

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, November 11

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

#### Combined Worship

(10:15 a.m. – Prelude)

10:30 a.m. – Nave

#### Noonday Worship

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in the Chapel

**Nov 7**

**Nov 14**

Rev. Palmer Cantler

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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).

## PARKING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

To accommodate parking needs:

- two golf carts will be offering rides to all parkers from all lots
- the Magnolia Lot will be open for valet parking and handicap/special needs drop-off only (parking spaces are not yet striped)
- valet parking will also be available on Hill Avenue for all worshippers
- UT has opened one of their lots to us for use that day (Lot 7A located between Estabrook & Poplar)
- remember the new traffic flow patterns are in effect (one way traffic in front of CLC building)



## GRAND (PRE)-OPENING CELEBRATION Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m. (one Worship Service)

### SCHEDULE

Brass Quintet prelude begins at 10:15 a.m.

Combined Worship Service in the Nave begins at 10:30 a.m.

- The service of celebration will include festive music presented by the Parish Adult Choir, Parish Youth Choir and Chorister Choir, along with brass, percussion, and organ.
- Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, Bishop Ken Carder, Bishop Richard Looney, and Bishop David Graves will take part in the worship service along with our District Superintendent, Brenda Carroll, and our clergy.

Immediately following the service, a reception will be held in the newly renovated Parish Hall (construction is nearing completion—come and see the beautiful craftsmanship and layers of detail as they progress!) Enjoy:

- fellowship, heavy hors d'oeuvres and tours of our new spaces
- music performed by students, faculty and alumni from the Community School of the Arts (CSA)
- a brief ceremony paying tribute to key people and groups, including our Building Committee, Capital Campaign Committee, Board of Trustees, R&R Committee, architects from Hartman-Cox, and representatives from Johnson & Galyon

**Make plans now to join us this Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m.  
Get a peek at what's to come at the Grand (Pre)-Opening Celebration**

## CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

### Book Discussion Group Sunday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m.

All are invited to read the books listed below and join us for discussion on these Sundays:

- **November 11:** *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H Cone
- **December 9:** *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Diangelo
- **January 13:** *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson

On Sunday, November 11, we will covenant together in CLC 120 for respectful and authentic conversation about what we are reading.

*The Cross and the Lynching Tree* will be the focus of this first conversation, which will be facilitated by Celia Ferguson.

## AGING THROUGH A THEOLOGICAL LENS



### Monday, November 12 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Monday, November 12, you are invited to attend a seminar presented by former Church Street senior pastor and retired bishop, **Dr. Ken Carder**. He will share ways in which spiritual strength undergirds us throughout times of loss and how the love of God remains the constant tie that binds all people together as we age.

Carder is currently caregiver of his wife Linda and volunteer chaplain at Bethany, the memory care facility in the retirement community where they reside. The widely published former seminary professor is author of the forthcoming book on pastoral care for persons with dementia.

Carder's prime focus throughout the decades has been following Jesus' model of tending to the least, the last, and the lost. His current role is in keeping with his life's work. "I meet Jesus daily at Bethany," he says. "Serving as a pastoral presence at Bethany is one of the most profound and richest experiences of my life."

The Church Street gathering will commence in the Chapel at 8:30 a.m., closing at 12:30 p.m., with lunch to follow. To reserve a \$10 box lunch, please call the main office of CSUMC: (865) 524-3048.

## Calendar: November 11 – November 17

### Worship

Combined Worship  
Sunday, 10:30 am, Nave  
Rejoice! TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am, WVLT-TV  
Sunday, 2:30 pm, MyVLT  
Noonday Worship  
Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel

### No Sunday School on 11/11

### Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Kinder Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212  
Primary Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308  
Chorister Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306  
Adult 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

Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124  
Sharing Shop  
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 126  
Memorials Committee  
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A  
Records & History Committee  
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201C  
Congregational Care Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204  
Worship Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201A  
Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A  
Properties Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Gym  
Staff-Parish Relations Committee  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A  
Wesley Woods Golf Tourn. Comm.  
Thursday, 6 pm, rm 202

