announce that Dona McConnell has been hired as the new Director of Beacon of Hope, following the retirement of Richard Ginn on November 30. Dona is a Church Street member, and has already played a vital role at Beacon of Hope as a volunteer. In less than two years, Beacon has become well-known as one of the outstanding ministries in Knox County. We look forward to what this next chapter holds, and invite your prayers and support for Dona, all the volunteers at Beacon of Hope, and the people of Vestal UMC, where Beacon is located.

Parish Adult Choir Music Special

Special music from the Parish Adult Choir will air on WVLT-TV four times this holiday season:

- **Sunday, December 20 - 8:30 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, December 24 - 7:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 25 - 5:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, December 25 - Noon**

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 by Sunday, December 27.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

You are invited to set aside some quality time with your marriage partner by attending the couple's retreat at Church Street on January 8-9, 2016. By participating, you can invest in your marriage relationship in an enjoyable and comfortable setting with other couple friends. You will also be affirming your marriage and your marriage partner, as well as giving your spouse a generous gift of your time and your attention.

The retreat will begin with dinner at the church on Friday and will conclude by 4 p.m. on Saturday. Our leaders will be Ginny & Pete Rowlett, certified Better Marriages leaders, who are now members of the Church Street congregation. Childcare will be available. The cost is \$75 per couple. Registration is limited to 12 couples. Registration forms are available in the church office.

UMW Cookbooks



Do you need a last-minute Christmas gift idea? Please consider purchasing cookbooks from the Church Street United Methodist Women. The books are \$10 each and are available in the church office and in the Chapel hallway on Sunday morning.

Church Street UMC Calendar: December 20-31

Sunday Worship

Dec. 21 - Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Dec. 28 - Combined Worship
Sunday, 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
No Midweek Communion Service
on 12/23 & 12/30

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 127
Caregiver Support Group(12/21)
Monday, 3 pm, CLC 120
Decembered Grief (12/23)
Wed., 6 pm, rm 201-C
Soup Kitchen (12/31)
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24
Noon - Midday Service
3 pm - Family Service
5 pm - Evening Service
10:30 pm - Evening Service

Music

Parish Adult Choir (12/23)
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Bridge (12/21, 12/28)
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124
Yoga (12/21, 12/28)
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball (12/22, 12/29)
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball Practice (12/30)
Wed., 6 pm, Gym

Reminder

The church office will close at noon on Thursday, December 24, and will be closed Friday, December 25 & Monday, December 28. In addition, the office will close at noon on Thursday, December 31, and be closed on Friday, January 1. The pastor on-call number is 865-320-9100.

Lectionary

READINGS

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

December 27
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory Of:

Brodie & Grace Baynes
 Carl & Betty Bell
 Don & Wilma Ferguson
 Arthur C. Bayer
 Cecilia Annette Bridges
 Virginia "Ginger" Ingersoll
 Herb & Ruth Mays
 Lucian Trent
 David J. Harris, Sr.
 Willis Callaway Lindsey, Jr.
 John W. Horton
 Parents & Grandparents
 Ruth & Wilton Lynch
 Ron Lynch
 Jane & Jerry Parker
 Thomas Sherman
 Carl & Betty Bell
 Lloyd & Camilla Kirkpatrick
 Willie & Elma Smith
 Thomas & Gladys Hannan
 Bill Gardner
 Emmett Hubbard
 Bill Wright
 Dr. Arvell Luttrell
 Grace & Brodie Baynes

 Anne Harrison Howell Kennedy

 Dr. J. Woodford Stone (Woody)
 Orville Elmore
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Elmore
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Witt
 Tom Redding
 Holland Stalcup
 Roscoe "Piggy" & Mildred Word

 Rev. George & Isabel Armbrister
 Fred & Marjorie Siddens
 Chuck Poore
 Joseph & Evelyn Poore
 Clay J. Patton, Jr.
 Betty Bell
 Frances Bennett
 Dorothy Columber
 Roy Godsey
 Joe Golden
 James Lawell
 Betty Olson

Given By:

