

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 30

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

A Hymn Festival Celebration

Noonday Worship

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in the Chapel

Sept 26

Rev. Chuck Starks

Oct 3

Rev. Jan Wade

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, as well as ways to make online donations, can be found at: www.umcor.org. Bring assembled kits to the church office.

SINGLES EVENTS

Fourth Friday Game Night

Friday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in CLC 124. Bring a snack to share and a drink for yourself (ice and tableware provided).

Friday Fun Night and Dance

Friday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the gym. Your \$8 admission (\$5 for students) includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake and door prizes.

Chili Cook-off

Saturday, Oct. 6 at 5:30 p.m. off-site; more details to come.

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. This service will feature hymns from a wide variety of sources, including a song from Zimbabwe, an African-American Spiritual, and some gospel favorites. You will hear tunes you recognize with contemporary texts or creative settings, along with familiar words to new, meaningful melodies. We hope you will come lift your voice with us during this festive service of songs old and new.

Open Doors Class welcomes Dr. Robin Tricoli

We invite you to join us **this Sunday, Sept. 30** for guest speaker Dr. Robin Tricoli, President of Hiwassee College. Dr. Tricoli has nearly three decades of experience in strategic planning, the past seven as President of Hiwassee. Her work has moved higher education and government entities to new heights. She will share her faith and the mission of Hiwassee College this Sunday at **9:40 a.m. in the gym**.

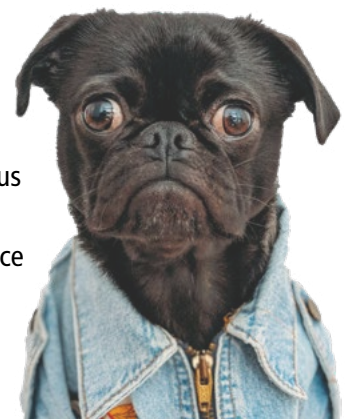
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 30 at 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.



Wesley House: Fall Break Volunteers Needed



Wesley House will be understaffed for Fall Break. They anticipate having 80 or so students **Oct. 8–12 from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

If you or a small group could help on any of these days or even a portion of a day, please email Sharon, Volunteer Coordinator at sharon@wesleyhouse.com or contact Jenny Cross at jcross@churchstreetumc.org. It will be a fun week with reading times and games. No big field trips, just filling the break with activities at the physical Wesley House.

Church Street Habitat Build

The Habitat build is going well! Our volunteers, along with folks from Fountain City UMC and Middlebrook Pike UMC, will be working three more Saturdays to build a new home for Alneshia and her sons. We ask that you continue to lift Alneshia and her family and all the volunteers in your prayers and think about joining us on a remaining Saturday! We made a commitment of \$10,000 to Habitat as a partner church and we need \$3,450 to meet this goal. Please consider making a donation if at all possible. Checks should be made out to Church Street UMC and earmarked Habitat Build. Thank you very much!



5 Church Streeters helped this past Saturday building walls and shingling!

Add these build dates to your calendar:

- 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.



“The Ten Commandments: Then & Now” Fall Biblical Lecture Series Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 27–28

Featuring Dr. Brent Strawn, Professor of Old Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (detail lecture schedule coming soon).

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.

Have you remembered
Church Street in your will?

Calendar: September 30 – October 6

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
 Blessing of the Animals
 Sunday, 3 pm, Courtyard
 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

Beacon of Hope

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

Meetings & Ministry

Hospitality Team
 Sunday, 12 pm, CLC 123
 New Entrance Temp. Committee
 Sunday, 5 pm, CLC 120
 Lay Leadership Committee
 Sunday, 6 pm, rm 204
 Benevolence Team
 Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
 Food for Kids food packing
 Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 118
 Properties Committee
 Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
 Adult Council
 Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 201C
 Soup Kitchen
 Thursday, 11 am, Gym
 Outreach & Welcome Committee
 Thursday, 6 pm, rm 204
 Holy Land Trip Meeting
 Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 201A

