

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Barbara Clark

Standing on Tiptoe

Matthew 24:36-44

Wednesday, November 30

Midweek Communion Service

Noon - Nave

Advent Recital by organist Alvin Blount begins at 11:40 a.m. Lunch follows in Parish Hall. Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

Thursday, December 1

Living Well Community

6:30 PM – Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Sunday Supper

\$7 (12 & up) \$4 (children)

Sunday, November 27

Reservations Required
Family maximum \$25.

Menu: roasted pork, rice pilaf, roasted vegetables, cornbread, salad and desserts.

Kids: chicken fingers and mac & cheese

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

Charge Conference Set for November 29

Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel is our Church Council meeting, followed by Charge Conference. Annual Charge Conference Session where Church Leadership is elected for the year, pastors' salaries are set, and other action items take place. In a Charge Conference, every member has a voice, but only elected members of the Church Council may vote. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Nathan Malone, will be present to lead us. Please note: Dinner will be served prior to the meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Call 524-2038 to make a meal reservation.

Advent Crafts Festival Needs

Volunteers

Our annual Advent Crafts Festival is on Sunday, December 4, beginning with supper at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall followed by crafts in the gym.

There will be lots of craft centers for which we need volunteers. Volunteers need to be able to read instructions, be familiar with the materials already provided, and help other persons

make a holiday craft. The perks for being a volunteer is that you (1) get to learn a new Christmas craft, (2) get to meet a lot of new people, and (3) make some else's holiday season a little brighter. Please sign up to be a volunteer by contacting Susan Dominick at susanlynndominick@gmail.com.



Multiple Craft Centers Featured at Festival

As mentioned above, the Advent Crafts Festival will be held on Sunday December 4 from 5-7:00 pm, so mark your calendars now for this fun event! Following supper in the Parish Hall (\$7 adult; \$4 children), our Kinder and Preschool choirs will offer a musical presentation. Afterwards, participants will move to the gym where 16 centers will be open for creating fun holiday crafts and decorations. One special center is available for fashioning gifts for our homebound members. All supplies will be furnished by the Adult Council, sponsor of this memorable fellowship gathering.

New Hymnals

The Worship Committee, with funds from the Memorial Committee, have purchased 265 new hymnals for the nave and chapel. If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of a special person, please make a contribution for \$20 designated "Hymnal Fund."

UMW Christmas Service & Luncheon

The United Methodist Women Christmas service and luncheon will be held Saturday, December 3. The service begins in the Nave at 11 a.m. Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade will deliver the meditation. The luncheon begins at noon in Parish Hall. Circle members may decorate their tables on Friday, December 2, from 1-3 p.m. or on Saturday morning before our program begins.

Each circle chairperson should call the church office at 524-3048 with a total number of reservations for her circle. The cost of the lunch is \$10. A nursery will be provided. Please e-mail Pat Bellingrath at patbellingrath@gmail.com with the ages of your children no later than Wednesday, November 30.

Bake Sale Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in the UMW Bake Sale on Sunday, November 20. Thanks to your generosity more than \$1,700 was raised. The proceeds will benefit Henderson Settlement, the Beacon of Hope Food Co-op, and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Sock/Underwear Trees

Traditionally we collect mittens, hats, and gloves to distribute to our guests at the Christmas Pageant on December 11. After talking with many of those served by our Sharing Shops, we have learned the greatest need is for socks and underwear. So this year, instead of mittens and hats, we are asking for donations of socks and underwear in all sizes. You may bring your donations to the trees located outside the church office on the ground floor or in the Children's Hallway on the second floor near the elevator beginning Sunday, December 4. Please bring all donations to the church by Sunday, December 11.



Church Street Calendar: November 27 - December 3

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT
Midweek Communion
Wednesday, Noon, Nave
(Music recital begins at 11:40 am)
Living Well Community
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Chapel

Sunday School 9:40 AM

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Disciple Fast Track
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 201-A
Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study
Wed., 7 pm, rm 204

Singles

First Friday Dance
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

Meetings & Ministry

Financial Peace Class
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 202
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 127
Records & History
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-C
Capstone Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Singles Council
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Charge Conference
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Chapel
Building Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Youth

Sunday Night Activities
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC
Youth Basketball Practice
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym
Monday, 6 pm, Gym
Youth Band Rehearsal
Wed., 6:45 pm, CLC 11

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

SERRV Market
Sunday, CLC Hallway
Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall
Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Church Council Dinner
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Wednesday Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall

Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team
Tuesday, noon
Food Co-op
Thursday, 11 am

Music

Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
KinderChoir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306
Youth & Children's Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 9 am, Nave

UMW

Christmas Service
Saturday, 11 am, Nave
Christmas Luncheon
Saturday, Noon, Parish Hall

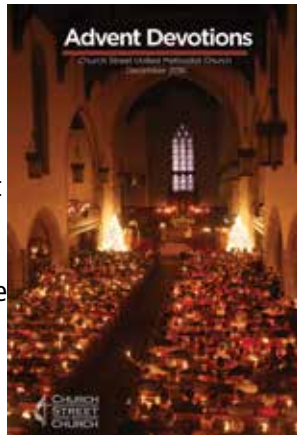
Lectionary READINGS

November 27
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

December 4
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Advent Devotionals Arrive Sunday

The Congregational Care Committee is happy to announce that our Advent devotional booklets arrive this Sunday, November 27. Devotionals written by members of the congregation are included for each day during the Advent season along with illustrations by our children. Take time to pick one up, but we ask that you be mindful of others who may need one and take only what you need. Many thanks to all those who wrote a devotional and to the Congregational Care Committee and communications office for compiling and getting the brochure printed. There are also a limited number of large print brochures available.



