

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, September 2

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Chuck Starks

"In the Light"

James 1:17–27

#### Noonday Worship

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in the Chapel

#### August 29

Rev. Palmer Cantler  
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

#### Sept 5

Rev. Dawn Chesser  
Sermon Scripture TBA

**Wednesday Fellowship Lunches** are served following the service in Room 118. Lunch is \$8 and includes salad and dessert. For lunch reservations, call 524-3048 or email [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org).

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

#### Monday, September 3

The church will be closed

on Monday, September 3 for the holiday. The Benevolence office will also be closed.

For pastoral emergencies, contact the  
**On-Call number: 865-320-9100**

You may be asked to leave a message; the on-call pastor will return your call.

### September/October Upper Rooms

The Sept./Oct. issue of *The Upper Room* devotional magazine is out in literature racks around the church. Be sure to pick up your copy this week.

### Open Doors Class: *Way Forward* Speakers

With over 150 people in attendance at the presentation last Sunday, Aug. 26, it is obvious the need for information regarding the 2019 decision is needed and wanted. Individuals and Sunday School classes are invited Sundays at 9:40 a.m. in the gym.

- **Sun., Sept. 2:** Rev. Andy Ferguson will continue his discussion on "Decision about the Way Forward"
- **Sunday, September 9:** Bishop Richard Looney will make a presentation on A Way Forward: A Bishop's Perspective.
- **A Way Forward — Online Resources:**  
This first one is a quick summary of the three plans: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/plans-prayerfully-pondered-by-united-methodists>  
This next one is the full document which is the formal proposal to the Special Session of the General Conference: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/way-forward-report-released-in-all-four-official-languages-of-general-conference>
- Audio from our August 12 presentation can be found at: <https://soundcloud.com/churchstreetumc/commission-on-the-way-forward-presentation-08-12-2018>

### Prophets Study Begins in September

The Disciple Fast Track 12-week study on The Prophets will begin on Sunday, afternoon, Sept. 9. You are invited to join others in this disciplined small group study of the major and minor prophets. Cost of student manual is \$16. For more information, contact Rev. Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, at [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org).

### Kinder Choir Registration

Kinder Choir for children Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten will begin **Sunday, September 9 from 5:15–6:00 p.m.** in Room 212. Please register on the CSUMC Website (Music page) or contact Edie Johnson, 865-521-0277 or [ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org).

### Sunday Parking Awareness

With construction limiting our special needs and handicapped parking spots, please remember to save spaces that are nearer the building for our worshipers with accessibility needs.

The golf cart is here to help. **The golf cart is for EVERY-ONE** and runs a regular route from the Cumberland lots to Hill Street lower lots allowing able-bodied folks to make use of "further out" parking spots without the long hike to the buildings, especially important when it comes to heat, humidity, and heels! Please make use of the cart; it is here to help.

As always, handicapped spaces are reserved for vehicles with Handicap Parking Permits issued by the DMV only.



# Church Street Habitat Build

Help us build our eighth house! We are excited to be partnering with Middlebrook Pike UMC and Fountain City UMC to build a home for Alneisha Allison at 4133 Van Dyke Drive.

These are the build dates:

- **September 15th: kickoff** (date when the most volunteers are needed!)
- September 22nd
- September 29th
- October 20th
- October 27th

This web address will allow you to sign up for a particular job on the date(s) you choose:

<http://churchstreetumc.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com>

We are still in need of funds for the upcoming build. If you would like to make a contribution, please send a check to the church office and designate it for "Habitat for Humanity." Thank you!

Please join us in this amazing mission that truly provides affordable housing for many.

## Conversations on Race

Save the date:  
**Sunday, September 16 at 3 p.m.**

Second United Methodist Church  
1524 Western Ave.  
Knoxville, TN 37921

The workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Second United Methodist Church from 3–5:00 p.m. In this interactive workshop, we seek to explore the barriers to educational success for children of color in our communities, we will discuss some of the broader factors affecting communities, schools, students, and families that can affect educational outcomes, and we begin to dialogue about what the future holds.