Elizabeth Reagon
 Andy & Celia Ferguson
 Andy & Celia Ferguson
 Cathy & Jeff Goff
 Deanna & Chris Ingersoll
 Deanna & Chris Ingersoll
 Tony & Libby DiGeorge
 Jean & Edward Rhyne
 David & Patti Harris
 David & Patti Harris
 Nancy, Caren & Cheryl
 Nancy, Caren & Cheryl
 Jo, David & Jack Lynch
 Jo, David & Jack Lynch
 Jo, David & Jack Lynch
 Jo, David & Jack Lynch
 Jo, David & Jack Lynch
 Ray & Shirley Smith
 Ray & Shirley Smith
 Jean Hannan
 Vicky & Family
 Ella Mae Hubbard
 Theresa Wright
 Family
 Stephanie Baynes Womack &
 Marcia Lee Baynes
 Cole Howell &
 Sherry J. Morgan
 George & Lou McNutt
 Jeffrey Elmore
 Jeffrey Elmore
 Jeffrey Elmore
 Gail Redding, Kevin & Missy
 Clay & Staci Stalcup
 Pathfinder Sunday
 School Class
 Rick & JoAnn Armbrister
 Rick & JoAnn Armbrister
 Anita, Keller, Lucy & Carder
 Anita, Keller, Lucy & Carder
 Susann K. Patton
 Murphy Builders Class
 Murphy Builders Class
 Murphy Builders Class
 Murphy Builders Class
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In Memory Of:

Grace Parkhill
 C. B. Sells
 Frances Thomas
 Our Parents & Son
 Marcia S. Henry
 Dr. George A. Zirkle & Marilyn Zirkle Mize

 Mr. & Mrs. Grady W. Tapscott

 Richard & Christine Jones
 Nancy Dennis
 Alvin B. Thompson
 Richard Reed Sterchi
 Mary Hollyfield
 Monroe & Nan Bush
 Margaret & George McAfee
 Our Parents
 Mr. & Mrs. Hermon E. Bullinga
 Mary Bunch
 Don Bunch
 Jama McDonald Hollingsworth

 Carroll Hollingsworth

 William R. & William T. Dunlap
 Helen Whitsell Smith
 Patrick Stacy Fugate
 Douglas Chalmers Lawson
 Leigh Lawson Reeves

Given By:

Murphy Builders Class
 Murphy Builders Class
 Murphy Builders Class
 Bill & Sandra Roberts
 Barbara Shipley
 Zirkle &
 Tapscott Families
 Jack, Joyce, Ashley & Cary
 Tapscott
 Cynthia Thompson
 Cynthia Thompson
 Cynthia Thompson
 Cynthia Thompson
 Robert & Sally, Gracie & Henry Pardue
 Robert & Sally, Gracie & Henry Pardue
 Ann Warwick
 Bob & Mary Carmichael
 Jantina, Tina & Alice Tallman
 Dona McConnell
 Dona McConnell
 John, Cindy
 & Sarah Grace Hollingsworth
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 John Dunlap & Beverly Smith
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 Lynne, Scott, Henley & Patrick Fugate
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Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory Of:

Given By:

In Honor Of:

Given By:

Carolyn Brown Lawson
 Lyla Boehms
 Letha Duncan
 Anne & Neil Jourolmon
 Margaret & Earl Ailor
 Fran & Bill Sarrett
 Henry & Katherine Naff
 Charles Naff
 My Parents
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Reeder, Sr.
 Richard D. Reeder, Jr.
 Rose Piper
 Donald G. Rhodes
 James R. Carroll, Sr.
 George & Lucile Dominick
 David J. Harris
 Wilbur Warwick
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Long & Glen Long
 Harley Ferguson, Sr.
 Jean Ferguson
 Kenneth Payne
 Rhett T. & Hazel S. Johnson
 Harold M. & Nettie Lee Wimberly
 Dr. Charles Glennon Rowell
 Eva Rhetten Len
 Alex Grady Gamble, III
 Alex Grady Gamble, Jr & Martha Gamble

 Rosemary Westbrook
 Lanier Goard
 Steven Clark &
 Libby & Joe Clark
 Bertha Lees

Lynne, Scott, Henley & Patrick Fugate
 Jim Boehms
 Charlotte & Jim LaFevor
 Charlotte & Jim LaFevor
 Parables Class
 Charlotte & Jim LaFevor
 Carson, Jane & Henry
 Carson, Jane & Henry
 Marilyn Ivey
 The Carroll & McNish Families
 The Carroll & McNish Families
 Cole & Sue Piper
 LaNoka & Grant
 Jim & Rick Carroll & Families
 George & Jane Dominick
 Polly Anna Harris
 Janie & Bill Dempster
 Rick & Audrey (Long) Carroll
 Doug & Lovada Ferguson
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 Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
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 Marc & Darla Gamble
 Marc, Darla,
 Hannah & Erin Gamble
 Hannah & Erin Gamble
 Bonnie & Family
 Rev. Barbara Clark