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Disciple Fast Track Prophets Study  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 201A  
Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204  
Convers. on Race Book Discussion  
Sunday, 5 pm, CLC 120  
Aging Through a Theological Lens  
Monday, 8:30 am, Chapel  
Men of God  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202  
Women's 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

### Youth

NightLife  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC  
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 (RSVP 524-3048)  
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118

### UMW

Circle #6  
Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor  
Circles #4 and #10  
Tuesday, 10 am, Parlor  
Circle #7  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204  
In Remembrance Service  
Tuesday, 11 am, Chapel  
Lunch follows in CLC 120  
Circle #8  
Tuesday, 1:15 pm, rm 201A  
Mary & Martha Circle #11  
Wednesday, 7 pm, Parlor

### Singles

Lunch Bunch  
Sunday, 12:30 pm, off-site  
Bridge  
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C  
Yoga Class  
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204

## Golf Cart Drivers in Demand

This Sunday, Nov. 11, we celebrate our Grand (Pre)-Opening of our new addition with worship at 10:30 a.m. and a reception following in our newly renovated Parish Hall. We will have two golf carts operating on that day and we need more drivers!

**If you like to drive a golf cart on or off the golf course**, then this is the time to step up and help in a much needed ministry. We expect a larger crowd on this Sunday and both carts are needed on both sides of the church.

If you can help for any time period on Sunday morning, Nov. 11, please contact Blake Valentine at [blakecvallentine@gmail.com](mailto:blakecvallentine@gmail.com). He will be delighted to hear from you, and you will be providing a much needed ministry.



## Spiritual Life Advance

Each year, we steal away to the mountains for our annual fall retreat—Spiritual Life Advance, affectionately known as SLA. We learned about the Holy Spirit this weekend, using **1 John 4:13** as our focus verse: *By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.*

We focused in on the word “**abide**” and discussed that the Holy Spirit abides in us, with us, and through us. Over 90 students and volunteers shared the weekend together, building community and deepening our faith.

It never ceases to amaze me how the Lord reveals himself to us during this time. On Friday night, we talked about God’s Spirit hovering when he was creating the world. And we woke up on Saturday to a morning full of fog. **It was a visual representation of God’s Spirit in the mountains with us!** It is so humbling to be loved by a God who gives us gracious, simple gifts like that. What a joy! —JENNY CROSS, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTRIES



## UMW Bake Sale Sunday, Nov. 18

### Sunday morning, Nov. 18 in the CLC Hallway

For those who shop, cook and bake for our annual Bake Sale, place Nov. 18 on your calendars. Our goal is always to have several side dish options available such as dressing/stuffing, casseroles, etc., in addition to desserts and breads. We appreciate everyone’s help in bringing your favorite foods for the sale. All proceeds support the mission work of the United Methodist Women!

## Thanksgiving Baskets Ministry

We have 130 families who will receive a basket this year! Names were collected through our Benevolence, Sharing Shops, and Beacon of Hope ministries as well as the church office. The cost per basket is \$55 which includes a full holiday meal with a ham. If you would like to sponsor a basket, please write checks to Church Street UMC and note “Thanksgiving Baskets” on the memo line.

**Sunday, November 18 is our annual Thanksgiving Basket packing blitz.** This year’s challenge: 130 baskets in 20 minutes. We need all hands on deck to meet this goal; come join us in the gym at 9:45 a.m. All ages are welcome!

We need families to help deliver the baskets (2 boxes) after church on the 18th. We will also need help unloading & organizing all the food on Thursday, Nov. 15 in the afternoon. If you are able to deliver baskets and/or help with organizing please email Katryn Bancroft, [kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org) or Jenny Cross, [jcross@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jcross@churchstreetumc.org).

## SINGLES EVENTS

### Lunch Bunch

Sunday, Nov. 11 at 12:30 p.m.

We will meet for lunch at La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant on Western Ave. at Cumberland Estates. Betty Houser is our host.

