

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, May 14**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Worship Times**

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave  
Senior Sunday

**Wednesday, May 10**  
**Midweek Communion Service**

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Lunch will be served following the service in room 118.

May 10: May 10: Roasted pork tenderloin with potatoes and vegetables

May 17: Grilled balsamic chicken with roasted tomatoes and basil, rice pilaf and vegetable

Lunch is \$7 and includes salad and dessert. For lunch reservations, call 524-3048 or email [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org).

## Celebrating Senior Sunday



Each May, we celebrate the graduating senior class of Church Street. They participate in different elements of the worship services, as well as share their future plans with us. It is truly a special time in the life of these students and the life of the church. Often, this falls on Mother's Day, which really is quite fitting. So many people at Church Street have contributed to the growth and development of these young men and women, and this Sunday we celebrate the way this place pours into the children and youth who call it home. We would love to invite you to share in this special Sunday of worship as we honor the graduating class of 2017!

-Jenny Cross, Director of Youth and College Ministries

## Ishe Anesu Mission Offering

On Sunday, May 21 we will take an offering to support the ministry of Ishe Anesu in Mutare, Zimbabwe as part of the Holston Annual Conference offering. Ishe Anesu means "God with us" and this ministry has been supported by the people of the Holston Conference for over 18 years.



You have two opportunities to support this ministry:

1. Give to the special offering on May 21.
2. Be part of the hands on mission project and create a school kit with your family or Sunday School class.

Learn more about the ministry and the hands on project on page two or visit [www.ac.holston.org](http://www.ac.holston.org) (including a video).

A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

JOHN 10:10 (THE MESSAGE)



# Hands On Mission Project

By: Pat Bellingrath, Missions Committee

This year once again the people of Holston Conference will be sending backpacks to the children of the Ishe Agnesu ministry in Zimbabwe. The Ishe Agnesu Project was founded by missionary Marie Humbane in Mutare, Zimbabwe and is part of the UMC's Global Ministries. It is an after-school program for children in extreme poverty (many are orphans) and offers two meals a day and assistance with homework. It also offers instruction in Christian education and values and teaches social and family values. Ishe Agnesu also provides funds to pay for tuition, fees and school uniforms. Since the program began in 1998, many students have graduated from its high school and some have gone on to attend college. For most, if not all the children, education is the only way to break out of the cycle of poverty.

Our conference offering, Change for Children, also goes to Ishe Agnesu. This program needs \$65,000 a year to educate 45 primary school children and 20 secondary and college age students. The Ishe Agnesu school building, which was built with the support of Holston Conference, is hoping to recruit more students in order to help more children attend school who otherwise, would be unable to do so. Our children's department has been collecting donations for this offering and we, as a congregation, are also invited to contribute to this fund.

The Missions Committee is asking people to fill a backpack (or more!) and bring them to the church office by June 4 (see list of items above). We also thought it would be fun to make this collection into a friendly competition between the Sunday School classes! Let's see which class can donate the most backpacks and yes, there will be a prize for the class that collects the most backpacks! Thank you for your help and support of this important project.



## HOLSTON CONFERENCE HANDS ON MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting school kits for Ishe Agnesu in Zimbabwe.  
Packing list:

- backpack
- compass/protractor set
- 1 pack of erasers
- 10-12 ct. pack of pencils (10-12 ct.)
- small dictionary
- box crayons (24 ct.)
- ruler, 12-inch
- 3 pkg. notebook paper, wide-ruled (100-150 ct.)
- 1 pack of pens (blue or black ink)
- New sneakers-any size, child/adult (\$15 or less;  
remove all price tags.)

Place \$5 in cash in an envelope OUTSIDE the backpack for shipping costs. Bring backpacks to church office by June 4.

## Church Street Calendar: May 14-20

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
Rejoice! TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT  
Wednesday Noonday Service  
Wednesday, 12:00 pm, Chapel

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Men of God Group  
Tuesday, 10:30 am, rm 202  
Wednesday Prayer Group  
Wednesday, 10:45 am, rm 211  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

### Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, Office  
Adult Council  
Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 201-C  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
Staff-Parish Relations Committee  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Preschool Parent Training  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

### Youth

Youth Band Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11

### UMW

Book Review  
Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., rm 103

### Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team  
Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC  
Food Co-Op  
Tuesday, 9 am, Vestal UMC

### Singles

Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Game Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Bridge  
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120  
Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204

### Lectionary

#### READINGS

#### May 14

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

#### May 21

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14



## Reflections on Disciple Fast Track

By Rev. Rick Isbell

Eleven Disciple Fast Track students completed 24 weeks of in-depth Bible study on April 30. These students have taken the first Disciple Fast Track course. Since September of last year, the class has met each Sunday for two



hours studying both the Old and New Testaments. Students have engaged in daily disciplined Bible study and reflection, reading of the student books, plus attending class each week. I have served as leader of the class.