Singles

Bridge
 Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C
 Yoga Class
 Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
 Line Dance Lessons
 Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym
 Friday Fun Night & Dance
 Friday, 7 pm, Gym
 Chili Cook-off
 Saturday, 5:30 pm, off-site

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

Knox District UMW
 Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 123
 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

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)

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
 Wesley Built Golf Tournament
 Friday, 9am-2pm, off-site

Upcoming Events

Trunk-n-Treat
 Sunday, October 28
 55+ Seasoned Souls Adult Festival
 Thursday, November 1
 Concord UMC

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 30

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22
 Psalm 124
 James 5:13–20
 Mark 9:38–50

October 7

Job 1:1, 2:1–10
 Psalm 26
 Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12
 Mark 10:2–16

Wesley Built Golf Tournament (benefiting Habitat for Humanity)

Friday, October 5 at 9 a.m. Shotgun Start

Golf for a cause this Friday at Three Ridges Golf Course (6101 Wise Springs Rd.). All fees and sponsorship donations support Knoxville Habitat for Humanity. For more details, contact John Voss at johnvoss1@gmail.com.

UMW General Meeting: All Invited

Tuesday, October 9 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel

Opioids have been widely used to treat pain, but they are highly addictive and there are a number of alternatives. Church Street member **Stephanie Strutner** will discuss rates of misuse, opioid dependence, alternative treatment options and much more.

Stephanie serves as the Executive Director of Anderson County's Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP). Her duties include developing and carrying out strategies to show a measurable decrease in the prevalence of substance abuse and a measurable increase in knowledge, capacity and accountability among Anderson County communities. As former epidemiologist and evaluator, she has a wealth of knowledge on evaluation, performance measures, and outcomes with a focus on legislative advocacy.

Recently, Stephanie was summoned to a meeting at the White House to give a local perspective on what effective strategies look like when tackling the opioid crisis. The meeting was in the Roosevelt Room of the West Wing with the President, General John Kelly, Kelly Ann Conway, Deputy Director Carroll and several other top-level White House staff.

The United Methodist Women invite all who are interested to come for this presentation. Opioid dependence and abuse is on the rise, as is the death toll from overdose, which is often accidental. Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.



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.

CLERGY CORNER

Let's Think Together about ... Count On Me

We have said them many times, these important words, when we joined the church and when others do as well.

"...We renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

When we use these words we are making a strong statement. We are committing ourselves to these specific goals. We are, in effect, saying, "you can **count on me.**"

That is the theme of our Stewardship Emphasis this year, "**Count On Me.**" **Count on me** to help support the missions and ministries of Church Street UMC. **Count on me** to help support our children, youth and adults as we grow together in Jesus Christ.

Bryan Biss and Anne Jackson are our Stewardship Emphasis Co-Chairs this year. Please pray for them and give them your encouragement.

Our effort will look a bit different this year. **On Sundays, Sept 30 and October 7 our Stewardship Emphasis Packets will be available for you in the Chapel.**

When you pick up your packet, please take a moment to check your information on the provided sheet. This sheet shows what the church currently has on record: make any corrections to names, address, phone numbers and emails. Give corrections to the volunteer at the table or hand in at your Sunday School class. We really need this to be up to date.

In your Packet you will find:

1. Narrative Budget,
2. Lord, Here I Am to Serve Sheet,
3. Prayer Request Sheet,
4. Ways to Give Sheet,
5. Financial Commitment Card and
6. An Envelope.

Please return your Prayer Request Sheet, Lord, Here I Am to Serve Sheet and your Financial Commitment Card on **Commitment Sunday, October 21.**

When you return these 3 items, then there is no question that you are making a statement. You will be saying, "**Count On Me.**"

God Bless You!

—Chuck

Stewardship Reflection

Thomas Stubbs, Church Street Member and Candidate for Ordained Ministry

Sometimes the basics are the toughest to get right.

