

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, February 26

*Transfiguration Sunday*

#### Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Barbara Clark

*Trail Theology*

Matthew 17:1-9

### Wednesday, March 1

#### Ash Wednesday

Noon & 6 p.m. – Nave

Prayer Labyrinth - Chapel

9:30 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

### Lenten Devotions

Next week we begin the season of Lent. The Congregational Care Committee has prepared a book of Lenten Devotions. It includes a devotion for Ash Wednesday and each Sunday in Lent. It also includes one daily devotion for Holy Week, including Easter. Please pick up your copy at church beginning Sunday, February 26. It will also be available online.



### Chili Cook-Off This Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, February 26, from 4-6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a Chili Cook-off hosted by Children's Council. The meal is free, but the Children's Ministry will be collecting donations. All funds raised will benefit the 3rd Grade Bible Fund. We hope you will be a part of this fun evening of fellowship and help support the Children's Ministry at church street. For more information please contact Katryn McKinney at [kmckinney@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kmckinney@churchstreetumc.org).



### Ash Wednesday: Day of Prayer & Reflection in the Chapel

If you have never participated in our Ash Wednesday Time of Reflective Prayer, why not make 2017 the year you avail yourself of this opportunity? The quiet beauty of our chapel welcomes you to ponder your own life and to open yourself to the voice of God. Perhaps the Holy One is calling you to rid yourself of practices that may be harmful to your body, to your soul, to your loved ones? Or might you need to take on a practice this Lenten Season that will increase your faith or will lift another emotionally or spiritually? The Divine One is always waiting for you to initiate that interior conversation.

The Chapel will be open this first day of Lent, March 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to enter the silence, to light a candle, to kneel at the altar, or to sit in the stillness. The Labyrinth Path of Prayer, a simple metaphor for life's journey, will be available for meditative walks.

Members of the clergy will be present throughout the day to offer the blessing of hands – a symbol that one is either opening the palms for service, or releasing a habit or unhealthy practice. God will lead you to your own decisions and will also be pleased that you have set aside time for contemplation of his will. In addition, there will be two Ash Wednesday services in the Nave: noon and 6 p.m.

### UMW Call to Prayer Service

The United Methodist Women invite you to the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service. It will be held on Tuesday, March 14, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel. The national UMW office encourages a focus on maternal and child issues during this year's observance. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Rebecca Fetzer, Minister of Discipleship from Cokesbury Church. Rev. Fetzer is also the executive director of Susannah's House, a faith-based facility with programs to provide ongoing treatment and support to moms in recovery and their children.

After the service, we will gather in Parish Hall for lunch. The meal is \$10 per person and payment is required in advance. Please send your check (made out to Church Street UMC) to the church office no later than Thursday, March 2.



## Pray Without Ceasing

When we became members of our Church Street congregation, each of us publicly vowed to pray for our church family. It is the Apostle Paul who reminds us of the vital importance of this practice. In his first letter to his beloved believers in Thessalonica, he advised: *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (5:16-18). Two important opportunities for prayer are open to Church Streeters each and every week. Please join others who have made a commitment to regularly lift up our world, our nation, and our church in prayer.

### Meditative & Intercessory Prayers:

You may wish to become part of this small group that meets every Wednesday morning from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. in room 211. Silence is observed for 15 minutes, and the remainder of the time is set aside for church thanksgivings and petitions.

### Prayer Chapel Daily Prayer Observance:

Add your name to the list of those members who slip into our prayer room once a week or once a month for 20 to 30 minutes to lift up those within our congregation who have requested intercessory prayer. Each Monday a new list of concerns is placed on the side table in the prayer room. You may commit to a time that is most convenient to you personally.

As one volunteer noted recently: It is indeed interesting to see how God works everything out; we seek to bless others through our prayers, and it turns out that we ourselves are the ones who feel blessed! To add your name to both or either of these offerings, please contact Pastor Jan at [jbwade@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jbwade@churchstreetumc.org) or 521-0264.

