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Happening at Church Street

For more than 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring has been driving grassroots efforts in local communities, using the energy of the Super Bowl. Local organizations, including Beacon of Hope, participate in the effort each year so that we can be part of this movement that has created more than \$160 million worth of support at the local, community level.



In 2021, we will be tackling a *financial* giving challenge, since we aren't able to accept donations of products. Thanks to your generosity, BOH can use that money to buy a ton of food at Second Harvest Food Bank. This gives members of the BOH Food Co-Op the critical food supply they need throughout the year.

Beginning next Sunday, January 31 through Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, you'll see more about this challenge to Church Street as we move the ball down the field. We'll share stories and numbers that illustrate the impact of this ministry on the community served. Thank you in advance **for your support** of this annual event and for working together to tackle hunger in a time when the needs are rising. You can mail a check to the church office before February 7 with the memo line Souper Bowl (P.O. Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901)

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Join us at 10 am:
www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC

Rev. Catherine Clark Nance

Mark 1:14-20

Music

"O For a Closer Walk"

arr. Charles Villiers Stanford

Parish Adult Choir, previously recorded

Lectionary Readings for this week:

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

Take a quick poll:

Did you watch last Sunday's online worship service? Help us better measure our viewership.

No

Select

Yes, just me.

Select

Yes, me +1 (total of 2 viewing one screen)

Select

Yes, me +2 (total of 3 viewing one screen)

Select

Yes, me +3 (total of 4 viewing one screen)

Select

Yes, me +4 (total of 5 viewing one screen)

Select

Yes, me + more (total of more than 5 viewing one screen)

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Upcoming Education Opportunities

Open Door Class January Study - "And When You Pray ... Exploring the Prayers of the Bible" with Rev. Andy Ferguson

Praying and participating in prayer mark us as persons of faith. On the one hand, praying is so simple that most of us learned to pray as children. On the other, praying is so rich that we are still praying after all these years. Even now, there is a lot to learn about this distinct faith practice. Rev. Andy Ferguson has chosen four prayers to explore this January. They are:

+ Jan. 24 - Isaiah 63-64 - Prayer in the Day of National Calamity

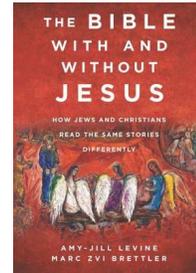
+ Jan. 31 - Psalm 51 - Prayer of Confession

To be included on the class email list to get the updates and the link each week, email communications@churchstreetumc.org or **[click here for the Zoom Link](#)** and use passcode **987123**. If you prefer to call in to the Zoom meetings each week, call **1-929-436-2866**, then enter **82625196733#** with passcode **987123**.

*Looking ahead to February - the Open Door Class will begin a study of Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid* on February 7. More information in next week's email.*

Public Books Circle with Professors Tina Shepardson and Erin Darby - Feb. 3, 7 pm, on Zoom

*Discussion of **The Bible With and Without Jesus**, by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler*



Why do Jews and Christians read many of the same Biblical texts – including passages from the Pentateuch, the Prophets, and the Psalms – differently? Esteemed Bible scholars Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Comparing various interpretations – historical, literary, and theological - of each ancient text, Levine and Brettler offer deeper understandings of the original narratives and their many afterlives and the Bible's ongoing significance.

Erin Darby and Tina Shepardson have both presented at the Church Street Education Committee's Summer Lecture Series!

[Click here to register.](#) No call-in information is currently available.

Sacred Conversations on Race - TN Valley District



Each Tuesday in February for the TN Valley District, Zoom sessions will be offered, each dealing with topics of racism in our church, community and world. Each program will be different so please consider registering even if you cannot “attend” all four. There will be some overlapping but each session will be different and will be filled with information and conversation. We will also be sharing a wealth of resources with the participants.

The sessions will be held on each of the four Tuesdays in February, 2021, from 7pm until 8:30 pm, via Zoom. All are welcome and we encourage you to reach out to invite church members, friends and family. We will open with prayer and close each session with worship.