The class sessions consisted of a video presentation, input from the leader and small group discussion on the application of scriptures to today's life. The class spent 12 weeks each studying the Old and New Testaments. We had a great time together and here are some quotes from the class participants:

*"Fast Track is a very good study, especially for those who have limited time for class attendance and study. Everyone should do a directed study at some point.... Disciple Fast Track is a good way to start."*

*"It was my first opportunity to commit to a long-term Bible study program. It has been such a wonderful experience, making me a much more disciplined Christian to regular Bible study and prayer. I would absolutely recommend it to a new or seasoned believer."*

*"It was a very enjoyable and rewarding and helped me stay focused on my faith and to think about areas where I can be of more service."*

*"Believe it or not, this class gave me insights into myself. I have absorbed much of the message of the Bible and still have much to learn. The group was wonderful in the dynamics of learning together and caring for each other."*

Class participants pictured: (seated left to right) Carol Smith, Frank Moore, John Shearer, Stephanie Boyd, Scott Childs (standing left to right) Jana Davison, Elaine Ralston, Julie Thornburg, Tresa Childs, Linda Cox, (standing in back) Larry Cox

## Getting Ahead Graduates

We celebrate eight recent graduates of Beacon of Hope's Getting Ahead program! The Getting Ahead program teaches practical life and financial skills to students. Thanks to Dona McConnell, Pat Rule and Stephanie Blue for leading this program.



## TEACHER breakfast

The Education Committee will honor teachers and those who serve in Christian education with a drop-in breakfast, on Sunday, May 21 from 8 to 10 a.m. in Parish Hall. All Sunday School teachers, volunteers, and all those who help make disciples of Jesus Christ through our Christian Education ministries are invited. There will be a breakfast buffet

## CRUISE planned

Members of the Pathfinders Sunday School class are planning a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. They will sail from Port Canaveral, Florida on August 20 and return on August 27. Ground transportation to and from Port Canaveral will be arranged. During the cruise, islands to be visited are Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Maarten. Cruise cost is \$2,050-\$2,500 depending on accommodations.

If interested, call Bill Roberts, 771-2906. Reservations must be made by May 15, depending on space availability.

## BOOK review

Join the UMW for a book review on Wednesday, May 17 at 1:30 in room 103.

We will review and discuss "Launch Your Encore: Finding Adventure and Purpose Later in Life" by Hans Finzel and Rick Harris led by Judy Penry. All are welcome; you do not have to have read the book to be a part of the discussion.

## Stewardship

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

### Our Prayers

**UT:** Mac Roberts

### Home From the Hospital:

Sue Isbell, Richard Jenne

### Our Presence May 7

Sunday Worship	629
Sunday School	332

### Our Gifts April 30

Received Toward Budget	\$25,420.84
Capital Campaign	\$13,266.00
Hunger Helper	\$441.00
Other	\$36,164.00

## Altar Flowers

May 14

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Holland Stalcup by her family: Clay, Staci, Seth, Aiden, Caroline and Benjamin.

## Hunger Helper Market

The Hunger Helper Market is now open on Sunday mornings! The proceeds from sales benefit Wesley House, Beacon of Hope's Food Co-Op, and Church Street's Sharing Shop.

Each Sunday, two volunteers are needed from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and three volunteers from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. If every Sunday School Class covered just one Sunday, then all Sundays the Hunger Helper is open would be covered.

Please consider donating baked goods, plants or bulbs from your yard, or surplus garden harvests. Baked goods such as cookies, cupcakes, and pies are popular items with our shoppers. For more information, contact Jenni or Keith Poveda at jenniandkeith@gmail.com.

## Our Church Family

### Births:

Keeley Emerson and Nicholas Reed Wilker were born on May 1 to Robin and Buddy Wilker. The twins' maternal grandfather is John Waddell.

## Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Rev. Barbara Clark**  
Missions: Harry Mathews
- **Rev. Andy Ferguson**  
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
- **Bishop Looney**  
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
- **Kelly Woods**  
Capital Campaign: Anonymous

## Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Evelyn Kent**  
Capital Campaign: Anonymous  
Library: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Helen Johnson**  
Capital Campaign: Anonymous
- **Margaret Mathews**  
Capital Campaign: Bill and Sandra Roberts, Anonymous
- **Mary Jane Reeder**  
Music: Anonymous
- **Ron Schaefer**  
Capital Campaign: Bill and Sandra Roberts, Anonymous, Anonymous  
Library: Mary and Bob Carmichael
- **Doris Trent**  
Capital Campaign: Douglas & Allison Peek



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## Staff Directory

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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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Church Administrator	Kate Spencer—268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne—267
Communications Director	LeRae Collins—299
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods—262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best—280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively—271
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken—270
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber—278
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey—295
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