

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 10

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. David Graves

What Does It All Mean?

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

Wednesday, January 13

Midweek Communion

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Barbara Clark

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

Thursday, January 14

Recovery Downtown

6 PM - Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Sunday Supper

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, January 10

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

Menu:

Lasagna, Garlic Bread

Sautéed Green Beans, Italian Salad

Italian Cream Cake

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

UMW Hosts Anita Henderlight

Please join us on Tuesday, January 12, at 11 a.m. in Parish Hall for our first UMW program of the new year. We will hear from Anita Henderlight, the Executive Director of Africa ELI (Africa Education and Leadership Initiative). Anita will share updates on South Sudan as well as stories and information from her work with girls and young women.

Africa ELI began in 2008 as a response to the need to educate and equip girls and young women so that they would have access to resources that would enable them to work in the elimination of chronic problems in their communities that include malnutrition, malaria, AIDS, gender-based violence and poverty. Africa ELI considers the education of girls and young women the single most effective solution to ending endemic civil strife in South Sudan. This initiative allows these young women to have equal access to educational opportunities and gives them hope in situations where often there is little or none.

Lunch will be served following the program and you may make a reservation by calling the church office (524-3048) by Friday, January 8.

Recovery Downtown Kicks Off Next Week

We want to invite you to the kick-off of our new service, Recovery Downtown, on Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. This new weekly service will focus on health, healing, and wholeness. Recovery Downtown will meet weekly, followed by small groups. If you wish to participate in one of the small groups listed below, please contact Pastor Matt Hampton at 865-521-0279 or at mhampton@churchstreetumc.org.

- **Breathing Underwater** (room 202) Led by Rev. Matt Hampton
A study of Fr. Richard Rohr's book on the spirituality of the 12-Step Tradition. Group meets for 12 weeks.
- **Boundaries** (room 201-A) Led by Rev. Diana Brown-Taylor
How to say "yes" and how to say "no," to take control of your life. Group meets for 10 weeks.
- **Language of the Heart** (Prayer Chapel) Led by Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade
A reflection and discussion group, on enriching our faith through poetry and art. Group meets for 8 weeks.
- **Just for Today** (room 204) Led by Daniel Burtch
A twelve-step group for individuals in recovery from addiction. Group will be ongoing.
- **Heart 2 Heart** (201-C) Led by
Lawrence Dunn, M.Ed. M.S. Counseling
A support group for individuals who desire healthy and loving relationships with themselves and others, focusing on authenticity, mindfulness, love, and more. Group meets for 10 weeks.



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 if needed. Please contact Juanita Cowles at 865-712-3262 or Juanita.cowles@att.net for information and to sign up.

CollegeLife retreat to Sterchi Lodge January 15 - 18 Fire On the Mountain

Contact Ann Marie Tugwell to sign up:
annmarie@dewhirstproperties.com

Sign Up Now for 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. By participating, you can invest in your marriage relationship in an enjoyable and comfortable setting with other couple friends.

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 has been reduced to \$50 per couple and includes all 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).

Church Street UMC Calendar: January 10-16

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
Wed., noon, Chapel
Recovery Downtown
Thursday, 6 pm, Chapel

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Contemplative Prayer Group
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 301
Covenant Bible Study
Sunday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study
Wed., 7 pm, rm 201-A

Meetings & Ministry

Preschool Board Meeting
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Missions Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
Trustees
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Staff-Parish Relations
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A

Youth

NightLife
Sunday, 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

Music

Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
KinderChoir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Choristers Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Adult Handbells
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303
Parish Adult Choir
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

UMW

General Meeting & Lunch
Tuesday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Mary & Martha Circle
Wed., 7 pm, rm 103

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 4:45 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
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Singles Ministry

Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym
Game Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Lectionary

READINGS

January 10
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

From the Pastor

-Rev. David Graves

As we begin a new year, I want to pause and reflect on a few moments in the month of December here at Church Street. I could sum it up in one word: Glorious! All I heard as we approached Advent was how difficult and hard this time of year is at Church Street. So hard in fact, it would almost cause one to lose his religion.

For the previous six years serving as a District Superintendent, I grieved during Advent as no one needed me in December. Therefore, I looked forward to Advent at Church Street with an expectant and joyful heart. As we moved through last month, I was blessed by each worship service, time visiting many of our special needs members, and sharing with groups like the Parish Choir, the Advent Crafts Festival, and our Christmas Pageant. Then came Christmas Eve and our four worship services; all of which were wonderful. Three out of the four worship services had record attendance, and we had a record overall attendance for Christmas Eve. Of course, good and unseasonably warm weather helped. It was all just great.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your acts of kindness to Nancy and me along with the entire staff. Your love and appreciation is most appreciated. Advent at Church Street was tiring, but most of all it was glorious. Thank you! I wish we could go back and do it again.

Time moves on, it is a new year, and the best is always yet to come. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in 2016. Much is at stake. What does it all mean? This is where I will begin this Sunday as I share a message around this question. I encourage you to be present and to invite someone to come and worship with you.

