



## Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

#### Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

John 1:43-51

Always Personal

Rev. Chuck Starks

#### Noonday Worship

January 17

12:00 p.m. Chapel

Rev. Barbara Clark

Lunch will be 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).



## Simple Gifts

"The simple gift of having cancer gave me more than I'd ever known. My peace was found in God," Church Street's Anne Jackson said as she shared her faith story and played the harp at the new Sunday School class. Join Anne in noticing the "simple gifts" God provides for you this week: laughter, scenery, hope, touch, opportunities, warmth. His gifts are everywhere. How can we take note and be thankful?

## MLK Day Parade



MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING JR.  
DAY

You're invited to join United Methodists in marching in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade on Monday, January 15. The theme of this year's parade is "Transforming the Community by Committing to Service". The parade step-off will begin at the Chilhowee Park Midway Entrance, located at 3300 E. Magnolia Avenue.

The parade begins promptly at 10:00 a.m., but participants are encouraged to arrive early, because parking will be tight. We will march together behind the UMC banner to line up for the parade. For questions, contact Rev. Barbara Clark at [bclark@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:bclark@churchstreetumc.org).

The church office and building will be closed on Monday, January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



## Invitation to Write Lenten Devotions

We've barely put away the Christmas decorations, but it's time to start preparing for Lent. Ash Wednesday will usher in the season of Lent on February 14 this year. (While you're checking your calendars: yes, Ash Wednesday is

on Valentine's Day and yes, Easter is on April 1, otherwise known as April Fool's Day this year.)

Church Street has a long standing privilege of providing a Lenten devotional book written by members of the congregation to be used as a spiritual practice throughout the season (similar to the Advent Devotional book). The book will feature devotionals for each of the Sundays in Lent and for each day in Holy Week. You are invited to write a Lenten devotional that includes a scripture passage, a devotional of 250 words (or less) and a closing prayer. Devotionals need to be submitted to Julia Kelley at [juliakelley5402@comcast.net](mailto:juliakelley5402@comcast.net) by Monday, January 22. The Lenten devotional booklet is provided by the Congregational Care Committee.

*What is your vision for Church Street?*

# Kinder Choir Resumes

Kinder Choir, for children ages 4 and 5, will resume this Sunday, January 15, from 5:15-6:00. This semester, the group will be led by Church Street member and experienced vocalist, Fiona Boyd. Please contact Edie Johnson, [ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org) for questions or more details.

# Our Thanks

## Christmas Eve Hospitality

Thank you for helping to invite and welcome others to experience Church Street on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve, Church Street welcomed 2,195 people in worship! Glory to the newborn King!

## Stock the Shelves

The Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op shelves are stocked! Thanks to your generosity during the holiday season, 562 food items will help feed the families served by the Food Co-Op.

## Giving Tree

The Christmas morning of 64 children were extra blessed this year thanks to the Giving Tree donations made by the Church Street congregation.

# Love Offering Gratitude

By Jo Terry, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to share our gratitude for the tremendous support that the congregation gave our staff during the holidays. Donations to the Staff Christmas Love Offering of nearly \$9,000 represent almost a doubling over last year's effort, which was split between 26 full time and 15 part time staff members. We have heard from many of our staff regarding how much they appreciate this bonus and they asked us to express their gratitude to the congregation as a whole. At a time when the church budget has been strained and raises have been limited, this additional gift was especially timely. Thanks to all of you who supported this effort.

# Singles Christmas Donation

By John Waddell and Lois Smith

The Church Street Singles ministry's Christmas service project donated socks to the men, women and children who eat at the soup kitchen each Thursday. Over 100 pairs of socks were distributed.

All who received socks were appreciative because each one needed warm socks for cold winter days. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in the ministry of Church Street. Many thanks to the Singles for this gift to those in need.

## Calendar: January 14-20

### 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  
Wednesday Worship  
Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel

### Sunday School 9:40 a.m.

**Personal & Spiritual Growth**  
Men of God  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 201A  
Wednesday Prayer Group  
Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

### Monday, January 15 Church Office & Building Closed in honor of MLK, Jr. Day

### Meetings & Ministry

Chapel Kneelers Committee  
Sunday, 1:30 pm, CLC 120  
Parish Health Training  
Sunday, 12 pm, rm 201A  
Finance Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204  
Wednesday Lunch  
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Gym  
Staff Parish Relations  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A

### UMW

Book Review  
Wednesday, 1:30 pm, rm 204

### Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team  
Tuesday, 12 pm, VUMC

### Music

Parish Youth Choir  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Kinder Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306  
Choirster Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306  
Primary Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308  
Handbells  
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 306  
Parish Adult Choir  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

### Youth

Youth Night Life  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, CLC  
Youth Band  
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11  
Resurrection  
Friday-Sunday, Pigeon Forge

### Wednesday Lunch Changes

Each Wednesday following the noonday worship service lunch is held in room 118. Lunch will now be \$8. Lunch includes salad and dessert. For lunch reservations, call 524-3048 or email [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org).

### Soup Kitchen Location Change

The soup kitchen will meet in the gym beginning Thursday, January 18 beginning due to construction in Parish Hall.

### Lectionary

#### READINGS

#### January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

#### January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

## Security Update

Beginning on Sunday, January 14, all outside entrances will be locked beginning at 12:30 p.m. following worship. All groups meeting on Sunday afternoons and evenings will need to use an access code to enter the church. (Youth and children's activities will receive a code via email or text this week.) If your group needs an access code, please contact Kate Spencer at [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org). Please remember you may always access a custodian by using the radio at the Parish Hall door.

If your group hosts an event that is church wide and open to the community, someone from the group should be in the breezeway to welcome attendees and guests and open the doors. Thank you for helping make Church Street a safe and hospitable place for our community.

