

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, August 13

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Matthew 14:22-36

Direction or Distraction

Rev. Chuck Starks

### Wednesday, August 9 Midweek Communion Service

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Barbara Clark

Lunch will be served following the service in  
Room 118.

Lunch is \$7 and includes salad and dessert.

For lunch reservations,  
call 524-3048 or email

reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

## A Back to School Prayer



*A reminder to continue to lift up students and all those who serve them in prayer today:*

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus whom we seek to follow day by day. Amen.

*-The United Methodist Church General Board of Discipleship*

## Confirmation Class Orientation

Confirmation Class will hold orientation on Sunday, August 13 at 9:40 am in CLC 15 (on the lower level of the Church Life Center). The orientation is for students and parents. Confirmation Class is primarily designed for (but not limited to) sixth grade students and their parents. The class is held during the Sunday School hour from mid-August through April 2018. Confirmation is designed to help sixth graders explore their faith, learn of their UMC heritage, live a life of Christian discipleship and make a decision to profess their faith in Jesus Christ. This year we will be adding a new component, "Confirmation 2.0" where parents will be part of monthly classes exploring the same topics as their students. Orientation will help families learn more about Confirmation at Church Street including the expectations, schedule, materials, co-teachers, and more. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Rick Isbell, risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

*What is your vision for Church Street?*

**Beacon of Hope  
Food Co-Op  
Immediate  
Needs:**



Cereal  
Breakfast Bars  
Canned Fruit  
Lunch Box Snacks

# Children's Choir Preview

Register now for the Children's Choir Preview on Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. beginning in Parish Hall. Children rising first through fifth graders are invited to be a part of the choirs! The children will have a pizza lunch at noon in Parish Hall. There will be a Parents' Meeting at 2:45 p.m. Please join us for this preview event filled with singing, fun and fellowship! Children sing for worship each month during the program year. In rehearsals, they gain the basics of vocal technique and music theory while also learning the hymns and service music of the church. Children do not need to be members of Church Street UMC to participate. To register, contact Edie Johnson at [ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org).

# Youth Kick-Off

The annual Youth Kick-Off event will be Sunday, August 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the gym. There will be dinner, games, worship and a highlight of what's to come in youth ministry for the school year. All youth are invited to be a part of this event. Please plan to attend and get plugged in to what is happening at Church Street! For questions or to register, contact Jenny Cross at [jcross@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jcross@churchstreetumc.org).

# Service Circle Sale

The UMW Service Circle wants to make your Christmas shopping easier. . . in August! Come and buy Christmas items, quilts and other handmade items at the Service Circle sale on Sunday, August 20 between worship services and following the 11 a.m. service in the breezeway. Members of the hard working UMW Circle will be there to sell their handmade crafts. All proceeds go to purchase yarn, sewing and quilting supplies for the Prayer Shawl ministry. Make plans for this opportunity to do your Christmas shopping early!

**Coming Soon!**  
**A New Adult Sunday School Class**  
**Look for details next week**

## Calendar: August 13-19

### Worship

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

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Men of God  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 201A  
Wednesday Prayer Group  
Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211

### Singles

Bridge  
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120  
Game Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

### Beacon of Hope

Food Co-op  
Thursday, 9 am, VUMC  
Benevolence Team  
Tuesday, 12 pm, VUMC

### Meetings & Ministry

Hunger Helper Market  
Sunday, 8 am, Breezeway  
Sharing Shop  
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 126  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 126  
Finance Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204  
Wednesday Lunch  
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118  
Missions Committee  
Wednesday, 6pm, rm 201A  
Education Committee  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, rm 204  
Staff-Parish Relations Committee  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A  
Outreach & Welcome Committee  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 202  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

## CREED Study

The Apostles' Creed is one of the basic professions of faith in most Christian churches. It is one of the most widely used and best known confessional statements in the western Church. This fall Rev. Rick Isbell will lead a 9-week study on this foundational creed using Adam Hamilton's study, *CREED: What Christians Believe & Why* on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a supper break. The study will take an in-depth look into the Apostles' Creed: God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Church & Communion of Saints, Forgiveness of Sins, and the Resurrection of the Body.

Participants are expected to purchase and read the study book and have a notebook for reflection notes and journaling. An orientation session for this study will be held on Sunday, August 27, 4:30 pm in room 201-A. The study will begin on Sunday, September 10. If you have questions, contact Rev. Isbell at [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org).

### Lectionary READINGS

**August 13**  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-23

**August 20**  
Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

# Accessibility for All

By Steve and Mary Ellis Richardson

Church Street's chancel area is a magnificent and sacred place for worship. In fact, most members probably consider the chancel's main altar to be the most sacred space in the entire church. And atop its center is the "Welcoming Christ" statue, a unique, visual symbolic statement of God's unconditional acceptance and grace for all.



*Pictured: Powell Richardson, with assistance, preparing to take communion on Sunday.*

Powell Richardson ascended the steps to participate in communion at the main altar on Sunday, August 6. Yet, this is not about Powell. Rather, it is about demonstrating the need for choice and open access to that sacred space for all people, regardless of physical conditions.

