

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. David Graves

Speak Up and Be Quiet?

Luke 19:28-40

Wednesday, March 23

No Midweek Service or Lunch

Thursday, March 24

Maundy Thursday

7:15 PM - Nave

Rev. David Graves

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

5:30 PM - Market Square

Downtown Cooperative Ministry

Sunday Supper

Please note: there will
be no Sunday Supper on

Sunday,
March 20.

Palm Sunday–Sunday, March 20

On Palm Sunday, March 20, all children are invited to join in the Palm Sunday Processional. Please meet in the Narthex 15 minutes before each service. We hope you will join us as we begin Holy Week at Church Street.

Bethel University Choir Performs Sunday

On Sunday, March 20, the Church Street Master Arts Series presents the Bethel University Choir under the direction of Dr. Gene Peterson. We hope you will join us for this enchanting evening of music featuring the Bethel University Choir from St. Paul, MN, along with the Cedar Springs Presbyterian Rejoice Youth Choir and the Church Street Parish Youth Choir. This free event begins at 6 p.m. in the Nave.

Stations of the Cross Open for Holy Week

Stations of the Cross, reproductions of great works of art, will be placed throughout the Chapel during Holy Week, symbolizing the path Jesus walked during his final days on earth. Scripture and prayers for private meditation accompany each station. All are invited to come and journey through this sacred week as we prepare for the coming resurrection. Stations of the Cross will be open Sunday, March 20, from noon - 7 p.m. and on Monday, March 21, through Thursday, March 24, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. each day.

Maundy Thursday

The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7:15 p.m. with a 10 minute musical prelude in the Nave. This service includes Holy Communion. After communion, the altar is stripped as a way to show the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Childcare is provided for this service.

Easter Egg Hunt

All children and their families are invited to Whitlow Park in Sequoyah Hills for the egg hunt at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. The Egg hunt begins promptly at 10. Do not be late or you will miss the event! From Kingston Pike, turn onto Scenic Drive. At the "Y" bear to the right, staying on Scenic. Take an immediate left onto Bluff View and a second right onto Whitlow.

Easter Sunday–Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunrise Service: 7 a.m. We will gather in the courtyard for this service as we welcome Easter morning. Breakfast will be served in Parish Hall following the service. Donations are appreciated to cover the cost of the meal. Easter Morning Services: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Join us in the Nave to celebrate the risen Christ. The Easter Prelude will begin at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. with Tennessee Brass Quintet.



Golf Cart Ministry Begins Palm Sunday

Beginning on Palm Sunday, there will be a 6-passenger golf cart circulating in the parking lots to help persons who need special assistance get to the church doors. In a collaborative effort through the Outreach & Welcome Committee and the Trustees, we are initiating this ministry on a trial basis for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Driven by church members, the golf cart will be especially helpful to those with mobility issues of any type and of any age. The golf cart will be clearly marked and will circulate on the Cumberland Ave. and the Hill Ave. lots beginning around 8 a.m. and will continue throughout the morning. This is a brand new ministry, so have patience as you wait for a ride. If you do need a ride, please go to the end of the nearest parking lot aisle and wait for the cart to arrive. Once full, it will drop persons off at either the Hill Ave doors or at the breezeway on the Cumberland Ave side.

Security Updates

In our ongoing effort to improve the safety and security of our church building and members, we are making some changes as to which doors will be unlocked. The door by Parish Hall will be locked Monday through Friday during office hours. The only unlocked door will be the breezeway door by the church office. After office hours, the breezeway door by the custodial office (near Parish Hall) will be the only door unlocked. On Sundays, doors will be open until after the second service. At that time, all doors will be locked except the door by the custodial office. The Hill Avenue door will only be unlocked on Sunday mornings. We appreciate your understanding as we work to keep everyone safe at Church Street. This is a work in progress, so please be patient with us.

Mindfulness Workshop

On Thursday, March 31, following the Recovery Downtown worship service, Claudio Barrientos from the Mindful Center Knoxville will offer a free one-hour program on mindfulness meditation for health, healing and stress reduction. Learn how you can cultivate a daily mindfulness practice to increase your focus, concentration, awareness and more. Please join us from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Chapel for this free program.

Sterchi Lodge Open House

We invite you to join us on April 9-10 for an Open House weekend at Sterchi Lodge. The weekend will include lunch on Saturday at noon and dinner on Saturday night at 6 p.m. There are openings for accommodations on Saturday night as well. You may sign up for any or all of the weekend by visiting the designated table in the breezeway this Sunday from 9-11 a.m. For directions, questions, or dietary requests, please contact Angela Simmons at simmonsangela@comcast.net. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 6.



Church Street UMC Calendar: March 20-26

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT
Maundy Thursday
Thursday, 7:15 pm, Nave

Music

Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Primary & Chorister Choirs
Sunday, 5 pm, rm 306
Master Arts Concert
Sunday, 6 pm, Nave
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Children's Ministry

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, 10 am, Whitlow Park

**Church Office
Closed
Friday, March 25**

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 127
Caregiver Support Group
Monday, 3 pm, CLC 120
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9:30 am, Parish Hall

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Stations of the Cross
Sunday, noon, Chapel
Financial Peace University
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 202
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Covenant Bible Study
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 201-A
Stations of the Cross
Mon.-Thur., 9 am, Chapel
Pastor's Bible Study
Wed., 7 pm, rm 202

Lectionary READINGS

March 20
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11

March 27
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

From the Pastor

-Rev. David Graves

A couple of weeks ago on a Tuesday, the entire staff spent the afternoon going through all the closets throughout the church. We went from the third floor to the basement cleaning out stuff. We gave away several furniture items, children's chairs, and recycled a lot of materials. Yet, we filled up two industrial dumpsters with stuff. We found several things we did not know we had or had forgotten that we can now put to use. It was amazing all the cleaning out that we did in just a few hours. Moreover, it was a great time for the staff and a few other volunteers that came to help accomplish what would have been an overwhelming task for our custodians.

