CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

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## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, December 3

*First Sunday in Advent*

**Worship Times**

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Rev. Chuck Starks

### Wednesday, November 29

**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.

## Sermon Online

Visit www.soundcloud.com/churchstreetumc to hear Pastor Barbara's sermon from Christ the King Sunday.

## Advent Crafts Festival

The annual Advent Crafts Festival for all ages will take place on Sunday, December 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Adult Council, will begin in Parish Hall with a pizza and salad buffet. All are asked to bring a salad to share with others (tossed, Caesar, pasta, fruit, etc.). Pizza and drinks will be provided. The Preschool and Kinder Choir will share Christmas music before we head to the gym for an evening of making holiday crafts.

In the gym there will be 14 different craft centers where you can make a unique holiday craft to take home. New crafts and old favorites! All supplies provided, donations are accepted. Plan now to join in the fun as we come together to make something for our homes or to share with others. Craft centers include: fruit and greenery candle, bead ornaments, Mickey & Minnie ornaments, holiday door hangers, glass ribbon balls, paper "stained glass" ornaments to color, jingle bell necklaces and pine cone bird feeders. At one center you will have the opportunity to design a card to go with a special gift to our homebound members, and you can sign up to deliver the gift to them.

Volunteers are needed to help with the centers, no experience and all instructions will be provided. If you are willing to serve, contact Elaine Watson, Adult Council chair, at elainepwatson@gmail.com.

## Advent Devotional

The Congregational Care Committee is happy to announce that our annual Advent Devotional will be available beginning Sunday, December 3. These devotionals for every day in Advent (and two for each Sunday in Advent) are written by members and clergy of Church Street. Each devotion includes a scripture passage, message and prayer. We hope that these devotions written by the people of Church Street will bring meaning to your Advent season. We thank the Congregational Care Committee for making these booklets available to the congregation and to every writer who wrote a devotional.

# Science vs. Religion

Science vs. Religion. Do they compliment one another or contradict? Be part of the new Sunday School class on Sunday, December 3 as we welcome Dr. Hap McSween as the speaker at 9:40 a.m. in Parish Hall.

Dr. McSween has been the Chancellor's Professor Emeritus of the University of Tennessee for four decades. He previously served as the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. McSween speak about the relationship between science and religion. All are welcome to be part of the class!

Next up: Rev. Nicole Krewson shares what you don't know about Advent on December 10 and 17 during the class.

# Sharing Shop Needs

Please remember the Sharing Shops this holiday season. The current needs of the Sharing Shops include:

Blankets
Coats - adult and child sized
Shampoo
Body wash
Dishwashing liquid
Pots and pans
Laundry detergent
Diapers (sizes 3 and 4)

# Giving Tree: Thank you

Thank you to everyone who chose a child's wish list from the Giving Tree on Sunday. The response was so overwhelming that all children were chosen before the 11:00 a.m. worship service! For those that chose a child's wish list: Please bring your gifts to the church office by December 15 unwrapped.

If you were unable to choose a child from the Giving Tree, be on the look out for another opportunity to support the children of Beacon of Hope this season.

# Calendar: December 3-9

### Worship
Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT
Wednesday Advent Worship
Wednesday, 11:40 am, Chapel

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Personal & Spiritual Growth
Men of God
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202
Wednesday Prayer Group
Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211

### Beacon of Hope
Benevolence Team
Tuesday, 12 pm, VUMC
Food Co-Op
Thursday, 9 am, VUMC

### Meetings & Ministry
Poinsettia Sale
Sunday, 9 am, Chapel Hallway
Stephen Ministry
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A
Advent Crafts Festival
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 127
A Seat at the Table
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 202
Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118
Lay Leadership Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

### Music
Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Chorister Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Parish Adult Choir
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306
Youth & Children's Choirs Rehearsal
Saturday, 10 am, Nave

### Youth
Nightlife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, CLC
Youth Band
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11

### UMW
Mildred Weeks' Circle #9
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Off-Site

### Singles
Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204

Lectionary READINGS

**December 3**
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

**December 10**
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

# Your Gifts

We continue to accept pledges for the 2017 Stewardship Campaign, "Serving Everyone in Christ". You may return your packet and financial commitment card to the church office.

SEC Serving Everyone in Christ
2017 Stewardship Campaign ▪ Church Street United Methodist Church

**Stewardship Update**

**2018 to date**
290 pledges $1,378,424

**2017 Total**
366 pledges $1,651,097

**Goal $1.8 million**

**Operating Budget Update**
Expected Contributions:
$1,642,591.96

Received Contributions:
$1,589,483.22

Shortfall:
$53,108.74
**Update as of October 31, 2017*

# Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias will be on sale Sundays, December 3 and 10, in the Chapel hallway. Help beautify the church this Advent by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is $12 per plant. You may also order by calling the church office at 524-3048.

