



# THE MESSENGER

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## Worship Opportunities

Sunday, August 30

14th Sunday after Pentecost

### Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11 AM – Nave

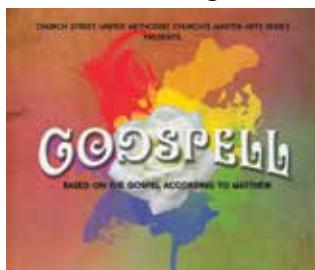
Rev. Nicole Krewson  
James 1:17-27

Wednesday, September 2  
**Midweek Communion**

Noon - Rev. Barbara Clark  
Lunch will be served after the service  
in Parish Hall. Please call 524-3048  
to make a reservation.

## Godspell Performances Begin Thursday

This week the Church Street Master Arts Series presents *Godspell* in Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale now in the church office and online at [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org). You can buy them at the door beginning 45 minutes before each show, the schedule of shows is listed below. To learn more about the cast of the show, check out the church's Facebook page!



Thursday, August 27 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 28 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 29 - 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 30 - 2 p.m.

## Youth Kick-Off Event

We hope you will join us for our Youth Kick-Off event on Sunday, August 30, at 5:15 p.m. in the Gym. We will have a great evening of fellowship and celebration. We will discuss events for the year, weekly activities, as well as up and coming happenings in youth ministry. All of our youth families (parents, siblings, etc.) are welcome and encouraged to attend! Dinner is \$5 per person. Please make reservations by calling 524-3048 or email [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org).

## Financial Peace Classes Begin Soon

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussion and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. Good stewardship begins at home. Class topics include dumping debt, retirement and college planning, super saving, cash flow planning, real estate and mortgages, and more! The course will begin on Sunday, September 20, from 3:30-5 p.m. and run once per week for nine weeks. An optional orientation session will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 13. Church Street Members will receive a discounted materials fee of \$75 in the form of a refund after you register. Please register for the class at: [http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1002061/atid/l\\_mi](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1002061/atid/l_mi). For more information about the upcoming class, contact Julia Kelley at 865-228-0554 or [juliakelley5402@Comcast.net](mailto:juliakelley5402@Comcast.net).



## Holston Home Offering

Your contribution to the Fifth Sunday Offering on August 30 will enable the children of Holston Home to encounter hope for a better future. Please give generously - your gift will make a difference. You may also give online at any time by visiting [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://churchstreetumc.org) and clicking on "Give Online."

## Sign Up Now to Volunteer For Habitat Build

The Missions Committee wants to invite you to partner with them to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Project this October. You can sign up to volunteer by visiting [www.churchstreetumc.org/habitat\\_2015](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/habitat_2015). Fundraising is going on now. For \$10 per foot, you can purchase and sign a stud that will actually be used in our Habitat for Humanity home. We need to raise \$5,000, so buy several feet! Stop by the Breezeway this Sunday to help support the build.



## Community Worship Changes

This Thursday, August 27, will be the last time we celebrate Community Worship at Church Street, at least in the year 2015. We're doing away with this service, which was moved last year from Monday nights to Thursdays following Soup Kitchen, because we want to make room for something new. This new ministry will be a new form of Community Worship, with a new focus on recovery, beginning Thursday nights in January 2016.

We're pleased to say that we are developing this new service in partnership with Rev. Tim Kobler, of the Wesley Foundation at UT. The service will focus on transformation and renewal, including resources for treating substance abuse and addiction, and will be open to everyone in our community, including our neighbors who have formerly attended Community Worship, students at UT, current members of Church Street, and our many other neighbors downtown. We'll be saying more about this new ministry soon, but in the meantime, if this is something you think you would like to support or get involved in, please contact Pastor Matt at [mhampton@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:mhampton@churchstreetumc.org).

## Pictorial Directory

It's time to update our church directory! Beginning September 1, we will open online registration so you can schedule your family's portrait time. We ask that everyone sign up for a time so you can be included in the new directory. You will receive a free 8x10 and church directory for participating. The photography will take place in room 214 located in the Children's Wing near the main elevator. We will have additional information, including a sign-up link in upcoming issues of the *Messenger*. (Please note: sign-ups will also be available on Sunday mornings for those who are unable to access the Internet.) We hope you will make time to be a part of our next directory as we celebrate our wonderful church family!