Jim Lees

Tom & Ann Callcott
 Tom & Ann Callcott
 Bob & Norma Goff
 Zoanne M. Bayer
 Cabel Trent
 Polly Anna Harris
 Andy & Celia Ferguson
 Fran Wheeler
 Elizabeth Reagon
 Simon & Natalie Kupczyk
 Cabel & Doris Trent

 Seth, Aiden & Caroline Stalcup
 Fred & Freddie Stalcup
 Larry & Jan Kerr
 Cabel & Doris Trent
 Sam & Bobbie Carder
 Potter's Wheel Sunday School Class
 Ms. Sue Sutton
 Ms. Theresa Wright
 Pathfinders Sunday School Class
 Our Children & Grandchildren
 Deborah Sims Gregory
 Mary Ann & Barna Gibson
 Barbara & Jim Langford
 Jaime & Eric Schmittou
 Sarah & Harold Wimberly
 Mary Lewis
 George McAfee
 Sandy & John Mann
 David & Patsy Eisler

 Margaret, Steve, Becky, John & Jennifer
 Ella, Thomas & Michael
 Jeff & Cathy Goff
 Cathy & Jeff Goff
 Jean & Edward Rhyne
 David & Patti Harris
 Jo, David & Jack Lynch
 Jo Lynch
 Stephanie Womack & Marcia Lee Baynes
 Judy & Brad Thompson
 Gail Redding, Missy & Jayme Taylor
 & Avery
 Clay & Staci Stalcup
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 Mike & Lynda Faulkner
 Anita, Keller, Lucy & Carder
 Bennett & Evelyn Horton
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 Bill & Sandra Roberts
 Cynthia Thompson
 Nancy & Matt Smith
 Ann Warwick
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 Ann Warwick
 Heather Eisler &
 Nathaniel Campbell
 Heather Eisler &
 Nathaniel Campbell
 Dwight Wade
 Nancy & Matt Smith
 Jim Boehms
 Marilyn Ivey
 John & Sandy Mann
 John & Sandy Mann
 The Pathfinder Sunday School Class
 Jo & Bill Terry
 Doug & Lovada Ferguson
 Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
 Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
 Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly

Stuart & Sandy Campbell

Our Present CSUMC Clergy
 Beth & Tony Stubbs
 Eric & Jaime Schmittou
 The Music Ministry
 Harold & Sarah Wimberly
 All Church Staff
 Cabel & Doris Trent
 Tim & Terri Ward
 Eva Payne
 George & Lou McNutt
 Hugh & Janice Hixson
 Stephen & Velva Trent



Reflections

—Rev. David Graves

The Old Testament Micah begins verse 5 of chapter 5 with these words, “And he (Jesus) will be the source of peace.” The angels proclaim to the shepherds in the field the night Jesus was born in verse 14 of Luke chapter 2, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth.” Peace! Peace!! Peace!!!

Just as the people who so longed for good news and peace when Jesus came into the world, I find myself often praying these past few weeks for peace. Peace would come to our world that has so much evil. Peace would come to families that are estranged. Peace would come to race relations in our country along with how we view a whole society based on a troubled few. Peace would reign, and the talk of purchasing guns would end. It appears we want to return to the Wild, Wild West days of toting weapons and taking the law into our own hands. Fear reigns when God so much wants to give each of us peace.

As I have reflected and prayed for our world, nation and community, it seems we have gone back in time in so many ways. Perhaps, we need to go back 2,000+ years ago and rediscover where the peace that passes all understanding comes from, and that is the Christ Child.

My prayer for me is that I would draw closer to Christ in being filled with peace. I would walk in the light of Christ. Out of this peace and light, I would be a peacemaker and a light to someone else. I still believe that Jesus can change the world. It begins with one heart and soul at a time.