SINGLES news

The Singles Ministry will host its First Friday dance on Friday, December 2, 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.

SHARING shops

Thank you for your continued generosity to both of our Sharing Shops. Other than coats & older boys' clothing, we are no longer accepting clothing donations. We do not have adequate storage for all of the clothing, especially out of season clothes.

MUSIC news

Join us for The Tennessee Chamber Chorus on Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Prior to the concert, please join us in the Parish Hall for Christmas Dinner. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 865-521-0278 (leave a message). Payments for the meal should be received by check or online by December 12. Reservations must also be completed by December 12.

Menu: Prime Rib (carving station), Roast Turkey, Benton's Country Ham, Mashed potatoes with Parsnips, Southern Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Bean and Butter Bean Salad, Fresh Baked Yeast Rolls, Cruze Valley Farm Buttermilk Biscuits, South Sweet Potato Pecan Pie, and Pumpkin Cake.

Last Sunday for SERRV Market

The SERRV market will be open for one more Sunday in the CLC Hallway. We will be selling the fair-trade merchandise beginning at 9 a.m. Shop early for the best selection (**cash or check only**). The SERRV market is sponsored by the Missions Committee. For more information, visit www.serrv.org.

The Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who selected a child's name off the Beacon of Hope Giving Tree. Please remember to return all gifts to the church office no later than December 15. If you weren't able to select a child's name off the tree, there are still ways you can help bring Christmas to the children served by Beacon of Hope. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the church office no later than Sunday, December 4. We will distribute these at the last Sharing Shop of the season. Suggestions: board games, books, dolls, cars, and blocks/Legos. New rolls of wrapping paper are also needed. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to serve those in the South Knoxville community at Beacon of Hope.



Stewardship 2017 Update

2016 Pledges 335

2017 Pledges 339 (with 46 new pledges)



2017 Pledge Budget	\$1,629,761
Current Amount Pledged	\$1,506,711
Shortfall	\$123,050

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-Sally Nichols

Home from the Hospital: Jean Rickels, Harvey Smith

Christian Sympathy:

To Stan McMinn on the death of his mother, Virginia Parker, on November 14.

To David Michael Swiney on the death of his brother, Bernie Swiney on November 17.

To Ginny Rowlett on the death of her brother, Benjamin Bates, on November 20.

To Theresa Wright on the death of her stepson, Steven Wright, on November 19.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	764
Sunday School	410

Our Gifts (11/13)

Received toward budget	\$51,482.38
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$11,813
Other	\$20,470.51

Our Church Family

New Members:

Libby Burney joined by transfer of membership from Concord UMC in Knoxville, TN, on Sunday, November 20, at the 11 a.m. service.

Memorials

In Memory of:

• Linda Benninghoff

Music: Anne Jackson

• Ruthie Carey

Hymnal: Martin & Betty Walter

• David Elam

Soup Kitchen: Ann Warwick

• James C. Hung

Music: Sue Hung

• David McLain

Music: Sue Hung

• Kathy Woodson

Capital Campaign: David & Nancy Goodson

Capital Campaign: Andy & Nancy Zirkle

Capital Campaign: Ann Marie Tugwell

Capital Campaign: Juanita & Terry Cowles

Capital Campaign: Nancy Hertwig

Capital Campaign: David & Donna Walker

Capital Campaign: Joann Woods

Capital Campaign: Kathie & Frank Bemis

Capital Campaign: Lou & George McNutt

Capital Campaign: Steve & Sherry Hillis

Capital Campaign: Vicky Gardner

Capital Campaign: Charlotte & William Kotas

Capital Campaign: Ann Warwick

Capital Campaign: Bettye Gilliland

Contact Us

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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:

www.churchstreetumc.org

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Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Bishop Richard Looney–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
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	Eileen Weber–278
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Maintenance	Keith Bailey
Head Custodian	–274
Custodians:	
	Jeffery Rose, Dedra Ellison, Jason Smith
	Lee West, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell 599-5047

Altar Flowers

November 27

The Altar flowers are given in memory of

Florence & Russell W. Hillis by Sherry & Steve Hillis and family.

The Advent Wreaths are given in loving memory of Dr. Lucian Trent, Mr. & Mrs.

Wilmer Loveless and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Crawford, given by Mike & Mary Crawford.

Unique Ministry Opportunity

From time to time, the church gets requests for greeters and golf cart drivers for special events and services during the week. Since many of our regular volunteers work outside the home during the week, this becomes a challenge for our ministry of hospitality. We desperately need persons who might be able to volunteer to drive the golf cart or be a door greeter for special events or services during the middle of the week. If this is something that you can do in a 24-48 hour notice, please let Blake Valentine (blakevalentine@gmail.com) or Cindy Hollingsworth (cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net) know. You will be providing a much needed ministry from time to time.



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