These programs are open to all. **[Click here](#)** to read more about the series for the TN Valley District and to register or email Pat Bellingrath with questions or to get help: **patbellingrath@gmail.com**.

Thanksgiving for Missions Support

In November, the UMW Bake Sale looked quite different than it normally does! However, thanks to the dedication of our UMW members and skilled bakers -- and to your generosity -- the **Bake Sale raised more than \$2500!** Thank you for indulging in these delicious treats over the Thanksgiving holiday and for supporting the mission work of Church Street's United Methodist Women.

The Open Door Sunday school class **raised more than \$1200 for Beacon of Hope** throughout December. Needs continue to rise in the South Knoxville community, and Beacon of Hope is providing a critical service to make sure our neighbors have food and necessary supplies.

Calendar

See the calendar listings below. Meetings occur on Zoom, unless otherwise noted as an in-person event. If you would like a link to one of the following Zoom meetings, or if your group would like to set up a Zoom meeting, please contact Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org or 865-521-0268, she will help set you up on the church account!

Ongoing Sunday School, Children, Youth & Music Meetings:

- **Breakfast w/ Ms. Katryn & Friends** (children): Sundays, 9 am
- **Open Doors:** Sundays, 9 am
- **Partners:** Sundays, 9 am
- **Followers:** Sundays, 9:30 am
- **Epworth:** Sundays, 10:30 am
- **Seekers:** Sundays, 11 am
- **Kinder Choir:** Sundays, 11 am
- **Confirmation:** Sundays, 11 am
- **Crossroads:** Sundays, 11 am
- **Fifth Grade Small Group:** Sunday, 2 pm Lakeshore Park
- **Chorister & Primary Children's Choirs:** Sundays, 3:30 pm
- **Youth Choir:** Sundays, 4:15 pm
- **NightLife:** Sundays, 5 pm
- **Friends in Christ:** Monday, 7:30 pm
- **Parish Adult Choir:** Wednesdays, 7 pm

Current Studies and One-Time Meetings:

- **Disciple New Testament Fast Track Class:** Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
- **Disciple Old Testament Fast Track Class:** Wednesdays, 10 m

Email tbest@churchstreetumc.org if you are still interested in joining either Disciple study!

- **Records & History Committee:** Monday, January 25, 6 pm
- **Church Council:** Tuesday, January 26, 6 pm

Looking Ahead:

- **Holston Home 5th Sunday Offering:** Sunday, January 31

Our Prayers

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Rev. Gilbert Cofer, father of John Cofer, who died January 4.

The family and friends of Lena Keeble, sister-in-law of Sybil Johnson, who died

on January 6 in Florida.

Recently Hospitalized:

Keith Biggers

New Arrival:

Hayes Samuel Chessor was born to **Eric and Keslee Chessor** on Jan. 15. Grandparents are Mike and Lynda Faulkner and Great-grandparents are Cecil and Caroline Rowe.

Our Presence

January 17

Online Worship - 561

With last week's poll, 172 responses indicated how many in their home were tuned into the service, giving us a multiplier of about 1.4. We estimate a more accurate viewership last week to be **561 people**. Your answers to the poll above each week help us better calculate who is viewing and how many actual people are viewing. Thank you!

Our Gifts

January 17

Operating Budget \$24,593.34

Building Fund \$10,000.00

Other \$25,864.45

Give securely online at www.churchstreetumc.org/give or send a check:

Church Street UMC

P.O. Box 1303

Knoxville, TN 37901

Memorials

In Memory of:

Dr. Virginia (Ginger) Hood

Music Ministry: Amber Hunt

Loretta Kazmier

Benevolence Fund: Anonymous

Phil Schroeder

Stephen Ministry: Anonymous

John Spencer

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Altar Flowers

The chancel altar flowers are given in loving memory of
Clatty Word by Frank Word.

All are welcome at Church Street !

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. We respect diversity of opinion and expressions of Christian faith. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally! As God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ.

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