### Christmas Event

**Deadline to reserve tickets: November 16**

Lois Smith has offered to host a trip to the Clayton Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m. at the Civic Coliseum. She will need a firm commitment by Nov. 16 in hopes of tickets still being available. Tickets are \$23+S&H. If you are interested, call Lois at 865-386-5647

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Thank you to all who have turned in your Prayer Request sheet, *Lord, Here I Am to Serve* sheet and your Financial Commitment Card. If you have not returned your materials, please do so. Baskets are available outside the Nave or you may bring or mail to the church office.

## UMW In Remembrance Service

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Chapel for our annual United Methodist Women *In Remembrance* service. During the service, various Church Streeters will pay tribute to the UMW members who have died during the past year.

A special addition to this year's service will be a flute solo by UMW member Joanna O'Hagan.

The UMW members being remembered are:

*Betty Dotson  
Marilyn Ivey  
Nelle Lambert  
Rebecca May*

Lunch will be served at noon in CLC 120 following the *In Remembrance* service. The cost is \$10, and reservations may be made online or by calling the church office at [524-3048](tel:524-3048) by Friday, November 9.

## Stephen Ministry ... We Need You!

Have you considered becoming a Stephen Minister? As you consider the possibility, it might be helpful to ask yourself some specific questions. These ideas may help you. (Thanks to Jim Burklo for inspiring these thoughts.)

- Are you willing to listen, allowing for silence, tears, joy, anger?
- Can you accept and respect people who are different from you? Who may say or do things you wouldn't agree with?
- Can you avoid imposing your own agenda on others?
- Are you willing to participate in the training and continual education that prepares you to be a Stephen Minister?
- Can you give an hour a week to someone who needs you? Two hours a month to participate in the ongoing training and encouragement Stephen Ministers share?
- Are you willing to be patient and compassionate?
- Would you like to be a witness to the unfolding of other people's lives?
- Can you affirm others, letting them know that their stories and lives are important?
- Are you willing to be transformed in unpredictable ways by the power of love, given and received?

These questions may help you understand what Stephen Ministers have to offer. If these ideas appeal to you and you would like to know more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Dawn or Palmer.

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## CLERGY CORNER

### Let's think together about . . . Stewardship and our Methodist Connection

When faced with natural disasters it is easy to feel helpless in the face of such destruction. That's how I felt when I found out that a friend of mine from seminary had been effected by Hurricane Michael. The Rev. Matt Montgomery is the Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Marianna, FL. Located in the Florida Panhandle, Marianna was torn apart by Hurricane Michael and the community is faced with how it is going to rebuild in the coming years. First UMC Marianna is working with [UMCOR](#) to help the community recover, but there is always more to be done.

Each year, the Missions Team allocates a portion of our budget for Emergency Disaster Relief. It is through your stewardship as a congregation that the Missions Team is able to respond in times of crisis. Our Missions Team decided to give some of our Disaster Relief funds to First UMC Marianna so that they might be able to help their community in this time of need. The Rev. Montgomery shared that the money was used to buy tarps for their roofs, gas for generators while they wait for power to be restored, hire electricians for those who cannot afford it, and purchase chainsaws to remove trees off homes. Please pray for First UMC Marianna as they continue to rebuild, as well as all others effected by recent disasters.

—REV. PALMER CANTLER



First UMC Marianna volunteers at work helping their community following Hurricane Michael





## Rick's Picks for Advent

Advent is right around the corner beginning on **Sunday, Dec. 2**. To prepare your hearts and minds for this very special season, I recommend the following study materials which classes can start before Advent officially begins. If you need additional, detailed descriptions/information you can go to [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com). Let me know if you have any questions about the studies below and don't wait too late to order. Some studies previously done by other classes may be in our church library.

- *The Gift of the Nutcracker* by Matt Rawle (NEW). 4 session study with DVD, leader guide and book.
- *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle. 4 session study with DVD, leader guide and book.
- *FAITHFUL: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton (NEW). 4 session study with DVD, leader guide and book.
- *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton. 5 session study with DVD, leader guide and book.
- *Home for Christmas: Tales of Hope & Second Chances* by Justin Coleman (NEW). 4 session study with DVD, leader guide and book.
- *The Wonder of Christmas: Once You Believe, Anything Is Possible* by Ed Robb & Rob Renfroe. 4 session study with DVD, leader guide and book.
- *The Living Nativity: Preparing for Christmas with Saint Francis* (NEW). A study with daily devotionals, leader's guide with discussion questions.
- *Because of Bethlehem: Love Is Born, Hope Is Here* by Max Lucado. 4 session study with DVD, study guide and book.
- *All I Want for Christmas: Opening the Gifts of God's Grace* by James W. Moore. 5 session study with DVD, leader guide and book.
- *To Live Again: An Advent Journey Using the Christmas Classic, It's A Wonderful Life* by Sheila Jacobs. An Advent course with recommended film segments to watch and discuss the Advent themes.