Please keep Recovery Downtown in your prayers, which launches Thursday, January 14.

See you in church!

In Christ,

David



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.

KINDER C h o i r

Kinder Choir will resume this Sunday, January 10, from 5:15- 6 p.m. in Room 212. They will meet Sundays through February 21.

PLEDGE C a r d s

If you have not turned in your 2016 pledge card, please bring it to the front office or place it in the offering plates on Sunday.

Save the Date
Habitat for Humanity
House Dedication
January 23 - 9:30 a.m.



Rick's Picks for the New Year & Lent

Whether you realize it or not, Ash Wednesday comes on February 10. It is now time for your class to begin planning your Lenten and spring studies. Lent is a 7-week season of inner reflection and spiritual growth that leads toward Easter. To help your class decide on a Lenten study, I have listed some which are possibilities. You are encouraged to see a detailed description of each at www.cokesbury.com. Please do not wait too late to order your materials so you can begin on Feb. 14, the first Sunday of Lent. -Rev. Rick Isbell

- *John: The Gospel of Light & Life* by Adam Hamilton with DVD. This is brand new. Also, *24 Hours That Changed the World*; *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*; and *Final Words from the Cross*, all previous Lenten studies by Adam Hamilton.
- *Discussing Mere Christianity: Exploring the History, Meaning & Relevance of C.S. Lewis' Greatest Book* by Devin Brown with DVD.
- *Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age* by Scott J. Jones & Arthur D. Jones with DVD.
- *What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us About the Heart of God* by Shane Stanford
- *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine
- *Thank God It's Thursday: Encountering Jesus at the Lord's Table As If for the Last Time* by William H. Willimon
- *What Every Christian Needs to Know About the Jewishness of Jesus* by Rabbi Evan Moffic
- *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I AM" Sayings of Jesus* by Rob Fuquay with DVD.
- *Jesus: Understanding His Death & Resurrection* by Kay Arthur & David Arthur
- *He Set His Face to Jerusalem* by Richard B. Wilke

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: Lily Willard

Home From the Hospital:

Walt Sands, Amanda Pate, Harold Pierce

Christian Sympathy:

To Brad Thompson on the death of his mother, Betty Thompson, on December 30.
To Verna McLain on the death of her nephew, Richard Bradley, on January 1.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	623
Sunday School	301

Our Gifts (12/27)

Received toward budget	\$81,141.81
Capital Campaign Contributions	\$37,415
Other	\$5,959.29

Planning for 2016

If you and/or your ministry area are planning a meeting or event in 2016, please be sure it gets on the church calendar by filling out a room request form located in the church office or online at www.churchstreetumc.org. Please be sure to include all the details needed (i.e. food service, meeting notice needed, setup, childcare, etc.) on the form and return to Rev. Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship. Please do not assume that some event/meeting will automatically be transferred from 2015 into 2016 or that someone else will tell Rev. Isbell. These requests/forms are very important as they affect all aspects of your meeting or event. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Isbell at risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

*Living Christ,
Teaching Christ,
Offering Christ*

Our Church Family

Wedding:

Rebecca Goldman & Alexander McCaskey were married at Church Street on Saturday, January 2, with Rev. Darryll Rasnake officiating.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Dr. & Mrs. Frank Bell**
Soup Kitchen: Mary Kathryn Crone, Nancy Banks, Carol Trevathan
- **Carol Brown**
Sterchi Lodge: Ann & Tom Callcott
- **John Ed Cox**
Music Scholarship Fund: Frances Ann King
Music Scholarship Fund: Jim Cox, Bill Cox, Don Cox, Mary Fraley
Music Scholarship Fund: Doug & Sharon Kidwell
Music Scholarship Fund: Larry & Nancy Bollinger
- **Dr. James (Jim) Hung**
Soup Kitchen: May W. Hung
- **Frances Thomas**
Kay Center: Jenni Poveda

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Benevolence Volunteers**
Benevolence Team: Rev. Barbara Clark
- **Dr. & Mrs. John Buchheit III**
Soup Kitchen: Beverly Roberts
- **Mr. & Mrs. Jack Buchheit**
Soup Kitchen: Beverly Roberts
- **Rev. Andy & Mrs. Celia Ferguson**
Capital Campaign: Claire Shepherd
- **Mrs. Sue Hung**
Soup Kitchen: May H. Hung
- **Poveda Family**
Capital Campaign: Jenni Poveda
- **Greg & Gabriel Poveda**
Capital Campaign: Jenni Poveda
- **Soup Kitchen Volunteers**
Soup Kitchen: Rev. Barbara Clark
- **Ann Marie Tugwell**
Master Arts: Jenni Poveda

Altar Flowers for Thursday, January 10

The Chancel Altar Flowers are from the wedding of Paige Ramsey and Bradford Dove held on Saturday, January 9, given in memory of the bride's mother, Susan Ramsey.



Contact Us

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On the Web:

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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	Katryn McKinney–282
Child Care Coordinator	Sarah Burtch–290
Youth/College Ministries	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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