The workshop is open to everyone who has an interest in the educational success of the children in our communities.

## The Sharing Shops

We continue to serve and work alongside our neighbors and are grateful for the many donations you send our way. At this time, we are in need of the following:

- diapers: sizes 4, 5, 6
- super-absorbent sanitary napkins
- deodorant
- Fall clothing only: adult (large & X-large) and children's
- Men's underwear

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Available openings

We have a limited number of openings in the preschool for ages 3 and up. If you are looking for quality childcare and a professional staff, look no further than us! The CSUMC Preschool recently received another 3-star rating from the Department of Human Services, the highest award given! Contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 865-524-3511 for information and a tour.

## SINGLES EVENTS

### Line Dance Lessons

**Thursday, Sept 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Our summer break is wrapping up—meet in the gym when lessons resume on Sept. 6. Contact John Waddell at 405-8538 or [j7waddell@aol.com](mailto:j7waddell@aol.com) for details.

### First Friday Fun Night and Dance in the Gym

**Friday, Sept 7, 7 p.m.**

- More details to come!

**WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?**

## Calendar: September 2 – September 9

### Worship

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

### Sunday School–9:40 AM

### Music

Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

### Meetings & Ministry

Hunger Helper Market  
Sunday, 8 am, Breezeway  
Stephen Ministry Meeting  
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A  
NO Benevolence Team  
Labor Day Holiday  
Stewardship Team  
Tuesday, 5 pm, rm 202  
SASH Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201A  
Properties Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Gym

### REMINDER

Monday, Sept. 3 is Labor Day. The church offices & buildings will be closed.

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Men of God  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202

### UMW

UMW Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204  
Mildred Weeks Circle #9  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, off-site  
Lydia Circle  
Friday, 12 pm, CLC 123

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Young Men's Basketball Group  
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym  
Fellowship Lunch (please RSVP)  
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118

### Youth

Youth Band  
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC

### Singles

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

### Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team  
Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC  
BOH Food Co-op  
Thursday, 9 am, Vestal UMC

**It's FOOTBALL TIME in Tennessee!**

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Picture in your mind** for a moment the last few times you've joined friends for a meal here at Church Street. Did you notice that attractive centerpieces, colorful napkins, and necessary eating utensils were displayed in perfect order around the tables? Did you note that beverages were ample and were conveniently located for guests? Did you find the tasty dishes on the buffet line to be plentiful and served in a cordial manner? Food Services Committee members devote countless hours to preparing the dining space before each meal, to serving, and to clearing away afterwards. Their numbers, however, are slim.

Please prayerfully consider how you might periodically devote a few hours of your own time to assist the small group of individuals who make our meals so special. Help is especially needed for preparation prior to and clean-up following Wednesday Lunch gatherings.



Since biblical times, blessings were received and friendships were sealed around the table. **Your participation will help ensure that Christian hospitality remains a central feature of all our Church Street gatherings.**

To volunteer a portion of your time, please contact **Jenny Cheatham** at

865-207-4274, [jcheatham54@gmail.com](mailto:jcheatham54@gmail.com) or **Brenda Griffith** at 865-694-0765, [bg4239@bellsouth.net](mailto:bg4239@bellsouth.net). And if you do, you may find yourself blessed beyond measure.

## CLERGY CORNER

### Let's Think Together about ... *forming our faith through our public worship of God*

On Sunday morning, August 26, I had the wonderful opportunity to speak and offer the sacrament of Holy Communion at the Youth Choir Retreat. I arrived at 8:20 a.m., a few minutes late, to find 42 youth, 5 college students, and a number of adult chaperons and leaders seated and ready to begin their second day of rehearsals.

When I spoke with Tim Ward about preparing to speak to the youth and preside at communion, I asked him if I needed to provide the responses in printed form. Tim said he didn't think so, because the youth knew the responses through their regular participation in worship. I was impressed. Indeed, I *am* impressed with the young people and children at Church Street. In particular, I'm impressed by the way our worship at Church Street is forming them in the faith.

