

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 29

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Following each service, a time of prayer will be offered by the clergy in the Chapel.

Rev. Barbara Clark

Only Say the Word

Luke 7:1-10

Wednesday, June 1

Midweek Communion Service

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade

Lunch will be served afterwards in Parish Hall. Call 524-3048 to make a meal reservation.

Thursday, June 2

Recovery Downtown

6:30 PM - Chapel

Rev. Tim Kobler

Save the Date Marriage Enrichment Retreat

August 19-20
More details coming
soon!

Happy Birthday, Church Street

Thank you to everyone who participated in Sunday's Heritage & Friends Day! We had two wonderful worship services and enjoyed fellowship over brunch. Manna from heaven was one person's description of the bountiful spread of food in the Heritage & Friends Day Tablescape brunch, and that familiar image surely fits the day itself. The blessings of bright sunshine, smiles, worship & music, joyful fellowship, members' creativity and culinary delights, the stories of the past, Pastor David's safe return from General Conference followed by his momentary metamorphosis into "Francis Asbury" -- all were truly manna from heaven, spiritual nourishment for today and the future. A special thank you to Amy Fay Chandler, Barna Gibson, Jenny Cross, Katryn McKinney (bicentennial co-chairs); Rev. Jim Bailes; musicians - Tim Ward, Edie Johnson and our combined 100-voice choir, for their leadership in the day's activities.



Reminder: To schedule any of the historical presentations for your Sunday School class or other group gathering, contact Dwight Wade, David Walker, Steve Roberts or Allison Ensor. For more information, contact the church office.

Youth Choir Tour Departs This Week

Please be in prayer for our Parish Youth Choir as they depart for their annual choir tour. The group will leave Knoxville on Saturday and travel to Augusta, GA, where they will sing for the evening Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church. On Sunday, May 29, the choir will sing for worship at St. John United Methodist Church in Augusta in the morning and then sing that evening at John Wesley Villas (retirement community) in Savannah, GA. On Memorial Day the group will sing at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. They will finish off the week at Christ Church Episcopal in Savannah and Wesley United Methodist Church on Saint Simons Island. We invite you to join us in worship on Sunday, June 5, at 8:30 & 11 a.m. as the choir presents their music from the tour.

Please keep the choir and their chaperones in your prayers throughout the week as they share their gifts and talents with other congregations.



Vacation Bible School

June 13-16
5:15-7:45 p.m.

At Cave Quest VBS, children will learn to look for evidence of God all around them. Cave Quest VBS offers Bible-learning activities, special songs, teamwork-building games and yummy treats.

Register online today at the link provided in the Messenger e-mail or on the church website.

Join us for a Tie-Dye Kickoff on Sunday, June 12 at 4 p.m. Please register for this event by Tuesday, May 31.



Capital Campaign Update

-Bill Terry

At this time last year we completed the First Fruits portion of the Capital Campaign and raised just over \$1,000,000. We are now very pleased to announce that we currently have \$2,800,000 in hand which represents approximately 50% of our pledged amount. With two more years to go, we are well on our way to successfully completing this campaign. Not only have Church Streeters been very faithful in fulfilling their pledges, but also we have received pledges from new members and unpledged donations from others. As the Phase I building portion of the Master Plan kicks into high gear, it is important for members to continue to make regular contributions toward their pledged amount. New pledges, memorials, and other contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Remember Your Baptism

-Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade

Periodically, we clergy offer the opportunity of "Remembering our Baptism" through the use of bowls in our Sunday morning worship services. Now permanently placed in the Narthex, these vessels will be available to worshipers each time they enter the Nave. Our founder John Wesley held the practice of touching the water in the baptismal bowl when he was growing up in his father's church and throughout his priesthood in the Church of England; he never forgot the cleansing, healing redemption which comes to all of God's children through baptism. Why not make it your practice to also touch the water prior to worship and repeat the same affirmation as did Wesley: *I remember my baptism, and I am grateful.*



Holston Home Offering This Week

For more than a century, Methodists and Holston Home have worked together to minister to the needs of children, youth and families in the Holston Conference. You will have the opportunity to share in this vital ministry through the Fifth Sunday Offering on Sunday, January 31. Your contributions make a difference. You can help give children and youth a better life, a good education, and a chance to develop into Christian men and women. Please give generously. You can give now online by visiting the church website, www.churchstreetumc.org. Click on "Give Online."

Church Street UMC Calendar: May 29 - June 4

Worship

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

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Wednesday Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall

Youth

Choir Tour
May 28-June 3, Off-site

Singles

Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym
Friday Fun Night
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Pastor's Bible Study
Wed., 7 pm, rm 202

UMW

Mildred Weeks Circle
Thursday, 6:30 pm, off-site
Lydia Circle
Friday, noon, rm 119

Meetings & Ministry

Hunger Helper Market & 200th Anniversary Items
Sunday, 8 am, Breezeway
Lay Leadership Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Adult Council
Wed., 6 pm, rm 201-C
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Reminder: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30.

Lectionary READINGS

May 29
1 Kings 18:20-39
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

June 5
1 Kings 17:8-24
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

From the Pastor

-Rev. David Graves

This past Sunday we celebrated Heritage and Friends Day as a part of Church Street's 200th Celebration as a worshipping congregation. I was so thankful to be back at Church Street after 12 days in Portland, Oregon for General Conference. I appreciated all the smiles, the hugs, and the expressions of gratitude. I want you to know that I am so grateful and humbled to serve as part of the pastoral team and staff here at Church Street.