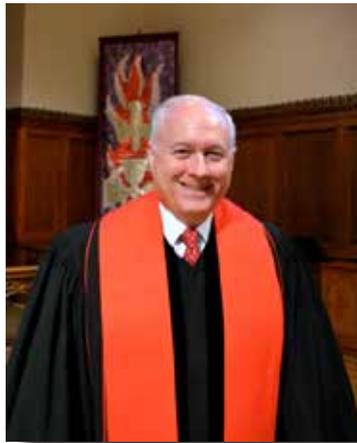
After it was all said and done someone asked the question, "Did we throw away any good stuff?" Probably so, but if you don't know you had it, it really doesn't do you any good anyway. So it was a productive day and many people benefited from our cleaning efforts.

I came away with several thoughts from our clean out day. First, when I came in on Wednesday morning, I could not tell that we had done any work the day before. The reason, it was all behind closed doors. Secondly, we collect a lot of stuff that clutters our closets, and we don't realize what we have and don't have. Thirdly, we have stuff not being used that could really benefit other people.

Then I dug deeper in my own life, into my soul, for those things that clutter my life like pain, anger, hurt, bitterness, you name it. In these days before Easter, the Lenten Season is a time to clean from the inside out to be all that God created us to be. It is a good feeling when you examine your heart, your soul and your mind, and remove those things that rob you of joy, peace, and the love of Christ. Not only do we benefit, but all of those around us do as well. When we fail to do this, we sure do throw away a lot of good stuff.

Here we are now, two weeks from Easter. Where are you on the journey?

In Christ,
David



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.

SHARING shops

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

EASTER lilies

Easter lilies will be on sale Sunday, March 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.

COLLEGE scholarships

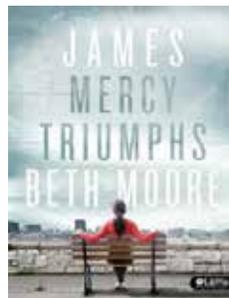
Each year Church Street gives out two scholarships to support our students in higher education. The Carrie Ellis Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has been highly involved in the life of our church and youth group. The Frankie Sherman Rasnake Scholarship is available for graduating 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.

Women's Bible Study

James – Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore

Your story is powerful. Your heartbreak, sickness, and failures are not empty. Those holes in your heart leave space for God's mercy to fill, making you complete. Your life story is proof of that, just like James. Jesus's brother started out as a skeptic. Get to know both the man and the Book of James, and see how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple.

This eight week study has a weekly DVD and homework. We will begin on Wednesday, March 23 and end on May 11. We will meet from 9-11 a.m. in room 201-A. Childcare is provided. The cost of the study guide is \$17 and will be handed out at the first class. Please contact Juanita Cowles at 865-712-3262 or by email at Juanita.cowles@att.net for information and to sign up.



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: LaNoka Rhodes

Tennova North: Jim Carmon

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	500
Sunday School	256

Our Gifts (3/6)

Received toward budget	\$60,068.07
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$16,041.82
Other	\$5,232

Our Church Family

New Members:

- **Courtney Ramsey** joined by profession of faith on Sunday, March 13, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Barry & Nancy Dickson Christmas** joined by transfer of membership from First UMC, Cary, NC, on Sunday, March 13, at the 11 a.m. service.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Asa Benjamin Fuller**
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
- **Juanita Doss**
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
- **Edna Marie Patton Smith**
Capital Campaign: Larry & Loretta Best

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Dan Kelley**
Benevolence: Bill Stoess & Mary Cartwright

Contact Us

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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
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	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
Maintenance	Keith Bailey
Head Custodian	–274
Custodians:	Matt Newberry, Jeffery Rose, Stacey Mitchell, Gerald Ferguson, Lee West, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell 599-5047

Beacon of Hope Food Drive

The Food Co-op at Beacon of Hope continues to serve many families in South Knoxville. For the next two Sundays, March 20 & March 27, we will be collecting some of the items most needed by the co-op participants. Please purchase the items from the following list and place them in the marked bin outside the kitchen across from room 118: canned fruit, breakfast items, and condiments. Thank you for your continued support of the food co-op.

Call to Prayer for General Conference

Imagine General Conference 2016 bathed in prayer. That's the vision of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church. Between January 1, 2016 and May 10, 2016, all 131 annual conferences around the globe will offer their prayers on one particular day for the upcoming gathering of 864 delegates from around the world.

The Holston Conference's day is Tuesday, April 12. For twenty-four hours, we will join our prayers to the chain of conferences in our global family of The United Methodist Church who are seeking that God's will be accomplished and that we offer a positive witness as we participate in Christian conferencing.

In Holston, we are going to ring our church bells to mark this day of prayer. Beginning at 5:10 p.m. and lasting until 5:20 p.m., congregations are asked to ring their church bells to signal our call to prayer. This time frame represents the dates of the General Conference session in Portland, Oregon, from May 10-20.

To learn more about General Conference 2016, visit gc2016.umc.org or gc2016.holston.org.

Our prayers matter. Thank you for being part of those offering their prayers for The United Methodist Church and the 2016 General Conference.