In the world of liturgical studies scholars refer to worship as the place for *theologia prima*, Latin for "first theology." I shared with the youth that for me, this means that we are formed in the Christian faith first through the practice of public worship. At the beginning of our lives, or the beginning of our relationship with Christ, we are knit together into one body through the sacrament of Christian baptism. We first learn about who God is through the prayers we offer together as a community of faith. The majority of our understanding of the Wesleyan theological tradition comes to us through the hymns and prayers written by Charles and John Wesley, so we learn our Methodist theological heritage when we sing these songs in worship. We experience the real presence of the living God when we pray the Prayer of Great

Thanksgiving and then gather around the table to share in Holy Communion. As we kneel or stand to receive the bread and wine, we become mysteriously connected to Christ, to one another, to people of faith around the world, and even with those who have gone on to be seated at the great banquet in heaven and who have now joined the great cloud of witnesses. When we affirm our faith together by saying the Apostle's Creed or another one of our creeds, we are reminded of the longer tradition of which we are a part.

I give thanks for the Christian formation that is happening through worship at Church Street, and especially for the commitment of our young people, not just to singing, but to growing in discipleship through regular participation in the worship of God.

—Rev. Dawn Chesser

### Our Prayers

*In the hospital*

UT: Jim Lees

*Home from the hospital*

Norma Goff, Randall Scott

*Christian Sympathy to*

Paul Carney on the death of his father, George Paul Carney Sr., who died on August 19, 2018.

### Our Presence August 26

Sunday School	413
Sunday Worship	529

### Our Gifts August 19

Received Toward Budget	\$27,602.01
Capital Campaign	\$6,046.00
Hunger Helper Market	\$147.00
Other	\$5,339.55

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

## Capital Campaign Update

Total Project: \$8,600,000

Total Received: \$5,926,078

## 2018 Extended Capital Campaign

Goal: \$2 million

Pledges received: 77 totaling \$596,511

Amount needed to avoid debt: \$1,403,489

(\*As of July 31, 2018)

You may make a gift or pledge to the *Building for Christ* project today by contacting Kate Spencer at [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org).

## PREPARED FOR WORSHIP

In September we will begin a 5-week sermon series based on the book of James. You can read ahead by following the lectionary readings provided below.

## Lectionary Readings

### September 9

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

### September 16

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

## Our Church Family

### New Members:

We welcome the following members who joined on Sunday, Aug. 26 at the 11 a.m. service: **Scot Danforth**, joined by transfer from Kern Memorial UMC, Oak Ridge, TN; **Emily DeJarnett**, joined by transfer from Madison Baptist Church, Madison, GA; and **Blake Spencer**, joined by transfer from Brentwood UMC, Brentwood, TN.

### Wedding:

Congratulations and best wishes to **Morgan Degges** and **Rob Leonard** who were married on Saturday, Aug. 25, in the Nave with Rev. Chuck Starks officiating.

## Altar Flowers

*September 2*

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Frank Speckhart by his family.

## Memorials

*In memory of:*

- **Polly Anna Harris**  
*Memorial:* Valerie & Ed Nicholson
- **Ruth Cook**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Bob Johnson**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous

## Honorarium

*In honor of:*

- **Powell Richardson**  
*Accessibility Fund:* Valerie & Ed Nicholson
- **Jo Terry**  
*Parish Health Team:* Anonymous
- **Diana Brown Taylor**  
*Parish Health Team:* Anonymous
- **Claire Shepherd**  
*Building Fund:* Nancy & Bill Starnes

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**If your cell phone, home phone, address, or email has changed, please notify the church office**

**865-524-3048**

## 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

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Minister of Discipleship Rick Isbell–266

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Rev. Andy Ferguson: 865-236-0951

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Music Associate/Organist Edie Johnson–277

Children's Ministry Katryn Bancroft–282

Child Care Coordinator

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Youth/College Ministries Jenny Cross–287

Preschool Director Beth Libby: 524-3511

Church Administrator Kate Spencer–268

Bookkeeper Francine Jenne–267

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

Director of Communications Julie Hill–299

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