# UMW Christmas Service

The UMW will host it's annual Christmas service and luncheon on Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Nave. We are proud to welcome back Rev. Sarah Varnell, who served as Church Street associate pastor and is now serving as pastor at St. Paul UMC in Fountain City. Sarah will lead the program and share a thoughtful Advent reflection.

A catered lunch, by Heather Grubb, will follow in Parish Hall. The cost of lunch is $10. Prepaid reservations are required by Thursday, November 30. Make your reservations by calling the church office or online at www.churchstreetumc.org.

# Sterchi Lodge Re-Opens

Last weekend, Sterchi Lodge welcomed its first guests since the spring when a storm caused major roof damage. We give thanks for those who served during a recent Sterchi Lodge work weekend to get the Lodge ready for guests again.

If you, or a group you're a part of, is interested in renting Sterchi Lodge please contact the church office for reservations at 524-3048.

## CHILDREN'S choirs

Join us for worship on Sunday, December 10 when the children and youth choirs share songs for Advent in both services. Be part of this special Advent celebration in worship.

## GOLF CART drivers

Are you willing to drive a golf cart? Can you offer Christian hospitality on Sunday mornings? Consider joining our golf cart ministry. We have a specific need for drivers from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sundays. If you're interested, contact Blake Valentine at 406-3016 or blakecvalentine@gmail.com.

## MUSIC events

The Master Arts Series presents a Christmas concert, "A Still and Starry Night," featuring the Tennessee Chamber Chorus and the Chattanooga Boys Choir on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave. Join us for an incredible performance!

Don't miss worship on Sunday, December 17 as the Parish Adult Choir presents *Gloria* by John Rutter accompanied by brass/percussion ensemble.

## CSA HOLIDAY concert

Community School of the Arts will host a holiday concert and reception on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nave.

Church Street is proud to be home to CSA's students, families and teachers each week day. Be part of celebrating the talented CSA students by attending this free holiday concert followed by a reception.

### Our Prayers

**Park West:** Sandy Mann
**Ft. Sanders:** Lily Willard
**Home from the hospital:** Jim Langford, Lorraine

**Christian Sympathy**:
- To the family of Betty Dotson on November ##.
- To Alan Sims on the death of his father Don Sims, on November 27.

### Our Presence
**November 26**

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| Sunday Worship | ### |
| Sunday School | 326 |

### Our Gifts
**November 19**

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| Received Toward Budget | $38,322.60 |
| Capital Campaign | $17,833.06 |
| Other | $18,899.97 |

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

*In Memoriam*
**Betty Dotson**
Joined: 4/22/51 Died: 11/##/17

## Honorariums

*In Honor of:*

- **Mary Cartwright**
  Thanksgiving Baskets: Barbara Shipley

## Memorials

*In Memory of:*

- **Jeanette Carlson**
  Memorial: Timothy & Jane Byess
- **Nick McDonough**
  Memorial Gardens: Kit Bruce

### Altar Flowers

***December 3***

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

The Advent wreath is given in loving memory of Dr. Lucian Trent, Edward and Kathleen Crawford, Wilmer and Jo Loveless by Mike and Mary Crawford.

## Contact Us

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| Church Office | (865) 524-3048 |
| Hours: Mon.– Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. | |
| Fax number | (865) 521-0288 |
| Pastor On-Call Number | (865) 320-9100 |

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.

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## Staff Directory

**Dial 521-0 + extension**

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| Senior Pastor | Chuck Starks–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 | 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 |
| Head Custodian | Jeffery Rose–274 |
| Custodians: | Dedra Ellison, Jason Smith, Ruth Dalton, DeWayne Britt, Robin Cain |
| Beacon of Hope | Dona McConnell 599-5047 |

# Advent Noonday Worship

Join us for Advent Noonday Worship services on Wednesdays, December 6 and 13 in the Chapel. A musical prelude will begin at 11:40 a.m. On December 6, we will welcome Baoxu Shen, who is a student of Dr. Chih-Long Hu at the University of Tennessee where he is pursuing an Artist Diploma in Piano Performance. He will perform a Beethoven Sonata and a Bach Prelude and Fugue. On December 13, we will welcome Ericka McCarty, who is a senior Sacred Music Major at the University of Tennessee where she studies with Edie Johnson. Ericka will perform chorale preludes for the Advent season by Johann Sebastian Bach and Gerald Near, as well as a vibrant setting of Wachet Auf by Hugo Distler. Services will include Holy Communion and conclude by 12:30 p.m.

# Coming soon . . .

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