

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 27

1st Sunday after Christmas

Worship Times

11 AM – Nave

Rev. David Graves

A Second Chance for Christmas

Romans 2:4; Luke 2:41-52

Join Us Thursday For Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, we will have four candlelight communion services at Church Street—each one designed to meet a slightly different need. We hope that one of these services can become part of your Christmas tradition. This would be a wonderful occasion to invite extended family and neighbors to join you at church.

• Noon – The Midday Christmas Eve Service

This service, which includes candlelight and communion, is designed for those who want to come out for worship and get home before dark or have additional travel plans. The congregation will sing many familiar Christmas Carols and soloists will sing “Ave Maria” and “O Holy Night.” This service lasts one hour.

• 3 p.m. – The Family Service

This service, which includes candlelight and communion, is designed for families with young children. The Children’s Sermon is the focus of this service and the children are actively involved in several ways. This service lasts 45 minutes.

• 5 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

The times shown are the beginning of the musical prelude. The liturgy begins 30 minutes later in each case. The Parish Adult Choir will sing selections from Handel’s *Messiah*. Each service usually lasts about 90 minutes, including the musical prelude. Please note: a nursery will be provided at the 5 p.m. service for infants - Kindergarten.




Parish Adult Choir Music Special

Special music from the Parish Adult Choir will air on WVLT-TV three times this week:

- Thursday, December 24 - 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 25 - 5:30 a.m.
- Friday, December 25 - Noon

Christmas Stories With Steve Roberts

On Sunday morning, December 27, 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 a.m.


**Recovery
DOWNTOWN**
OPEN. INCLUSIVE. HEALING

Thursday, January 14
6 p.m.
Chapel

Join us for the kick-off of this new weekly service that will focus on health, healing, and wholeness. After the service, there will be several small group sessions, each with a different focus. We invite you to come as you are, and to be yourself.

Contact Pastor Matt at
521-0279 or mhampton@churchstreetumc.org for more information.

Four-Course Fellowship

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 and includes meals & childcare. Registration is limited to 12 couples. Registration forms are available in the church office and online at www.churchstreetumc.org (News->Upcoming Events).

Food Co-op Needs List

The items below are running low at the Beacon of Hope Food Co-op. Please consider purchasing these items and bringing them with you the next time you come to church. You may place the items in the designated bin outside the kitchen.

Peanut Butter Canned Tuna



Church Street UMC Calendar: December 23-31

Sunday Worship

Dec. 27 - 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

Decempered Grief (12/23)
Wed., 6 pm, rm 201-C
Soup Kitchen (12/31)
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Young Men's Basketball (12/29)
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

Noon - Midday Service
3 pm - Family Service
5 pm - Evening Service
10:30 pm - Evening Service



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

January 3
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Thank You From the Food Co-op

As I reflect back on the past 12 months, my heart is full with love and appreciation for all the ways you have given to the BOH Food Co-op this year. The food you have brought each week to place in the bins, the food that was made and purchased at the UMW Bake Sale, the items grown, made and purchased at the Hunger Helper Market, the food collected and delivered by Sunday School classes and other small groups, the prayers that have been lifted, and the monetary gifts you have given to buy food from Second Harvest have all impacted the lives of the Food Co-op members in more ways than just meeting their hunger needs and food insecurities. I am in awe of the response to our recent critical food need. Church Street members filled our bins to overflowing in the weeks since, assuring that our Co-op members have much-needed food for their families.

Perhaps the food is the need that initially brings them to the Co-op, but it is the love they receive from the gifts of food from people that have never met them, the community and sense of belonging from the relationships that are formed while we are together, the sense of self-worth that comes from contributing to the Co-Op, and the hope that comes from knowing God loves each and every one of us – no matter what – that is far more valuable to them. So, thank you for the Christian love and support that you have shared with these 26 wonderful families. It could not happen without you!