Look around. There are those within *our very own congregation* who utilize canes and walkers and even wheelchairs to assist with ambulation for whom ascending and descending the chancel steps is not possible. Look around some more. You will see some members who normally do not require assistive devices but become unsteady on the chancel steps and cannot ascend and descend them safely. All of us in time will become more unsteady as we utilize the chancel steps. Yet, many of us have expectations of fully participating in church services even longer than our parents, for a number of reasons including better health care. As you continue to look around, you may notice members with temporary mobility issues, who require crutches, canes, and walkers. They, too, are unable to access the main altar for communion.

Yet all people – able-bodied or not – should have the same choices of places to participate in the communion sacrament and other worship. Is it right and in keeping with the scriptures to limit altar access to only the able-bodied? Access to the main, chancel altar--perhaps the most sacred space in church--should be open to all, just as the "Welcoming Christ" reminds us.

Look around again, and this time look outside our church. Did you know in just Knox County alone more than 25,000 people rely on wheelchairs, walkers, canes and other assistive equipment to walk? How many of these individuals are looking for a church in which they feel unencumbered to fully participate in worship, including access to the altar?

Powell represents so many people with mobility issues both inside and outside the church. With Church Street's new building addition underway, which brings much-needed improvements to Nave accessibility, the time is right to provide means of access to the main altar, so everyone who enters our building can fully experience and participate in worship in this magnificent and sacred place.

## NAVE floor

Would you like a piece of Church Street's history? Pieces of the original Nave floor are available for pick up for those that would like them. (You can see examples in the church office.)

If you'd like a piece(s) of the floor to keep as a memento, please contact Kate Spencer ([kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org)) or Keith Bailey ([kbailey@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbailey@churchstreetumc.org)) by Friday, August 25.

## WOMEN'S study

Wednesday morning women's Bible study will resume on August 16 with a 7-week study focused on *Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break* by Kelly Minter. The study will draw inspiration from Nehemiah's life to inspire you to listen to what God has put in your heart to do. The study will meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 201-A. (Childcare is available upon request.) For more information, contact Juanita Cowles at 712-3262 or [juanita.cowles@att.net](mailto:juanita.cowles@att.net).

## FOUR COURSE dinner

Our Four Course Dinner groups will begin again! This is your opportunity to meet new people from the different services and Sunday school classes whether you're a long time or new member.

Contact Kathy Alexander with your name, address, phone number and email so you can be added to this ministry. You will receive a letter with a group assignment for the next rotation. Please respond by August 28.

**Have you  
remembered  
Church Street in  
your will?**



### Our Prayers

UT: Jimmy Price

**Home from the Hospital:**  
Ann Reego

### Christian Sympathy:

- To Sandy Mann on the death of her brother, Morris Presley, on August 5.
- To Marty Troxler on the death of her father, Marvin R. Young, on August 7.

### Our Presence August 6

Sunday Worship	635
Sunday School	431

### Our Gifts July 30

Received Toward Budget	\$31,912.88
Capital Campaign	\$920.00
Hunger Helper	\$162.00
Other	\$5,713.05

### Altar Flowers

August 6

The Chapel Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of our parents by Harold, Sarah and Chris Wimberly.

August 13

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Carrie Ellis by Cole and Sue Piper.

## Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Loretta Best**  
Hunger Helper: Anonymous
- **Barbara Clark**  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:  
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study
- **Juanita Cowles**  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:  
Monday Evening Women's Bible Study
- **Peggy Tillery**  
Kneelers Fund: UMW Circle 8
- **UMW Circle 8**  
Josephine Wiegiers

## Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Mac Roberts**  
Capital Campaign: Frank & Clatty Word
- **Dale Smelser**  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:  
Mary & Martha UMW Circle 11
- **Col. Gene & Mildred Weeks**  
Kneeler Fund: Deborah & Mark Dust,  
Louise & Alan Thorndike,  
John D. Weeks

## Youth Choir Retreat

All youth sixth grade through seniors are invited to be part of the Youth Choir Retreat on August 26-27. Students will learn music for the 2017-18 season, stay downtown, rehearse at Church Street and the UT School of Music and, of course, have fun. Rehearsals will be led by Dr. Alan Stevens from East Tennessee State University.

The cost of the retreat is \$85. For more information, contact Tim Ward at [tward@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:tward@churchstreetumc.org).

## 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 Enrichment	Jan Wade-264
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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
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Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken–270
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber–278
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey-295
Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose–274
Custodians:	Dedra Ellison, Jason Smith Lee West, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell 599-5047

## Family Promise Hosts Pasta & Bluegrass Festival

Family Promise, one of our missions partners, hosts the Pasta and Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, August 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Central Baptist of Bearden (6300 Deane Hill Drive). There will be 15 tastings of competition level pastas (including gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options), live bluegrass music, children's festival and Italian Market filled with artisan wares for sale. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Purchase your tickets by contacting Pastor Barbara at [bclark@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:bclark@churchstreetumc.org) or Susan Fowlkes at [susanfowlkes1432@gmail.com](mailto:susanfowlkes1432@gmail.com). Tickets are also available at the event.



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