

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Bishop Richard Looney

John's Call to Honor Christ

Matthew 3:1-12

Wednesday, December 7 Midweek Communion Service

Noon - Nave

Recital by Megan Stigall, cello, and

Nicholas Stigall, piano begins at

11:40 a.m. Lunch follows in Parish Hall.

Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

Thursday, December 8 Living Well Community

6:30 PM – Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Sunday Supper

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

Sunday, December 4

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

Menu: Lasagna (meat & veggie), Garlic bread, Steamed vegetables, Minestrone soup, Salad, Dessert

Kids: Spaghetti & meatballs

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

UMW Christmas Service & Luncheon

The United Methodist Women Christmas service and luncheon will be held this Saturday, December 3. The service begins in the Nave at 11 a.m. Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade will deliver the meditation: *A Home at Christmas*. 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.



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Advent Crafts Festival This Week

This year's Advent Crafts Festival will be held on Sunday, December 4, from 5-7 p.m. Following supper in the Parish Hall (\$7 adult; \$4 children, RSVP by calling 524-3048), 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 for all ages. One special center is available for fashioning gifts for our homebound members. We hope you will join us for this Advent tradition at Church Street.

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.

First Friday Dance

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.

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Master Arts Concert - December 16

Join us for The Tennessee Chamber Chorus on Friday, December 16, at 7:30 pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Prior to the concert, please join us at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall for Christmas Dinner. The 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 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
 Southern Sweet Potato Pecan Pie
 Pumpkin Cake



Support the Benevolence Team With Communion Offering

The Benevolence Team at Church Street relies on generous donations from the congregation to fund its programs. The gifts you bring during communion this Sunday and each first Sunday will make a difference in the lives of many who are served through the Benevolence Ministry. Please give generously.

Bicentennial Items Available

Looking for some help with your Christmas shopping? Consider purchasing the special Bicentennial items on sale this Sunday in the hallway by the door to the Courtyard. Many items are still available, including CDs featuring the Church Street Parish Adult Choir to coffee mugs and acrylic drink containers. All proceeds support the Music Ministry.



Food Co-op at Beacon of Hope

The Food Co-op at Beacon of Hope continues to grow and serve more families which means we need help stocking the shelves. Please bring donated items to the marked bin outside the kitchen. The items most-needed are: canned fruit, canned meats, cereal, oatmeal, and granola/breakfast bars. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry. If you are interested in volunteering with the food co-op, please contact Tresa Childs at child4u@att.net.

Church Street Calendar: December 4-10

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

Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team
 Tuesday, noon
 Sharing Shop
 Thursday, 1 pm

Meetings & Ministry

Stephen Ministry
 Sunday, 13:0 pm, rm 201-A
 Benevolence Team
 Monday, noon, CLC 127
 Properties Committee
 Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202
 Soup Kitchen
 Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Youth

Christmas Party
 Sunday, 12:30 pm, off-site
 Youth Basketball Practice
 Sunday, 7 pm, Gym
 Monday, 6 pm, Gym
 Youth Band Rehearsal
 Wed., 6:45 pm, CLC 11

Music

Adult Handbell Rehearsal
 Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303
 Adult Choir Rehearsal
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306
 Adult Choir Rehearsal
 Saturday, 10:30 am, Nave



Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Advent Crafts Festival
 Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall
 Bridge
 Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120
 Yoga
 Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
 Wednesday Lunch
 Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
 Murphy Builders Luncheon
 Friday, 11:30 am, CLC 120

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Pastor's Bible Study
 Wed., 7 pm, rm 204

Lectionary READINGS

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

December 11
 Isaiah 35:1-10
 Luke 1:47-55
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be on sale Sundays, December 4 and 11, in the hallway outside the Chapel. Help beautify the church this Advent by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant. You may also order one by calling the church office at 524-3048.



Advent Devotion Books

Don't forget to pick up your 2016 Advent Devotion book. Devotionals written by members of the congregation are included for each day during the Advent season along with illustrations by our children. 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. In addition, you may download a copy of the book on the church website: www.churchstreetumc.org. Under the News heading, click on Advent 2016.

Join Us for The Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 11, from 5-7 p.m. We will begin in Parish Hall with a light meal and then progress to the Nave for a unique Christmas Pageant where everyone has the opportunity to participate. We hope you will join us for this special telling of the Christmas story! Volunteers are needed for this event. You may sign up on the bulletin board outside the main office or complete sign-up sheets provided in the Sunday School packets this week.

