

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday, February 28

3rd Sunday in Lent

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM - Nave Dr. Wes Griffin Workers for God's Harvest Matthew 9:35-38

Wednesday, March 2 **Community Lenten Service**

Noon - Immaculate Conception Lunch will be served after the service.

Thursday, March 3 **Recovery Downtown**

> 6 PM - Chapel **Rev. Matt Hampton**

Sunday Supper \$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, February 28 **Reservations Required**

Family maximum \$25.

Menu:

Pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner rolls salad, dessert

Kids: Chicken strips, tater tots

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

Leadership Conference This Weekend

Dr. Wes Griffin, an inspirational speaker, will join us this weekend and focus on church leadership with a missions emphasis. The conference is free, but we ask that you call 524-3048 or e-mail reservations@churchstreetumc.org to make reservations so we can plan for meeting space and food services.

Friday, Feb. 26

6 p.m. - Dinner

7-9 p.m. - "The Power of Vision"

Saturday, Feb. 27

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - "How to Grow an Acts 1:8 Church"

Sunday, Feb. 28

8:30 & 11 a.m. - "Workers for God's Harvest," 9:40 a.m. in Parish Hall

UMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Please join United Methodist Women as we come together to hold our annual "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" service on Tuesday, March 8, at 11 a.m. in the Nave. We are thrilled that Rev. Leah Burns will deliver the message based on our UMW 2016 theme: "Women at Work: Economic Justice and Empowerment." A part-time local pastor, Rev. Burns serves in the Holston Conference and is currently a member of Second UMC. Leah says that at an early age her Christian faith and Weslevan roots aroused in her a passion and desire to advocate for women and be involved in issues of women's empowerment. Leah served a short tenure here at Church Street, and we look forward to hearing her speak on this important and timely issue. Lunch will be served afterward in the Parish Hall, and reservations should be made by calling the church office at 524-3048 or emailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org by Thursday, March 3.

We ask that all who can bring a jar of peanut butter to our program. We will be donating these to Smokey's Pantry on the UT campus. This new food



pantry operates in Tyson House and serves students who struggle to buy food. Rev. Tim Kobler of the Wesley Foundation says there are many students on campus who often go hungry due to limited resources.

Community Lenten Services

Each Wednesday during Lent, the Downtown Cooperative Ministry hosts a mid-week service. Each service begins at noon and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Lunch follows the service and donations are appreciated. The schedule for the services is listed below. We hope you will join us for these special services throughout the season of Lent.

> Wednesday, February 24 - St. John's Cathedral Wednesday, March 2 - Immaculate Conception Wednesday, March 9 - First Baptist Wednesday, March 16 - First Presbyterian

Rick's Picks For Lent & Beyond

Many classes have planned ahead and already chosen their Lenten studies. For classes that are still looking for Lenten studies and studies beyond Lent, I can make the following suggestions below. I would suggest that you go to www.cokesbury.com for a full description. There was also an additional list in the January 5 Messenger that you can view through the church webpage, www.



churchstreetumc.org). Please contact Rick Isbell at risbell@churchstreetumc.org if you have questions.

- · *John: The Gospel of Light* by Adam Hamilton with DVD (this is brand new)
- · The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus by Rob Fuquay with DVD
- · 40 Days of Decrease by Alicia Britt Chole
- · Forgiveness by Marjorie J. Thompson
- · Giving Up Something Bad for Lent by James W. Moore
- · *He Set His Face to Jerusalem* by Richard B. Wilke (same author of Disciple Bible Studies)
- · Parables and Passion: Jesus Stories for the Days of Lent by John Indermark
- · Thank God It's Thursday by William H. Willimon
- · What Every Christian Needs to Know About the Jewishness of Jesus by Rabbi Evan Moffic

Lenten Prayers

You are invited to make your special Lenten Prayer Request in the Prayer Room throughout the season. Simply complete your petition on one of the colored cards, leave it in the basket provided, and someone will add it to the prayer ribbons overhead. Clergy members and lay persons will sit beneath the ribboned canopy each day throughout Lent and lift up all concerns.

Childcare Reminder

If you need childcare for a meeting or event at church, please e-mail Childcare Coordinator Sarah Burtch no later than one week before the date of your event. Sarah can be reached at burtchsarah@gmail.com. Please indicate the time and date you will need child care, as well as the approximate number of children in attendance.

Singles Ministry Retreat

The Singles Ministry at Church Street invites you to save the date for a Spring Mountain Getaway at Sterchi Lodge. Join us April 15-17 for a weekend of fun and fellowship in the mountains. Registration forms are available in the office.

Church Street UMC Calendar: February 28 - March 5

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT
Community Lenten Service
Wed., noon, Immaculate
Conception
Recovery Downtown
Thursday, 6 pm, Chapel

Sunday School-9:40 AM

Youth

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

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 4:45 pm, Parish Hall
Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Financial Peace University
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 202
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 202

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 127
Capstone Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Congregational Care
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
Properties Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202
Lay Leadership Committee
Wed., 6 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Singles Ministry

Line Dance Lessons Thursday, 7 pm, Gym First Friday Dance Friday, 7 pm, Gym

Lectionary READINGS

February 28 Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

Music

Youth Choir Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306 Primary Choir (1st–2nd grades) Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308 Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades) Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306 Handbells Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303 Parish Adult Choir Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

UMW

Art Night
Sunday, 5 pm, E-01
Executive Committee
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204
Mildred Weeks Circle
Thursday, 6:30 pm, off-site
Lydia Circle
Friday, noon, rm 119

March 6

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

From the Pastor

-Rev. David Graves

February seems like it only began yesterday, but here we are less than a week away from moving into March and Easter is close behind. Before we get to March, we have a wonderful opportunity this weekend with our Leadership Conference, Friday thru Sunday noon, February 26-28. We are privileged to have Dr. Wes Griffin along with missionaries to India, Peter and Esther Pereira, coming to lead us. Please participate in as much of the weekend as you possibly can.