Many of you have asked about General Conference You have wanted to know if it was as bad in person as it appeared online and why a gathering of church leaders appeared so dysfunctional and angry. Some of you were curious why the conversation seemed so shaped by personal agendas or what exactly the study commission on human sexuality will mean for us here at Church Street. But the most common question was one that was most recently asked by my wife, Nancy: "After all that, do you really want to be a bishop?"

These are all great questions. But the biggest question that I return from Portland with is this: The question I return from Portland with is a different one – how do we live in both the beauty and the struggle of being part of a worldwide United Methodist Church?

At General Conference we witnessed and celebrated the faithfulness of God's people all around the globe. We experienced passionate worship in different ways with a diversity of gifts that were all given by the same generous God. We celebrated the work of the church around the world, the incredible impact of Imagine No Malaria and Africa University, the gifts of 60 years of faithful ordained service from women in ministry and 150 years of United Methodist Women. And we imagined what God might continue to do through our witness. At times, it truly felt like Pentecost.

And yet, our global connection is also our greatest challenge as we try to maneuver through language, cultural and theological differences. We were almost constantly brought down in debate and questioning that harmed many who were present in the room and those participating online. Sadly, these differences meant that confusion, misunderstanding and miscommunication were often the rule of the day.

At General Conference, I was strengthened and energized by what happened behind the scenes. Much of my time was spent giving leadership and being blessed by the faithfulness of our Holston Delegation. I also had the chance to participate in really good conversations with people all around the world as part of my legislative committee. I enjoyed meeting with other Southeastern Jurisdictional delegates at breakfast, lunch and dinner as we discussed the church in our part of the world and my possible election as Bishop in our denomination.

After two taxing weeks of 15 hour days I am reminded that the local church is where church really happens. It is why last Sunday at Church Street was so great and why I am so excited about God's continued work in our church.

People are joining Church Street this Sunday, plans are already in motion for Vacation Bible School, construction on the Hill Street Parking lot has begun, the youth choir is preparing for their tour starting this weekend, plans are being finalized on our new building and renovation project, and the new Rejoice! TV ratings have come to us for the first part of 2016. We have increased by 3,500 viewers on Sunday morning over the last several months from 12,500 to 16,000 viewers each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. We are making a difference here, across the street and around the world. Let's keep focused on making disciples for the transformation of the world.

In Christ,
David



PARKING update

Reminder: The Hill Street parking lot is closed due to construction. The construction is scheduled to last for several months. Thank you for your patience.

BEACON of hope

Beacon of Hope (BOH) needs lunchtime meals for its new Getting Ahead class, held on Mondays and Wednesdays. You may prepare the meal and bring it to Vestal or make a monetary donation and BOH will buy the food. BOH is also grateful for nursery volunteers during the class. Call 599-5047 for details.

DRIVERS wanted

Golf carts make it easier to navigate on Sunday mornings. Drivers are needed for this ministry. There is an immediate need for volunteers from 10:00 am to noon. Interested? You must be at least 25 years old, fill out simple paper work and take a drive around the parking lot with an existing driver. Contact Rick Isbell for more information at 521-0266.

SINGLES ministry

The Singles Ministry will host its First Friday dance on Friday, June 3, from 8-11 p.m. in the gym. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. for a couples dance or line dance lesson. Your \$8 admission includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake, and door prizes. For more information, contact Barb at barbarastinnett@charter.net or Don at dlasbury@nxs.net.

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: Jennie Poynter

Home from the Hospital:

Jackson McNutt, Gene Doss

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	778
Sunday School	566

Our Gifts (5/15)

Received toward budget	\$32,882.65
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$39,808
Other	\$31,685.33
Hunger Helper	\$321.25

Covenant Bible Study Concludes

This past Sunday 13 persons completed the 24 week Covenant Bible Study series. Covenant is a brand new study that came out last fall. Its focus is to help students explore the overall theme of covenant found in all of scriptures from beginning to end. The study consisted of three segments around the sub-themes of Creating the Covenant, Living the Covenant and Trusting the Covenant. The 90-minute class on Sunday afternoon consisted of small group discussions on daily scripture passages, viewing video presentations from biblical scholars and seeing how the scriptures are applicable in today's world. We congratulate the following persons who completed the study and strengthened their faith and overall biblical knowledge through this in-depth Bible study....Carol Smith, Daniel Burtch, Ed Lay, Julie Thornburg, Tom & Kathy Ehrnschwender, Rob & Pat Freeland, Steve Walling, Sue Isbell, Shirley Kanipes, Susan Dominick and Wendy Petruzzi. Rick Isbell served as the teacher for the class.

Memorials

In Memory of:

Brian Trammell

-*Memorial Gardens:*

Rik & Valeta Norris

Larry & Jane Martin

Volunteer Court Reporting

Andrew Freeman:

-*Capital Campaign:*

Larry & Loretta Best

Altar Flowers

May 29

The Chancel Altar flowers are given with Thanksgiving by Don and Fran Wheeler in honor of their family on their 50th wedding anniversary.



Summer Elective Series

The Education Committee is happy to announce the summer adult elective series this year. Dr. Joe Reiff, Professor of Religion and Chair of the Religion Department at Emory & Henry College will present a four- week series on his new book, *Born of Conviction*, which shares the story of 28 white Methodist preachers who signed the document offered as an alternative witness to the segregationist part line in 1963. Dr. Reiff's lectures will take place in Parish Hall on July 10, 17, 24 and 31. His book, *Born of Conviction*, will go on sale at the church beginning June 5 for a discounted price so persons can purchase prior to the lectures.

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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:

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Staff Directory

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Senior Pastor	David Graves-260
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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
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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
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