-Tresa Childs, Beacon of Hope Food Co-op

Women's Bible Study

Hebrews – The Nearness of King Jesus by Lisa Harper

The book of Hebrews highlights two contrasting realities. Jesus is supreme yet approachable. Hebrews was a sermon for a specific people and culture in the midst of martyrdom and persecution, but is also so relevant for us today reminding us to continue walking toward Jesus regardless of our culture or our circumstances. 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. He is not a faraway God, but an up-close Redeemer who draws near to us. Hebrews helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, but He is also compassionate, empathetic and loving to no end.

This 7-week study will begin on Wednesday, January 13, and ends on February 24. 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.

Additional Poinsettia Listings

Honor of:

Sue Hung

Memory of:

Cecilia Bridges

Sarah Infante

Given by:

Bennett & Evelyn Horton

Given by:

Adrienne L. Anderson

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DIRECTORY photos

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 helpers

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

SERRV SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who shopped at this year's SERRV Market back in November. This year's market raised \$2,032. That brings the 12-year total to \$22,315! Thank you for your support!

**Funds needed
to complete our
ministry, mission
and operating
expenses for
2015:
\$257,408**

Save the Date
Habitat for Humanity
House Dedication
January 23, 2016



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:

Ft. Sanders: Walt Sands

Home From the Hospital:

Claire Shepherd to Shannondale Health Care, Paisley Amburn

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of John Ed Cox on his death on December 17.

To Kathleen Norris on the death of her husband, Rudy Norris, on December 14.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	854
Sunday School	362

Our Gifts (12/13)

Received toward budget	\$40,892.76
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$12,438.87
Other	\$5,897.62

Memorials

In Memory of:

• Alberta Eargle

Master Arts: Russell, Melanie, Kara & Jackson McNutt

• Sara Kramer

Capital Campaign: Larry & Loretta Best
History Room Fund: Martha Hess

• Billie Dell Lundy

Capital Campaign: Betty & David Craig

• Grace Parkhill

Capital Campaign: Larry & Loretta Best
Capital Campaign: Murphy Builders
History Room Fund: Martha Hess
Accessibility Fund: Stephen & Mary Ellis Richardson

Altar Flowers for Thursday, December 24

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in memory of Dr. Lucian Trent and in honor of Anne Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Harrison by their families.

In Memoriam

John Ed Cox

Joined: 8/8/1999 Died: 12/17/2015

In Memoriam

Sara Kramer

Joined: 7/27/1947 Died: 12/7/2015

Our Church Family

Baptism:

- **Charles Thomas Sharpe**, son of Major and Candace Sharpe, was baptized on Sunday, December 20, at the 8:30 a.m. service.

New Members:

- **Rachel West** joined by transfer of membership from Petros Baptist Church in Petros, TN, on Sunday, December 20, at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- **Suzanne & Don Freeman** joined by transfer of membership from Concord UMC in Knoxville, TN, on Sunday, December 20, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Mark & Nikki Freeman and their children Fletcher, Lillyann, Charleigh, and Whitley** joined by transfer of membership from Concord UMC in Knoxville, TN, on Sunday, December 20, at the 11 a.m. service.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

• Pat Bellingrath

BOH Sharing Shop: Frank & Clatty Word

• Larry & Loretta Best

Gardens: Bill & Brenda Griffith

• Larry Blair

Anthem: Linda Blair

• Jenny Cross

Youth Renovation: Russell, Melanie, Kara & Jackson McNutt

• Brenda Flenniken

Gardens: Bill & Brenda Griffith

• Matt Hampton

Children's Ministry: Russell, Melanie, Kara & Jackson McNutt

• Julie Hill

Gardens: Bill & Brenda Griffith

• Sue Isbell

Children's Ministry: Russell, Melanie, Kara & Jackson McNutt

• Doris Lively

Gardens: Bill & Brenda Griffith

• Laura Still

Children's Ministry: Russell, Melanie, Kara & Jackson McNutt

• Mae Swanner

Children's Ministry: John & Leanne Smalling

• Ann Marie Tugwell

Youth Renovation: Russell, Melanie, Kara & Jackson McNutt

Youth Renovation: Vance & Davette Gregory

Contact Us

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On the Web:

www.churchstreetumc.org

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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



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