## Grief Support:

### Permission to Mourn

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you may find it helpful to join with others who are traveling a similar lonely path. On the Sunday afternoons of March 5, 12, 19, 26, a group will gather in room 201-C from 4-5:30 p.m. for healing discussions and related activities. Sessions will be led by Reverends Jan Wade & Diana Brown Taylor.

Cost for the series is \$20 to cover the cost of materials and the book *Permission to Mourn* by Tom Zuba. All ages are welcome. To register or to make inquiries, please contact [jbwade@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jbwade@churchstreetumc.org) or call 521-0264.



## Church Street Calendar: February 26 - March 4

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
Rejoice! TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT  
Ash Wednesday Services  
Wednesday, Noon & 6 pm, Nave

### 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  
Prayer Labyrinth  
Wed., 9:30 am, Chapel  
Men of God Group  
Tuesday, 10:30 am, rm 202  
Wednesday Prayer Group  
Wed., 9:30 am, rm 211  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 204

### Meetings & Ministry

Missions Committee  
Sunday, 3 pm, rm 202  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, Noon, CLC 127  
Sharing Shop  
Monday, noon, Gym  
Singles Council  
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 124  
Wedding Committee  
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Outreach & Welcome  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, off-site  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
Properties Committee  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202

### Youth

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

### Music

Youth Choir  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Primary Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308  
Chorister Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Sunday, 6:45 pm, rm 303  
Parish Adult Choir  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 306

### UMW

Service Circle  
Tuesday, 9:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Lydia Circle  
Friday, noon, rm 119

### Singles

Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Friday Fun Night  
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Chili Cook-Off  
Sunday, 4 pm, Parish Hall  
Bridge  
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120  
Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204

### Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team  
Tuesday, noon  
Food Co-op  
Thursday, 10 am

### Lectionary READINGS

**February 26**  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

**March 5**  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

## Building for Christ Update

When the 1931 building was built, Crab Orchard stone was relatively inexpensive compared to other building materials (costing about \$4/ ton) and stone masons were common. Even with this, some of the experts who have looked at our building stone think that the church might have purchased or received donations of stone that members had on their farms or in fields to fill in and make the quarried stone go farther. Making sure the stone for our new addition blends well



with our existing stonework is an important priority. At left is a photo of a group representing Hartman Cox, Johnson & Galyon, and Church Street who visited Crossville/ Rockwood/ Crab Orchard last week to research and interview possible stone suppliers and stone masons for the new addition.



## CHILDCARE reminder

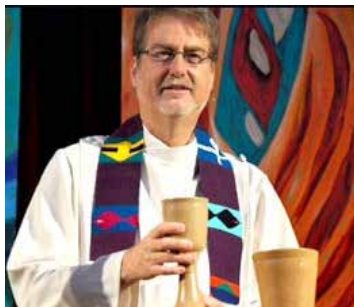
Please remember that if you need childcare for a meeting or a church event, you must schedule it at least one week in advance. Please contact childcare coordinator Sarah Burtch at burtchsarah@gmail.com or 865-567-0913.

## ONLINE giving

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

## Bishop Lecture Series

Join us March 26-28 for the Bishop Lecture Series featuring Bishop Kenneth Carter. Dr. Carter is resident bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Along with the Cabinet, he gives pastoral and administrative leadership to almost 700 congregations in an episcopal area that stretches from Tallahassee and Jacksonville to Miami and the Keys. Bishop Carter will preach during both worship services on March 26 and will offer addresses on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings in the Nave. Make plans to hear this popular and dynamic church leader.



### Schedule

#### Sunday

8:30 & 11 a.m. - "On Fire"

5 p.m. - "God Gives But He Does Not Share"

#### Monday

6 p.m. - "Hidden in Plain Sight"

#### Tuesday

6 p.m. - "Revive Us Again"

## Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study invites you to be a part of the next study. The group will read *Fight Back with Joy – Celebrate More. Regret Less. Stare down your greatest fears* by Margaret Feinberg. Some of the goals of this study are to expand your understanding of joy from a biblical perspective, to have personal spiritual growth, and gain tools for overcoming crisis. The study also aims to help readers develop healthy expectations of life. And participants find hope again through difficult trials and circumstances.

