

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 23 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave
Rev. Chuck Starks
“Wisdom from Above”
James 3:13–4:3, 7–8

Noonday Worship

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in the Chapel

Sept 19

Rev. Chuck Starks

Sept 26

Rev. Dawn Chesser

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.

Hurricane Florence Relief

In response to the destruction of hurricane Florence, **UMCOR** has issued a call for **Cleaning Kits** and **Hygiene Kits**. Content lists and assembly instructions can be found at: www.umcor.org. Bring kits to the church office. See “Clergy Corner” on p. 3 for other ways to help.

SINGLES EVENTS

Fourth Friday Game Night

Join us for game night on **Friday, Sept. 28** for an evening of fun and relaxation. Enjoy Mexican Train dominoes, Phase 10, Monopoly, Sequence and other fun games. Bring a snack to share and a drink for yourself (ice and tableware provided). We will gather in CLC 124 at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US! THURSDAY, SEPT. 20: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE



Since 2004, the World Council of Churches has called for congregations to set aside a designated day in September to offer prayers for peace in our world. Never before has our globe seemed to be so wracked by anger, violence, pain, and divisiveness.

Behind the headlines, there are our brothers and sisters who face the threat of chlorine poisoning in Syria, who mourn family members massacred in Cambodia, whose children die from the drought in North Africa, who exist in the rubble left by earthquakes in Japan, and so many who struggle everywhere.

Come, let us join others from all nations who seek a healing touch for humanity and for the natural world itself. The Church Street Chapel will be open on **Thursday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Why not take a few minutes out of your day to offer petitions and to light a candle for our brothers and sisters caught up in political conflicts, wars, and natural disasters?

No preparation is needed, as a printed prayer guide and UMW volunteers will be available to assist you.

Christian Education Celebrated Sunday, Sept. 23

This Sunday we will celebrate in both worship services the ministry of Christian education at Church Street. Sunday School teachers of all ages, small group teachers, Nightlife Leaders, Education Committee members and anyone else who has responsibility for making disciples of Jesus Christ through our teaching ministries will be recognized and commissioned for their work.

As part of this special Sunday, 17 third grade students will receive a copy of the Holy Scriptures for their own. From the earliest age to the older adult, Church Street has a strong Christian education ministry through our Sunday School, mid-week studies and special classes. Attend these special services on Sunday and celebrate our teaching ministries at Church Street.

MASTER ARTS SERIES

Songs Unchanged, Yet Ever-Changing A Hymn Festival Celebration

Sunday, September 30, 8:30 and 11 a.m. services

We invite you to join us for a hymn festival led by the Church Street Children's, Youth, and Adult Choirs, along with soloists, violin, and organ. Come lift your voice with us during this festive service of songs old and new.



0 WALLS

2 WALLS

4 WALLS

Church Street Habitat Build

What a productive day we had last Saturday at our Habitat Kick-off! Workers from Middlebrook Pike UMC, Fountain City UMC and Church Street teamed up with Alneshia and her family and friends and by that afternoon, a plywood covered crawlspace was transformed into the framework of a soon-to-be home!



17 Church Streeters helped this past Saturday at the kick-off!

This Saturday, Sept. 22, we tackle roof shingles and interior walls. We still need 5 helpers for shingles and 1 for walls. Sign up at: <http://churchstreetumc.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com>

Not a builder? You can still help by praying for the safety, stamina and strength of our helpers, and by donating funds for the build. If you would like to make a contribution, please send a check to the church office and designate it "Habitat for Humanity."

Add these build dates to your calendar:

- Sept. 22, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- October 20, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
- October 27, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, September 30
3:00 p.m. in the Courtyard**

You and your pets are invited to a service of praise and thankfulness to our Loving Creator for his gift to us of animals.

Your pets will receive a blessing during this brief service in the courtyard.

For their safety, all pets need to be on a leash or in a proper carrier/cage/bowl. Owners will be responsible for any clean-up responsibilities for their pet.



Calendar: September 23 – September 29

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
 Kinder Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
 Chorister Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
 Primary Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
 Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303
 Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
 Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
 Sharing Shop
 Monday, 12 pm, Gym
 Church Council
 Tuesday, 6 pm, Chapel
 Building Committee
 Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
 Missions Committee
 Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 201C
 Education Committee
 Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 202
 Soup Kitchen
 Thursday, 11 am, Gym
 Habitat for Humanity Build
 Saturday, 8:30 am, Off-site

Youth

Night Life
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, Youth Area
 Wesley House Tutoring
 Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Wesley House
 Youth Band
 Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11
 High School Prayer Breakfast
 Thurs, 7:15 am, Chik-fil-A (W. Hills)

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Disciple Fast Track Prophets Study
 Sunday, 4 pm, rm 201A
 Dr. Wender's Bible Study
 Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
 Men of God
 Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202
 Ladies Bible Study
 Wed., 9:30 am, rm 201A
 Meditation & Prayer Group
 Wed., 10:30 am, rm 211
 Pastor's Bible Study
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

UMW

Service Circle
 Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC 122

Singles

Bridge
 Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C
 Yoga Class
 Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
 Line Dance Lessons
 Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym
 Friday Game Night
 Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Open Gym
 Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
 Young Men's Basketball Group
 Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
 Fellowship Lunch (please RSVP)
 Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118

Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team
 Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
 BOH Sharing Shop
 Thursday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC

Looking Ahead ...