## Winter Weather Closing Policy

In the case of inclement weather or emergency, a decision to close the church will be made by 6 a.m. of the day in question. This decision will be made by the Church Administrator and Pastoral Staff in consultation with other groups that may be affected, such as the Preschool. A decision will be made by noon for the afternoon and evening scheduled activities. When the decision is made to close, all activities will be canceled and the building secured. Decisions will be communicated by social and public media, phone and email.

## Pledge Update

Have you made a commitment for 2018? Please return a commitment card or email [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org) as soon as possible, so we can finalize our 2018 budget.

As of today, we have received 340 pledges for a total of \$1,612,834 toward the operating budget.

## UMW Book Review

The January UMW book review will be on Wednesday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m. in room 204. The review will focus on *50 Women Every Christian Should Know - Learning from Heroines of the Faith* by Michelle DeRusha. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion; you do not have to have read the book.

## Discover Church Street

Are you interested in learning more about membership at Church Street? Want to know more about what The United Methodist Church believes? Be a part of Discover Church Street on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m. in CLC 120. This one time class is an invitation to all to learn more about the church, receive a church tour, meet others and ask questions directly to Church Street clergy. To learn more or to sign up, contact Rev. Rick Isbell at [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org).

## Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible study will begin in 2018 with a four-week study beginning on Wednesday, January 10 focused on *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus - How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith* by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. The class will meet on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 201A. and of Jesus. Each week there will reading assignments then classroom discussions. Books are \$13. Please contact Juanita Cowles, 712-3262 or [juanita.cowles@att.net](mailto:juanita.cowles@att.net), to sign up or for more information.

## NEW DOOR codes

It's a new year, which means new codes to the Church Street doors. If you had a code for a committee or group in 2017 then it will be different in 2018. The simple change: If the code for your group began with 17, it will now begin with 18. Please contact Kate Spencer for any questions at [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org).

## HUMAN trafficking

The Holston Conference UMW and Connectional Ministries are hosting a conference on human trafficking on Friday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Cokesbury UMC. This event is for anyone who is interested in learning more about human trafficking. You will learn about trafficking, forms of exploitation, how to identify trafficking, what to do if you suspect trafficking is taking place and learn how the church can make a difference in your community. The featured speaker is Ben Cooley, CEO of Hope for Justice. The event is \$25 and includes dinner. The registration deadline is February 14. Learn more or register online at [www.holston.org/humantrafficking](http://www.holston.org/humantrafficking).

## NEW DISTRICT name

The Holston Conference has renamed and re-drawn the boundaries of the districts. Church Street is now part of the Tennessee Valley District (we were formerly in the Knoxville District). The Holston Conference Strategy team recently announced the change. The Holston Conference has reduced the number of districts from 12 to nine. The Rev. Brenda Carroll continues to be the district superintendent for Church Street. To learn more about the changes visit [www.holston.org](http://www.holston.org).



### Our Prayers

**Ft. Sanders:** Nancy Thompson, Cecil Rowe

**Physician's Regional:** Sharon Murphy, baby Joseph Fanduzz

**Home from the hospital:** Jim Lees, Barbara Paulson, John Kennedy

#### Christian Sympathy:

- To the friends and family of Joangay Phildius, who died on January 6.
- To Kathy Rader Earle on the death of her daughter, Kerry Rader, on January 3.

### Our Presence January 7

Sunday School	358
Sunday Worship	594

### Our Gifts December 31

Received Toward Budget	\$85,524.80
Capital Campaign	\$55,695.00
Other	\$8,339.00

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

### Altar Flowers

January 14

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given by Verna McLain in honor of her daughter, Sylvia McLain and in memory of her son, David McLain.

## Our Church Family

### Births:

- Joseph Stephen Fanduzz II was born on January 3 to Joe & Jessica Fanduzz. Paternal grandparents are John & Phyllis (Fanduzz) Eldridge.
- Ethan Alexander Way was born on December 2 to Nathan and Deb Way. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Debbie Way.

### Wedding:

Will Bellingrath and Cecilia Zhong were married in Shaoguan, China on January 1.

## Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Chuck Johnson**  
Building Fund: Larry & Loretta Best
- **Larry Winters**  
Soup Kitchen: Pat Winters
- **Hugh Hixson**  
Memorial Gardens: Janice Hixson
- **Sarah W & Arthur L. Garrett**  
Memorial: Tina & Sandy Gillespie
- **David Harmer**  
Music: Marvin & Bonieta Smith
- **Ruth Barkley**  
Memorial: Tom & Kathy Ehrnschwender

## Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Ray & Shirley Smith**  
Beacon of Hope: Verna McLain
- **Matt & Nancy Smith**  
Youth Renovations: Steve & Carol Smith
- **Mae Swanner**  
Children's Ministry:  
Gloria Gaskin & Ed Soler
- **Powell Richardson**  
Accessibility Fund: George Richardson

## Contact Us

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## Staff Directory

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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 Ministry	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, Ruth Dalton, DeWayne Britt, Robin Crain
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell 599-5047

## New Lenten Study

There will be an orientation session for the Lenten study, *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I am" sayings of Jesus*, on Sunday, January 21, 4:30 p.m. in room 201A. This 7-week study will focus on the "I am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. The study is written by Rev. Rob Fuquay, Senior Pastor of St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis and will be led by Rev. Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship. The study consists of a study book and video segments filmed in the Holy Land along with class discussion. Reading and reflection on the seven book chapters is expected along with scripture reading. Cost of the book is \$7.

If you are interested in taking this short-term Lenten study, please attend the orientation session so you can hear more about the study, learn of the schedule and obtain a book. Class sessions will begin the following Sunday, January 28. If you have questions, contact Rick Isbell at [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org).



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