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." If your Sunday School class or group needs hymnals, there are many of the older ones available. For more information, please contact Sandra Flinter at 865-579-3304.

Stewardship 2017 Update

2016 Pledges 335

2017 Pledges 350 (with 50 new pledges)



2017 Pledge Budget	\$1,629,761
Current Amount Pledged	\$1,554,142
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Shortfall	\$75,619

PARKING news

Please make sure your vehicles have a Church Street parking sticker. If you do not have a sticker, please stop by the church office on Sundays or during business hours, Monday-Friday. During the week, we ask that you only park in the spots by the dumpster, the Magnolia lot or in the newly renovated Hill Avenue lot. Parking anywhere else may result in a parking ticket from UT, as some of our spaces are leased by the university for student use.

FAMILY promise

You have the opportunity to help Family Promise. It is the only shelter program in Knoxville that can keep families together as they battle back from homelessness. Four times a year Church Street partners with Church of the Ascension and other churches to host Family Promise families. We host dinner two evenings from 5:30-8 p.m. You can help by organizing your family, Sunday school class or other church group to host a potluck dinner either December 11-12. For more information please contact Pastor Barbara at 521-0263 or Susan Fowlkes at susanfowlkes1432@gmail.com.

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

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.

Stewardship

We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Our Prayers

Home from the Hospital: Sally Nichols

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	631
Sunday School	321

Our Gifts (11/20)

Received toward budget	\$34,645.45
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$17,751.65
Other	\$20,952.30

Altar Flowers

December 4

The Chancel & Chapel Altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Jr. by Paul & Susie Siler

Christmas Eve Hospitality

On Christmas Eve we will have 4 services at noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. We need greeters and golf cart drivers to welcome persons who come to these services. We want to welcome all, especially our visitors, and help them find their way to the Nave. People may also have questions that a greeter can answer. For all these reasons and more, we need your help in serving as a door greeter or a golf cart driver on Christmas Eve. It just may be one of the very best gifts that someone can give to your church on Christmas Eve. If you can volunteer, please contact Cindy Hollingsworth at 363-1124 or cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net or Blake Valentine at blakevalentine@gmail.com.

Our Church Family

New Members:

Tracy & Erin Wright joined on Sunday, November 27, at the 8:30 a.m. service. Erin joins by transfer of membership from First UMC, Marion, NC and Tracy joins by re-affirmation of faith.

Libby Magill joined by transfer of membership from First Baptist Church in Clinton, TN, at the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, November 27.

Baptisms:

Xavier Gray Wright and Steele Gray Wright, sons of Tracy & Erin Wright, were baptized on Sunday, November 27, at the 8:30 a.m. service.

Amelia June Carroll, daughter of Brian and Candra Carroll was baptized on Sunday, November 27, at the 11 a.m. service.



Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Sue Hung**
Soup Kitchen: May W. Huang
- **Don & Sally Lighter**
Benevolence Fund: Gene & Sandra Flinter

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Bud Albers**
Capital Campaign: Larry & Jane Martin
- **Dennis Childs, Jr.**
Hymnal: Scott & Tresa Childs
- **Barbara Collins**
Capital Campaign: Larry & Jane Martin
Capital Campaign: George & Lou McNutt
- **Hugh Hixson**
Capital Campaign: Pat & Jane Armstrong
Capital Campaign: John & Phyllis Eldridge
- **David McLain**
Music: John & Phyllis Eldridge
Music: Brad & Judy Thompson
- **Dr. & Mrs. Robert Newman**
Capital Campaign: Sanford & Hope Carlson
- **Kathy Woodson**
Capital Campaign: Bill & Jamie Daly
Capital Campaign: Daniel & Moira Ely
Capital Campaign: R.J. & Mary Campbell
Capital Campaign: Janie & Bill Dempster
Capital Campaign: Bill & Wanda Williams
Capital Campaign: Steve & Mary Ellis Richardson
Capital Campaign: Charles Wagner
Capital Campaign: Wayne & Sylvia Davis
Capital Campaign: Larry & Jane Martin
Capital Campaign: David & Patti Harris

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



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