When we come to our Christmas Eve services, we will conclude our worship in total darkness except for the light of Christ on the Advent wreath. From the Advent wreath, I will take my lighted candle and light more candles. You will take your light and light someone else’s candle until each of us will help bring light that will penetrate the darkness. As the light spreads through the Nave, we will sing “*Silent Night*.” On the first verse it ends with, “sleep in heavenly peace.”

I ask you to join me not only in praying for peace, but to be an instrument of God’s peace. Christ changed the world years ago, and I believe still does each and every day. The light penetrates the darkness.

I look forward to seeing you this coming Sunday and at one of our four Christmas Eve Services. If you are traveling this Christmas, I pray for traveling mercies and great peace.

In Christ,
David

PS—I want to personally thank each of you who have given faithfully to the ministry of Church Street this past year. A few weeks ago, we had a goal of reaching \$660,000 to finish paying all of our 2015 expenses. This total is now down to \$344,966. This is not a budget amount, but actual funds we need to receive by/on December 31 to meet all of our financial obligations. I ask you to join me in helping us achieve our goal.



BIBLE s t u d y

The next Women’s Bible Study will begin in January and study the book “Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus” by Lisa Harper. Join us as we journey through this bridge between the Old and New testaments to get to the heart of the matter: Jesus is our accessible King. This 7-week study will begin on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, and ends on February 24, 2016. There is a weekly DVD and homework workbook. The cost of the workbook is \$14 and will be handed out on the first day of class. We meet from 9-11 a.m. in room 201-A. Childcare is provided. Please contact Juanita Cowles at 865-712-3262 or Juanita.cowles@att.net for information and to sign up.

DIRECTORY p h o t o s

If you have not yet received your free 8x10 portrait for participating in the church directory, please stop by the church office to pick it up.

NURSERY h e l p e r s

With many of our college nursery helpers heading home for the holidays, we need additional help in the nursery on Sundays, December 20 & 27. If you would like to help, please stop by the nursery on either Sunday and let Jamie McKinney know you can help.

**Funds needed to complete our ministry,
mission and operating expenses for 2015:
\$344,966**

Please note: The Messenger will not be mailed on Tuesdays, December 22 and 29. E-mail versions will be available, as well as printed copies in the church literature racks.

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

UT: Claire Shepherd

Home From the Hospital:

Sandra Flinter, Bob Paulson, Nancy Starnes

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of Sara Kramer on her death on December 7.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	955
Sunday School	421

Our Gifts (12/6)

Received toward budget	\$59,186.80
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$19,145.99
Other	\$7,265.30

Storyteller comes to Sunday School on Dec. 27

On Sunday morning, Dec. 27, Mr. Steve Roberts will be telling Christmas stories in Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour. Any of the adult, youth and/or elementary classes are welcome to join others and hear Mr. Roberts. Steve is a member of the Parables Sunday School class and has written several books about his own Christmas memories: *Christmas on Deery Street* and *A Place to Go On Christmas Eve*. Stories begin around 9:45. Remember there is only one worship service on this Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Nave.

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, Habitat for Humanity 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.

Our Church Family

Birth:

- **Knox Hardin Kiphardt** was born on November 10, to Phillip and Meg Martin Kiphardt. Larry and Jane Martin are the maternal grandparents.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Arthur Bayer**
Soup Kitchen: Jeff & Cathy Goff
- **Alberta Eargle**
Master Arts: Albert & Jennie Ritchie
Master Arts: Marc & Darla Gamble
Capital Campaign: John & Joan Scott
Youth Renovation Fund: James & Laura McNeil
- **Roy Godsey**
Memorial: Connie & Robert Alewine
Master Arts: Elizabeth Reagon
- **James Lawell**
Soup Kitchen: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Betty Olson**
Master Arts: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Grace Parkhill**
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Ann Marie Tugwell
Gardens: Elizabeth Reagon
Capital Campaign: John & Joan Scott
- **Thomas Sherman**
Benevolence: Cole & Sue Piper

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Jo Lynn Cunningham**
Food Co-op: Discovery Class
- **Lou McNutt**
Biblical History Center: Epworth Class
- **Harvey Smith**
Beacon of Hope: Belle & Kevin Six
- **Ann Marie Tugwell**
Youth Renovation Fund: Albert & Jennie Ritchie

In Memoriam

Sara Kramer

Joined: 2/12/1984 Died: 12/7/2015

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Staff Directory

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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
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