## Coming Soon!



A one-day Fall adventure for Harry Potter fans. Suggested for children in first through fifth grades. Online registration opens September 1. To volunteer, e-mail Sue Isbell at [sueisbell2629@gmail.com](mailto:sueisbell2629@gmail.com).

## Church Street UMC Calendar: August 30 – September 5

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT  
Midweek Communion Service  
Wednesday, noon, Chapel

### Sunday School-9:40 AM

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Women's Bible Study  
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 201-A

### Singles

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the First Friday Dance will be held on Friday, Sept. 11

### Meetings & Ministry

Children's Council  
Sunday, 12:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, noon, CLC 127  
Memorials Committee  
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202  
Building Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204  
Congregational Care  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201-A  
Lay Leadership  
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122  
Properties Committee  
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

### Youth

Kick-Off Event  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Gym

### UMW

Executive Committee  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204  
Mildred Weeks Circle  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, off-site  
Lydia Circle  
Friday, noon, rm 119

### Music

Godspell  
Sunday, 2 pm, Parish Hall  
Youth Choir  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Children's Choirs  
Sunday, 5:15, rm 306  
Parish Adult Choir  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

### Lectionary READINGS

**August 30**  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Bridge  
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120  
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  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Hunger Helper Market  
Sundays  
8-11 a.m.  
Breezeway

**September 6**  
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

## Reflections

-Rev. David Graves

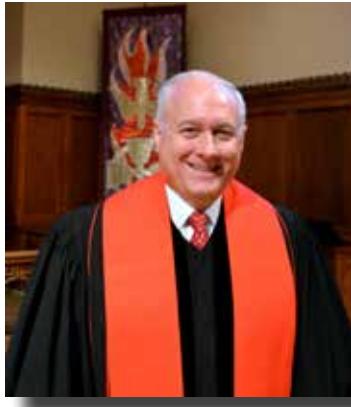
Blessed! As I reflect over the past 8 weeks that I have been with you, I am blessed by how much ministry takes place here. Just a few examples begin with our Rejoice TV ministry. WVLT-TV released to us our viewership for the last 7 weeks that shows on average 10,514 people tuned in. One week, we had almost 16,000 people blessed by this outreach ministry that was begun under the pastoral leadership of Toombs Kay. Your financial support makes this ministry possible. I want to thank those individuals who have given generously to this ministry over the years.

This past weekend, 63 youth and 12 adult leaders were a part of the youth choir retreat. We will have to add chairs to the chancel area to accommodate this growing ministry along with our Parish Choir that blesses us each week. We have 22 students in our Confirmation Class, on Sunday nights, children fill the 3rd floor for Children's Choir, our Wednesday noon service is growing in number and in spirit. Last Thursday, the Soup Kitchen fed over 250 people and shared the fellowship of love and care with all those who passed through our doors. This past Monday, I got to hear one young woman's testimony as I walked with her to show her where our Benevolence Team had gathered to assist those in need. Your gifts, time, service, and witness make all of this possible.

I am blessed each week by all those who serve to assist in Worship, Sunday School, and offer hospitality. You bless so many people. As I meet with various ministry teams, and committees, it is energizing to see what all is taking place. I could write pages about our missions team and what is happening locally and around the world. Several of you are involved in Beacon of Hope, and the lives that are being impacted in the Vestal Community. Our own Kevin Blue serves as the pastor at Vestal UMC. Then there is Wesley House and so much more.

We are blessed to be a blessing! You are doing that. Yet, there is so much more that God is calling us to. As we are now positioned to conclude 2015, let's finish strong for the Lord. I encourage you to look at the Lay Leadership Survey online or in the order of worship. Pray about where God may want you to serve. This is the last week that these surveys will be available. Moreover, it takes our faithful financial giving for all of our church ministries to take place. I pray that each of us is seeking to tithe and give generously out of what God has blessed us with.

These blessings could also be called Kairos Moments. Don't miss them!



## INTEREST SURVEYS

On Sunday, August 30, the Lay Leadership Committee is polling our members concerning their preferences on one or more of Church Street's committees. Please express your personal interests and gifts by completing an Interest Form, listing service opportunities for terms beginning in 2016.