Furthermore, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the love, support and prayers for me as I seek to lead here at



Church Street and the General United Methodist Church. I appreciate your words of encouragement and prayers. From this past Sunday, Luke's Gospel calls us to focus on the things that we have in common rather than those things that pulls us apart. For if we come to table grounded in Christ, it is amazing how we can live together in the midst of our differences. Our church, communities, nation, and world so desperately need to focus our energies on coming together in helping all of God's children.

There is a wonderful movement of God's Holy Spirit in this place. Keep praying and let us come this Sunday with expectant hearts.

In Christ, David

Sharing Shops Needs List

We appreciate your support of both of our Sharing Shop locations. Below is a list of most-needed items. You may bring your donations to church and place them in the marked bin outside the kitchen across from room 118. Thank you again for your generosity!

- -Toilet paper
- -Laundry detergent
- -Dishwashing liquid
- -Shampoo
- -Deodorant
- -Diapers



Discover Church Street

The next Discover Church Street class for prospective members will take place on Sunday, March 6, 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.

ART night

What: Social & Recruiting UMW event

Who: Women ages 25-45, who are interested in getting involved in the United Methodist Women. Join hosts from the Sarah Circle, Susanna Wesley Circle, and Izzy's Girls as we share more about UMW and enjoy fellowship!

When: Sunday, February 28, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Where: Covenant Classroom (E-o1) Childcare is available.

RSVP: By February 23 to Jenny Herchenrider at: jenmcclure@ yahoo.com

Cost: \$10 per person (includes all supplies)

KAY CENTER n e w s

Through the Kroger Community
Rewards Program, you can link your
Kroger Plus Card to the Kay Center and
earn money for the Center every time
you shop. All you need is a Kroger Plus
card and a Kroger Rewards Account.

If you have a Kroger Rewards Account, sign in and click account setting. Then scroll to the bottom of the page, click on edit in the Community Rewards Program box and follow the instructions.

If you do not have a Kroger Rewards Account, go to www.kroger. com, create an account, and add your Kroger Plus Card to the account. The number for the Kay Senior Care Center is 80410. If you have any questions, contact Judith Winters at 521-0293 or jwinters@churchstreetumc.org.

ONLINE giving

Did you know you can support the programs and ministries of our church by giving online? Log on to www.churchstreetumc.org and click "Give Online" on the home page. You can choose a one-time payment or set up a recurring gift.

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: Juanita Doss, Paul Shipley, Bob Columber

Home from the hospital: Clatty Word, Randall Scott, Jim Grubb, Bob Paulson, Rebecca May, Steve Roberts

Our Presence

Sunday Worship 749 Sunday School 444

Our Gifts (2/14)

Received toward budget \$42,681 Capital Campaign Contributions \$6,518 Other \$2,526.14

Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 28

The Altar flowers are given in memory of Jama McDonald Hollingsworth by John, Cindy and Sarah Grace Hollingsworth.



Reminder: Easter lilies will be on sale Sundays, March 6, 13, and 20, in the Chapel hallway. You may also order by calling the church office at 524-3048 by Monday, March 21, at noon. **Cost is \$12.**

Our Church Family

Baptism:

• Nolan Stone Biss, son of Bryan and Mary Jo Biss, was baptized on Sunday, February 21, at the 8:30 a.m. service.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

Matt & Karen Cook

Youth Choir: Bill Weeks Family

• Carolyn Craig
Youth Choir: Bill Weeks Family

Edie Johnson

Youth Choir: Bill Weeks Family

• Rev. Cabel Trent

Special Needs: Douglas & Allison Peek

Memorials

In Memory of:

• Bain T. Stewart

Anthem: Gerald Gulley

• Betty Thompson

Hymnal: Friends in Christ Class

College Scholarship **Applications Due By** April 10

Each year Church Street gives out two scholarships to support our students in higher education. The Carrie Ellis Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has been highly involved in the life of our church and youth group. The Frankie Sherman Rasnake Scholarship is available for graduating seniors, current college students, and graduate students who demonstrate financial need and high achievement. Applications are available now in the church office and on the church website. Please turn in all applications to the church office no later than April 10. Our prayers and well wishes are with each of you as you make such important decisions about your educational future.

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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

On the Web:

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Staff Directory

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Communications Director Caroline Lamar-299 Kelly Woods-262 Administrative Assistant

Ministers' Secretary Emerita Loretta Best-280 Executive Secretary Doris Lively-271 Receptionist Brenda Flenniken-270

Food Services Mike Weatherly-273 Julie Hill-278 Part-time Secretary

Sterchi Lodge Caretaker Essie Burgin **Building Superintendent** Walt Sands-295

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