This six-week study with workbook and DVD will begin on Wednesday, March 1 and run through April 12. We meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in room 201-A. The cost of the workbook is \$14. Childcare is provided. Workbooks will be available in the church office beginning Feb. 22 and in class on March 1. Please contact Juanita Cowles at 865-712-3262 or [Juanita.cowles@att.net](mailto:Juanita.cowles@att.net) to sign up.

## LIBRARY news

Our church library is trying to be a better steward of space and resources. Currently they have many VHS tapes of curriculum studies that have not been checked out in years. These are tapes of series or single studies that still contain good material but are no longer used due to interest and/or current electronic technology. Plus, the additional shelf space is needed. Library volunteers are putting them out for you to take on a "first come, first serve basis." They are in a box in the library labeled, "Library Discards." Please help the library recycle older tapes by taking some for yourself, your class or other individuals or groups.

## Save the Dates

### Vacation Bible School

June 19-22 (Evening)

### Camp Hogwarts

August 1-2 (All day)

## 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:** Sherry Walsh, Ron Schaefer, Powell Richardson

### Christian Sympathy:

To the family of Doris Trent on her death on February 17.

To Lisa Flanary on the death of her uncle, L. M. Whillock, on February 18.

To Mark Blazer on the death of his mother, Margaret Lucille Blazer, on February 20.

### Our Presence

Sunday School	389
Sunday Worship	710

### Our Gifts (2/12)

Received toward budget	\$27,402.12
Capital Campaign	
Contributions	\$18,165
Other	\$2,204.25

## Confirmation Class Retreat

On February 18 and 19, sixty Confirmation students, their parents and other adult leaders traveled to Lake Junaluska for their annual class retreat. They had a wonderful time learning "The Ways We Experience God."

The group met and shared in small groups, toured both the Southeastern Jurisdiction Heritage and the World Methodist Museums, played games together and shared Holy Communion in the concluding worship service. Many thanks to all the families who made a commitment to attend the retreat and the adult leaders who helped facilitate all the activities. Look for a full article with photos in the March *Mountain* to get a better flavor of the weekend.

*In Memoriam*

**Doris Trent**

Joined: 7/18/1993 Died: 2/17/2017

## Our Church Family

Baptism:

George Hudson Hepworth, son of Adam and Kristin Hepworth, was baptized on Sunday, February 19, at the 11 a.m. service.



## Memorials

*In Memory of:*

- **Bill Crosland, Jr.**  
Capital Campaign: David & Betty Craig  
Capital Campaign: Larry & Loretta Best
- **Reuben Hunter**  
Library: Pat Hunter
- **Barbara Hochstedler**  
Capital Campaign: Jim Boehms  
Capital Campaign: Larry & Jane Martin  
Capital Campaign: Anonymous  
Sewing Circle: Ray & Ginny Shubert  
General Fund: Ellen Hochstedler Steury  
Capital Campaign: George & Lou McNutt  
Library: Pat Hunter
- **Isabelle M. Peck**  
BOH Sharing Shop: Ginny & Tom Knack  
BOH Sharing Shop: Ron & Sharon Aylor
- **Rev. Cabel Trent**  
Capital Campaign: Jim Boehms  
Capital Campaign: Larry & Jane Martin  
Capital Campaign: Anne Trent  
Capital Campaign: Dr. Martha Fallis  
Music: Herman Sain & Verna McLain  
Capital Campaign: Anonymous  
Capital Campaign: Marie Brabson  
Library: Pat Hunter  
Capital Campaign: Nancy Banks, Mary Crone, Carol Trevathan  
Capital Campaign: George & Lou McNutt

## Honorariums

*In Honor of:*

- **Mary Cartwright & Bill Stoess**  
Gardens: Jim Boehms

## Altar Flowers

*February 26*

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



## Contact Us

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## Staff Directory

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Associate Pastor	Barbara Clark–263
Associate Pastor	Nicole Krewson–298
Minister of Spiritual	
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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	-273
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber–278
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
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Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose–274
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