Church Street United Methodist Church

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday in Advent

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave
Parish Adult Choir Presents
John Rutter's *Gloria*

Wednesday, December 13

Advent Communion Service

Prelude beings at 11:40 a.m. - Nave

Organ recital by Ericka McCarty

Service led Rev. Jan Buxton Wade

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.

Christmas Eve Hospitality

We are preparing to welcome lots of members and visitors for worship on Christmas Eve. Are you willing to help us offer a warm Christmas Eve welcome? Greeters, parking lot attendants and golf cart drivers are especially needed to serve on Christmas Eve. This is an opportunity to serve for a short amount of time, but offer generous hospitality to our visitors.

If you're willing to serve on Christmas Eve, please contact:

- Greeters: Cindy Hollingsworth at cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net.
- Parking Lot Attendants: Jenny Cross at jcross@churchstreetumc.org
- Golf Cart Driver: Blake Valentine at blakecvalentine@gmail.com.

Choir Presents John Rutter's "Gloria"

Described as "exalted, devotional and jubilant," *Gloria* by John Rutter has become part of the fabric of international choral works heard during the Advent and Christmas seasons in the United States and beyond. The Church Street Parish Adult Choir will present the work in worship services on Sunday, December 17. *Gloria* is a setting of parts of the Latin Gloria from the mass. Rutter composed it in 1974. He structured the text in three movements and scored it for choir, brass, percussion and organ. 'The contrasting exhilarating rhythms with the somber tranquil settings are powerful and exciting. A perfect match for the choir, brass, and Church Street organ.' **— Tim Ward, Director of Music Ministries**

WVLT Channel 8 will air the performance on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to share with our community and beyond. Watch the service on Christmas Eve on WVLT during our regularly scheduled *Rejoice!* time at 8:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 and 11:00 p.m. Watch on Christmas morning on WVLT at 5:30 a.m. and on WBXX at 7:30 a.m.

Christmas Pageant

The annual Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. A pasta dinner will follow in Parish Hall. All ages are invited to be part of the interactive re-telling of the Christmas Story. Costumes are provided for children to play a role in the story. Children can choose to be animals, angels, wise people or shepherds in the story.

Dinner is provided, but please bring cookies to share. Volunteers are needed to assist children with costumes and clean up following dinner. If you are willing to serve, contact Katryn McKinney at kmckinney@churchstreetumc.org or Barbara Clark at bclark@churchstreetumc.org.

What is your vision for Church Street?

UnWrap Christmas

United Methodists are inviting communities across the country to remember the meaning of Christmas. United Methodist Communications is bringing the "Unwrap Christmas" truck to Market Square on Thursday, December 21 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Church Street UMC (in partnership with United Methodist Communications, Central UMC and Second UMC) has the opportunity to invite our neighbors to spend Christmas Eve in worship with us and offer them a free cup of hot chocolate. We need a few volunteers to help be a friendly face and offer an invitation in Market Square on Thursday, December 21 specifically from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (any length of time is welcome). Families are welcome to serve together. This is an opportunity for all ages. If you would like to help us invite others and be a friendly face, contact Communications Director LeRae Collins at lcollins@churchstreetumc.org.

Christmas Love Offering

By: Jo Terry, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

We are truly blessed at our church to have a dedicated staff working to fulfill our mission. If you would like to contribute tor our Staff Christmas Love Offering in 2017, please make your contribution by Dec. 17. You may:

1. Mail your check marked, "Staff Love Offering" to the church office or place it in the offering on Sunday, December 17.

2. Give online at www.churchstreetumc.org (click on the "Give" button near the bottom of the screen).

3. Bring a check to the church office.

If you write a check, please note that it is for the Staff Christmas Love Offering. Your gift is tax deductible if it can be matched to the donor.

Any amount is appreciated! In this season of Advent, may we demonstrate to those who serve us a tangible form of gratitude.

Calendar: December 17-23

Worship

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

Sunday School 9:40 AM

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Wednesday Prayer Group
Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211

Beacon of Hope

Getting Ahead Graduation
Monday, 5 pm, VUMC
Benevolence Team
Tuesday, 12 pm, VUMC
Food Co-Op
Thursday,9 am, VUMC

Meetings & Ministry

Poinsettia Sale
Sunday, 9:30 am, Chapel Hallway
College Welcome Home Breakfast
Sunday, 9:40 am, Kay Room
Christmas Pageant
Sunday, 4 pm, Nave
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 127
Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Unwrap Christmas Event
Thursday, 2-6 pm, Market Square

Singles

Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204

Music

Parish Adult Choir
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306
Master Arts Christmas Concert
Saturday, 7:30 pm, Nave

What You Don't Know About Christmas

Rev. Nicole Krewson will present "What You Don't Know About Christmas" during the new Sunday school class on Sunday, December 17 at 9:40 a.m. in Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Sunday School News

There will be no Sunday School or 8:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31. We will resume Sunday school and 8:30 a.m. worship services on January 7.