(Please remember that we will not have Sunday School for all ages on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30)

## Church Street Leaders and Clergy begin Holy Conferencing

Because the outcome of the upcoming special UMC General Conference in February 2019 will have a lasting impact on our church and our congregation, the Church Street clergy and a number of leaders of the Church Street congregation have begun meeting together to prepare for our future. This leadership group is committed to meeting monthly for an indefinite time into the future in a mode of "Holy Conferencing."

These trusted and respected individuals represent a spectrum of perspectives regarding the language in the *Book of Discipline* that is at the center of the church-wide debate. This body will gather together to share communion, to pray, read scripture, read and discuss books, all for the purpose of discerning together how Church Street might be a healthy thriving church during and following this time of tumult.

The work will continue for at least a year and will report to the church on an ongoing basis. Future Messengers will provide more information coming from the first gathering. For now, know that leaders and clergy in this congregation are giving time and commitment to help us all "hold steady" as we go through the coming months. Our intent is to respond with faith in Christ and with care for the entire Church Street community.



## Preschool News

A big CSUMC Preschool "thanks" goes out to **Jamie Osborn and her family** for the donation of gently loved books. It was much appreciated!

We are currently looking for used fitted crib sheets and eyedroppers (the kind you get with medicine) for our students.

## How to contact Holston Conference Delegates

If you wish to write to the delegates of the Holston Conference you may send an email message to:

[delegation@holston.org](mailto:delegation@holston.org)

Messages are forwarded on to each member of the Holston Conference delegation.

## Our Prayers

### In the hospital

Park West: Bob Goff

### Home from the hospital

Jeannine Chapman to Shannondale Healthcare, Gloria Gaskin, Bob Woodson to West Hills Rehab.

### Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Susan Chambers on the death of her father, Cecil R. (Harry) Chambers, who died on Oct. 30 in Dandridge, TN.

## Our Presence November 4

Sunday School	379
Sunday Worship	809

## Our Gifts October 28

Received Toward Budget	\$ 23,047.47
Building for Christ Campaign	\$ 980.00
Other	\$ 3,941.00

Have you remembered  
Church Street  
in your will?

## The Sharing Shops

Thank you for continuing to share with our neighbors. Currently, we need:

- Men's casual/walking shoes (all sizes, new or gently used)
- Adult and children fall clothing (fall only, please)
- Travel-size toiletries, especially lotions and shampoos
- Laundry detergent
- Blankets

Thank you for your generosity!

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### November 11

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

### November 18

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10 / Psalm 113

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

## Honorariums

In honor of:

- Verna McLain  
Master Arts: Anonymous

## Memorials

In memory of:

- Mazie Chesser  
Building Fund:  
Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore
- Charles Mason  
Building Fund:  
Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore
- Mary Jane Ripley  
Building Fund:  
Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore  
Tom and Ginger Hood
- John von Weisenstein  
Building Fund: Anonymous

## Altar Flowers

Sunday, November 11

The Altar flowers are given  
in loving memory of  
Dorothy Bishop by her family.

## Newsletter Deadline:

Written articles should be submitted by Sunday at midnight for inclusion in the following week's *Messenger*. Send to:  
[jhill@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jhill@churchstreetumc.org)



BUILDING FOR

*Christ.*

## Capital Campaign Update

Total Project: \$8,600,000

Total Received: \$6,041,648

## 2018 Extended Capital Campaign

Goal: \$2 million

Pledges received: 82 totaling \$1,316,971

Amount needed to avoid debt: \$683,029

(\*As of October 24, 2018)

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