Last Thursday morning, I was where Thursday mornings always find me these days: Dr. Willimon's "Introduction to Ordained Ministry" class at Duke Divinity School. This particular morning, we were discussing the necessity of grounding one's ministry in Scripture. For the green, bright-eyed, and academic-minded among us, this conjured up images of pastors as rugged Biblical archaeologists, excavating Scriptural profundities once thought lost to the sands of time, then placing them on display for our congregations to behold anew.

Willimon was quick to point out, however, that the deep-dive approach isn't always what's needed. Sometimes the most obvious truths of Scripture are the ones that require rediscovery.

By way of illustration, Willimon recalled how years ago he was pastoring a church when a familiar passage from Ephesians came up in the Lectionary: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen (4:29)." Willimon found the verse frustrating. Its meaning—be judicious with your words; use them to help, not harm—was maddeningly plain.

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It seemed like little more than an etiquette lesson, more Emily Post than St. Paul. How was he supposed to wring anything insightful from something so

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obvious? Later that evening, still pondering this question, Willimon sat down to a Staff Parish meeting in which one committee member proceeded to berate another until he'd reduced her to tears. She fled the room; Willimon followed. Composing herself in the parking lot, the woman said, "after what just happened in there, it's going to be very difficult for me to come back to this church," then got in her car and drove off into the night.

Suddenly Ephesians 4:29 didn't seem like such old news.

I don't share this story with you to darken your view of the Church at large, but to bring into stark relief why I thank God each and every day that the Church Street congregation was the first branch of God's family I came to know. **We are, all of us, profoundly blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive community of faith,** though I thought nothing of it growing up. I spent my formative years blissfully unaware that the experiences I took for granted—available pastors and caring adults who made me feel a part of the church, vibrant children's, youth, and music ministries that allowed me to grow in fellowship and faith, and ample opportunities to put that faith into action both within our sanctuary and without—were privileges not accorded to all members of the body of Christ. It was only later, in college, that conversations with new friends from elsewhere revealed what a special thing it was that my church had gotten the basics right.

As I type these words, my first year of Seminary has only just begun. Poised to commit myself to a life in the service of the Church, I wonder how much longer it would have taken me to hear and heed God's call if I hadn't grown up thinking that church was such a lovely place to be. Church Street has instilled in me some very high standards for what constitutes a proper community of faith. I wouldn't trade those standards away for anything, for they give my future ministry a clear sense of purpose. I know what it is to be comforted, challenged, and loved by a church. My task now is to do my part to make that kind of rich, fulfilling experience a bit more commonplace, and when the day comes—I know it will—that I start to think that's impossible, I will think of Church Street and be reminded that in God, all things are possible.

Church Street records show attendance for Thomas dating back to his childhood years when his parents, Beth and Tony, brought him to Sunday School and worship, choir practices, youth retreats, Christmas Eve Pageants and Candlelight Services, Easter Celebrations and Confirmation Classes. Each time, plus one. Thomas has close to 1,000 attendance marks for activities that are counted by Church Street; many are not.

These activities have one thing in common: they were all made possible **because of the dedicated stewardship of his church family.** Your prayers were heard. Your presence was felt. Your gifts and service were used to enable the ministries in this place and your witness continues ...

In a few years, Thomas will be an ordained pastor. How many lives will be changed as he shares the message of Jesus Christ?

Food for Kids Project

Church Street is joining with Second Harvest and the Rotary Club of Maryville to assist with Second Harvest of East Tennessee in their mission to end childhood hunger in our area. The Food for Kids Project teams community volunteers with area schools to provide food for children in need. The sidebar to the right details the program, and more information is available on the Second Harvest website.