Lectionary
READINGS

December 17
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thess. 5:6-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thess. 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Master Arts Christmas Concert

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! The two choirs will perform separately and combine forces for several pieces. The concert will feature familiar holiday favorites as well as new music that celebrates the season. It will also include a carol sing-along. This is the first time the two choirs have collaborated together.

The Tennessee Chamber Chorus is an ensemble of 16 professional singers from throughout Tennessee. The professional ensemble will be joined for this concert by 14 collegiate singers selected for a special performance-learning internship. Dr. Alan Stevens is the artistic director, and he is also the associate director of choral activities at East Tennessee State University.

The Chattanooga Boys Choir is a music education and performance organization founded in 1954 which now includes over 120 choristers ages 8-18 in five ensembles. Vincent Oakes is the artistic director, and is also the director of choral activities at the Baylor School in Chattanooga.

Because the concert is sponsored by the Master Arts Series, is free of charge (the night before the concert is a ticketed event in Chattanooga). Help us invite others to experience this special Christmas concert at Church Street.

Advent Noonday Worship

Join us for the final Advent Noonday Worship service on Wednesday, December 13 in the Nave. An organ prelude will begin at 11:40 a.m. presented by Ericka McCarty, 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. The service, led by Rev. Jan Buxton Wade, includes Holy Communion and will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

A Blue Christmas service will be held on Wednesday, December 20 at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel led by Rev. Matt Hampton. The service is designed for those who have experienced any kind of loss--a death, an illness, a loss of relationship or employment or experienced any life change. Lunch will follow in room 118; please make reservations by calling the church office at 524-3048 or reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

College Welcome Home Breakfast

College students have survived exams! Now they're invited to a welcome home breakfast on Sunday, December 17 at 9:40 a.m. in the Kay Room. No RSVP needed-just join us for a catered breakfast and a time of gathering with other friends who are home for the holidays. Questions? Text or call Ann Marie at 604-9005.

STOCK THE shelves

Help us stock the shelves for Beacon of Hope this holiday season. The shelves are bare and your gifts help meet their greatest need.

Donations can be dropped off in bins outside Parish Hall and in the CLC hallway during the week or on Sunday, December 17. Items that are most in need for the Food Co-Op:

Canned fruit
Instant oatmeal/Grits
Ravioli/Canned spaghetti
Breakfast bars

YOUR gifts

Please consider making a pledge to Church Street. Did you know you can simply email your pledge? Email Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org your commitment. Printed pledge cards are also still available in the church office.

Stewardship Update

2018 to date
328 pledges $1,508,024

2017 Total
366 pledges $1,651,097

Goal $1.8 million

Operating Budget Update
Expected Contributions:
$1,831,057.76

Received Contributions:
$1,774,887.81

Shortfall:
$56,169.95
**Update as of November 30, 2017*

Our Prayers

Ft. Sanders: Frances McConnell
Parkwest: Sandy Mann, Jim Reego
Tennova Physicians Regional Medical Center: Nancy Horton
Home from the hospital: Polly Anna Harris, Margaret Hall

Christian Sympathy:
- To the family of Tom Howell who died on December 5.
- To Bill Barkley on the death of his mother, Ruth Barkley, on December 10.
- To the family of Ella Mae Hubbard who died on December 11.

Our Presence
December 10

Sunday Worship	974
Sunday School	438

Our Gifts
December 3

Received Toward Budget	$42,780.56
Capital Campaign	$26,175.00
Other	$43,420.95

Have you remembered Church Street in your will?

In Memoriam

Ella Mae Hubbard
Joined: 5/3/87 Died: 12/11/17

Thomas (Tom) Rowe Howell
Joined: 11/5/61 Died:12/5/17

Altar Flowers

December 17

The Chancel Altar Flowers are poinsettias given in honor and memory of loved ones. Poinsettias will be on sale in the Chapel Hallway on Sunday. (Look for a full listing in next week's *Messenger*.)

Our Church Family

New Members:

Dan & Becky Hoag joined during the 8:30 a.m. service on December 10. They transferred their membership from Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville.

Mike, Amy, Andy and Katie Cofer transferred from Grace Baptist Church, in Knoxville on December 10.

Birth:

Lewis Werner Kann was born to Andrew and Anne Wise Kann on December 1. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Linda Wise.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Beacon of Hope**
  Benevolence Fund: Anonymous
- **John Eldridge**
  Building Fund: Anonymous

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Jeanette Carlson**
  Beacon of Hope: Anonymous
- **Betty Dotson**
  Beacon of Hope: Anonymous
- **Doris Hall**
  Building Fund: Frank & Elaine Ralston
- **Dave Harmer**
  Music Ministry:
  Dr. & Mrs. James Carroll, Jr.,
  Norman Teasley
- **Don Sims**
  Children's Ministry: Anonymous
- **Arthur & Marjorie Zbaren**
  Accessibility Fund: Brian E. Hann

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.

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Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

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 Crain
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell 599-5047

Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent worship
(No Sunday school or 8:30 a.m. worship service)

3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

5:00 & 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service
(Childcare provided at 5 p.m. service only)

All afternoon/evening worship services include Holy Communion and candlelight.

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