Master Arts Hymn Festival
 Sunday, Sept. 30, 8:30 & 11 am

Blessing of the Animals
 Sunday, Sept. 30, 3 pm

**Habitat for Humanity
 Golf Tournament**
 Friday, Oct. 5, 9 am

**Fall Biblical Lecture Series with
 Dr. Brent Strawn**

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 27–28

Trunk-or-Treat
 Sunday, October 28, 5 pm

OPEN DOORS CLASS invites you to join them Sundays at 9:40 a.m. in the gym.
Guest speaker for Sunday, September 23 is **Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade**.



Your Stephen Ministry

In another city, another church, lived a man called Ben. Unexpectedly on a Monday afternoon, his father-in-law died. Ben and his wife Cheryl mourned their loss, and expected life to get back to normal. But a week later, Cheryl died of a massive heart attack.

Ben was devastated, but like many of us, he tried to deal with his grief alone. As he worked on funeral arrangements, his pastor made a surprising suggestion—a Stephen Minister might be helpful. Ben had never thought

about asking for help, but he decided to give it a try.

The Stephen Minister began by talking about the ordinary things. A little later, he asked Ben, “How are you doing? Really doing?” That question broke the dam, and Ben was able to share the flood of emotions that were so overwhelming... Loneliness, fear of the future, grief. As Ben said later, “I felt like a burden had been lifted from my shoulders.”

A Stephen Minister might fulfill a need that you have. Call Pastor Dawn (521-0279) for more information.



An Evening with Bishop Ken Carder

Focusing on Children, Economic Justice, and Poverty

Concord UMC (1020 Roane Drive)

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m.

\$25 per person, Dinner Included
To RSVP: call Ryan at [\(865\) 524-5494](tel:8655245494)

Hear from beloved pastor and retired Bishop, Ken Carder as he discusses his commitment to racial and economic justice and ministry with those who live in poverty. Your ticket purchase will provide funding for Wesley House’s scholarship program.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

CLERGY CORNER

Let’s Think Together about ... UMCOR and hurricane relief

One of the biggest strengths of the United Methodist Church, in my opinion, is our ability to respond in times of disaster. Because of our connection as a global church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is able to respond quickly and effectively after a natural disaster or crisis. Some of the apportionments that we pay to the General Church go to support the administrative costs of UMCOR, which means that any additional donations to UMCOR can go directly towards relief efforts.

As the Carolinas are recovering in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, the work of UMCOR is on our minds. Through UMCOR, our efforts are better able to meet the needs of these communities by working closely with local churches and other relief organizations like FEMA. UMCOR has Early Response Teams and Disaster

Response Coordinators stationed throughout the nation who are ready to deploy as soon as disaster strikes. Our role is to help equip these teams so that they are ready year round to respond.



What can you do to help?

- **Donate to UMCOR:** You can send monetary donations to UMCOR through your church giving. If you give online, there is a designated line for “UMCOR-hurricane relief” that will go directly to supporting relief efforts.
- **Make relief kits:** UMCOR is requesting Cleaning Kits and Hygiene Kits. Content lists and

assembly instructions can be found at www.umcor.org. Any kits that are assembled can be brought to the church office, which will then be relayed to UMCOR through Cokesbury UMC.

- **Pray:** Many of us have family and friends who are having to adjust to a new normal and recover from Hurricane Florence. As a church, we can continually pray for the persons affected by this disaster and those who risk their own safety to provide relief for others.

Often it is hard to understand what we can do in the face of disaster. Together, we can support these communities even though we are not the persons working on the ground.

—Rev. Palmer Cantler

Our Prayers

In the hospital

Park West: Sharon Hale

Home from the hospital

Mary Jane Ripley

Christian love and sympathy to

Walt Sands on the death of his sister-in-law, Vickie Fawver, who died on September 7.

Our Presence September 16

Sunday School	380
Sunday Worship	568

Our Gifts September 9

Received Toward Budget	\$ 32,399.59
Capital Campaign	\$40,335.00
Hunger Helper Market	\$325.49
Other	\$17,802.00

**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.

FOR WORSHIP AND STUDY

Use the readings below to prepare for our 5-week Sunday sermon series based on the book of James, and for the Pastor's Bible Study held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in rm 204.

Lectionary Readings

September 23

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 30

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Altar Flowers

Sunday, September 23

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Donald G. Rhodes by LaNoka and Grant.

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Peter Eargle**
Youth: Your Lady Vols Group
- **Jack Brooks**
Daycare: Ann Warwick
Daycare: Anonymous

Advent Devotional

Are you willing to share a reflection for Church Street's Advent Devotional Book? The publication is given to members of the church, homebound members and offered to viewers of *Rejoice!* each holiday season.

Can you offer faith, hope and love this season by writing a short reflection? Each devotion should be at most 250 words and should also include a title, scripture and short prayer (not included in the 250 word count).

Devotions are needed by **Friday, October 26 to Julia Kelley at juliakelley5402@comcast.net**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

[865-524-3048](tel:865-524-3048)

The Sharing Shops

We continue to serve 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

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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