The Plan:

1. Food from Second Harvest will be delivered to the church on a Monday. Room 118 will be set up with several tables for this delivery.
2. Monday evening, Rotarians will arrive to unpack the food from cases to single servings and place in bins/boxes according to the 8 food items that go into the bags. Rotarians will also open bags to be ready for packing. The cardboard from cases shall be discarded in the recycling dumpster.
3. Tuesday evening, **church members will arrive at 5:30 p.m. to pack** the 8 food items, which include: 2 dairy, 2 protein, 2 grain, and 2 fruit or vegetable. Volunteers form lines on either side of the tables (**8 people are needed for this**) and pass the bags down the line with each person adding two food items. At the end of the line, **1 or 2 people** will tie the bags and place them in a tote or bin for delivery.
4. After packing, **2 (or more) church members** will pick up the packed totes from room 118 and deliver to the schools we are supporting: **South Knox Elementary and West Haven Elementary**. A truck or SUV does nicely for the delivery. A dolly will be needed to get the totes into the cars. When the folks deliver the food to the schools, the empty totes will need to be retrieved and returned to the church for the next packing.

This rewarding ministry requires 10–12 church volunteers and about an hour each month to complete the packing. Packing can be done by children so this is an excellent way for families to volunteer together. It is also a great ministry for small groups and Sunday School classes to work side-by-side.

Our first packing is **Tuesday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m.** Contact Beth Stubbs by text or phone at [865-207-8772](tel:865-207-8772) if you would like to help or need details.



Food for Kids is a collaborative effort between Second Harvest and an ever-increasing number of public schools within the food bank's 18-county service area.

The program is designed to provide healthy, easily-prepared food to some of the most vulnerable children in our community – children who may be missing meals on a regular basis.

Teachers at each school compile a list of kids in their classroom who they feel are at risk of hunger. In addition to simply telling their teachers they are going hungry, many kids are observed hoarding food from the lunchroom, taking food from other children's trays, and even taking food from trashcans in order to have something to eat after school and over the weekends.

These children are discreetly given food for themselves (and any siblings they may have at home) every Friday throughout the school year. Reports of improved self-esteem, behavior and concentration among Food for Kids participants are common.

This information is from the website of the Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee. For more details go to: <https://secondharvestetn.org/program/summer-food-for-kids-food-for-kids/>

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

Scouts find new home at Vestal UMC

We wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to **Pack 32 and Troop 32** who held their first meeting at Vestal UMC on Monday, Sept. 24. Having recently lost their meeting place at Dogwood Elementary due to scheduling conflicts, the Scouts are excited about their new space.

There were 15 present at the Pack meeting and 7 for the Troop meeting. The Scouts will meet monthly and plan on increasing their numbers.



Our Prayers

In the hospital

Park West: Bob Paulson
Ft. Sanders: Lily Willard

Home from the hospital

Sharon Hale

Christian love and sympathy to

the family and friends of Eric Sublett who died on Sept. 18, 2018;

and to Brad Thompson on the death of his uncle, Eugene Martin, who died Sept. 23 in Conway, AR.

Our Presence September 23

Sunday School 338
Sunday Worship 527

Our Gifts September 16

Received Toward Budget \$ 31,162.90
Capital Campaign \$6,445.00
Other \$9,621.60

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

Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Eric Davis Sublett

Joined: 04/11/1965 Died: 09/18/2018

Altar Flowers

Sunday, September 30

The Altar flowers are from the wedding of Kaitlin Kazmier and Alex Tweel and are given in honor of their families.

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Peter Eargle**
Memorial Fund: Remonda Alleyne
- **Jack Brooks**
Building Fund:
Mary and Bob Carmichael

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Larry and Loretta Best**
Building Fund: Anonymous
- **Claire Shepherd**
Soup Kitchen: Sue Hung

Contact Us

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BUILDING FOR

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Capital Campaign Update

Total Project: \$8,600,000

Total Received: \$5,926,078

2018 Extended Capital Campaign

Goal: \$2 million

Pledges received: 80 totaling \$1,111,211

Amount needed to avoid debt: \$888,789

(*As of August 31, 2018)

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



Terrazzo tile in a muted pattern is now complete in the Parish Hall and is being laid in the new Welcome Center



Beautiful hardwood wainscoting wraps the walls and massive supports



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