We urge you to take a few minutes to complete a survey, which will be available in Sunday school classes, worship services, and in the church office. Your completion of these surveys will be of great assistance in carrying out the work of the church; and, by completing these forms, you have the deep gratitude of your Lay Leadership Committee.

## MISSIONS NEWS

The Missions Committee is once again sponsoring a mission trip to Bahamas Methodist Habitat. Please join us on Sunday, September 13, at 6 p.m. in room 201-A for an information session. All are invited to attend!

## MUSIC NEWS

In 2017 the Church Street Choirs (adult & youth) will have the opportunity to travel and perform in Germany as a part of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The trip will be open to a limited number of non-singers from the church and the greater Knoxville arts community. There will be an informational meeting for all singers, parents and any interested guests on Sunday, September 13, at 3 p.m. in Parish Hall. Representatives from Perform International will be on hand to tell us all about the possibilities and answer any questions.

## Pathfinders Fall Trip

Members of the Pathfinders Sunday School class have planned a bus trip to Vicksburg, Ms. and New Orleans, departing on Monday, September 14, and returning on Saturday, September 19. Some of the activities planned include touring the Civil War battlefields in Vicksburg, touring at least one antebellum plantation home, a Slidell, La. swamp cruise, Mississippi riverboat dinner cruise, touring New Orleans, other. Total cost will be approx. \$1,616 (plus meals) per couple or \$808 per person (double hotel occupancy), depending on final number going on the trip. Premier Bus Lines will be our carrier. At present, there are two remaining spaces available. If interested in the trip, contact Bill Roberts, 694-5071.

## 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: Teresa Williams  
Ft. Sanders: Walt Sands, Susan Greene

#### Christian Sympathy to:

The family of Lucy Gibson on her death on August 21.  
Dottie Winfrey on the death of her sister, Shirley Robertson on August 18.

#### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	767
Sunday School	445

#### Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$29,041.74
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$3,325
Other	\$5,729
Hunger Helper	\$256

## Discover Church Street

The next Discover Church Street class for prospective members will take place on Sunday, September 13, at 4 p.m. in room 120 of the Church Life Center. This one time class for persons who have been visiting our church and want to know more is led by our clergy staff. It includes information about the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church, the mission and ministry of Church Street and how one can become involved. It includes a complimentary dinner, a full building tour and a time to ask questions. It is a fun and relaxed time to know more about becoming a member of Church Street. If you would like more information, please contact Rev. Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship at 521-0266 or risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

## Memorials

### In Memory of:

#### • James Carroll

*Soup Kitchen:* Ann Warwick  
*Soup Kitchen:* Robert & Pat Carroll  
*Soup Kitchen:* Dr. Thomas D. Pryse  
*Soup Kitchen:* William E. Pinkston & Associates  
*Soup Kitchen:* Bill & Janie Dempster  
*Soup Kitchen:* Robert & Deborah Crawford  
*Soup Kitchen:* Joey, Debbie, Allison & Amanda Varnes, Lester, Jean & Chris Varnes  
*Soup Kitchen:* Seekers Sunday School Class

#### • Joan Hess

*Memorial:* Charles & Kristen Lindler

#### • Sharon McCoig

*Capital Campaign:* Rev. Larry & Loretta Best

#### • Barbara Williams

*Master Arts:* Jean Hannan

## Honorariums

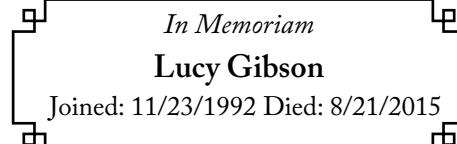
### In Honor of:

#### • Mae Swanner & Bob Lucas

*Children's Ministry:* Grier Novinger, Ginna Mashburn, Judith Lee, Becky Schneider and Joey Fels

#### • Paula Erdelyi

*Enrichment Fund:* Beth Cooper-Libby



## Altar Flowers for Sunday, August 30

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Sarah W. and Lewis H. Dickson, Sr. by Nancy Dickson Christmas and her husband, and by Lewis H. Dickson, Jr. and their families.

## BOOMSDAY

BOOMSDAY is Sunday, September 6. There will be no additional activities that evening, but the lots will be open for paid parking. First come, first served. Parking spots located on the Cumberland Avenue side will be \$10 per space. On the river side of the building, spots are \$15 each. Lots will open at 4 p.m.

## 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, Jonathan Breeden, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047



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