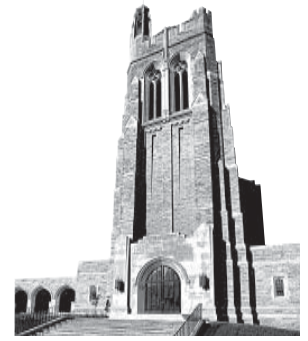


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



7th Sunday after  
Epiphany

## • Sunday, February 20

### Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Rev. Andy Ferguson

## • Wednesday, February 23

### Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel  
Rev. Sarah Varnell

## • Thursday, February 24

### Vespers

6 pm – Chapel – Chuck Jones

### Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120 – Rev. Darryll Rasnake



## Sunday Supper

5:15 to 6 pm • Parish Hall  
\$5 (12 & up) • \$3 (for children)

### Adult & Children's Menu:

Hamburgers (with condiments), French Fries,  
Fruit Salad, Green Salad, Dessert

**REMINDER: Reservations needed.**  
Please call 524-3048  
by noon Friday.

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## LENTEN



STUDY GROUP

## “Surprised by Hope” announced as upcoming Lenten study

You're a Christian. What is your hope? Christians hope for salvation, resurrection, eternal life, and everything that goes with them. And there is more: what about the hope within the present world? What about the practical ways in which hope can come alive for communities and individuals? Some say that the events unfolding in Egypt are driven by hope.

Throughout Lent, we will offer a study, “Surprised by Hope,” written by Bishop N.T. Wright. Through this study participants will discover the sources and the shape of Christian hope. We will explore hope that is for the time after death and for the time before it. This 6-week study will begin during the week of Ash Wednesday and will be offered by several teachers at various times through the week.

- **Sunday night** at 6 pm, led by Sarah Varnell. First meeting: March 6.
  - **Wednesday morning** at 10:30 am, led by Darryll Rasnake. First meeting: March 9.
  - **Wednesday evening** at 7:30 pm, led by Andy Ferguson. NOTE: First meeting: March 9 will follow the evening Ash Wednesday service; additional sessions will begin at 7 pm.
  - **Thursday evening** at 7 pm, led by Chuck Jones. First meeting: March 10.
- Interested? Check with any of these leaders for details.

In addition, Sunday School classes might consider this for Sunday mornings during Lent. Check with Rick Isbell (521-0266 or [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org)) for materials and equipment.

## Discover Church Street will be held on Feb. 20

*Discover Church Street* is a membership class required of all prospective members before formally uniting with the church. This class, led by associate pastor Darryll Rasnake, considers the history, beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church, as well as our understanding of the membership vows at Church Street. Participants will receive an informative introduction to the church as well as a tour of the facilities and free dinner.

Introductions of clergy/staff and an overview of current programs will be included.

**The next Discover class will be held Sunday, Feb, 20, from 4 to 7 pm in the Commons Room (CLC 120) of the Church Life Center.** For more details about the class or if you are considering church membership, please contact Darryll, 521-0279, or by email at [drasnake@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:drasnake@churchstreetumc.org).

## Feb. 23 WNAF to look at Muslim Outreach

The next Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship (WNAF) will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 12:30 pm in Parish Hall. Special guests will be Bruce and Emilie P., now in their 25th year as United Methodist workers in Muslim cities.

The WNAF menu includes: Greek Tilapia over Orzo Pasta, Bread, Salad, and Dessert.

**To make lunch reservations, please call the church office at 524-3048 by Monday, Feb. 21.**

## Blood Drive coming to Parish Hall on Feb. 27

Personal reflection: *Church Streeter, Mary Ellis Richardson, writes "Donating blood is giving the gift of life. I know because my son, Powell, has been in need of whole blood as well as platelets many times, and I have witnessed its life-giving properties. I give blood as a way of passing along the gift of life to others as others have done for my son."*



Church Street's Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 27**, from **12 noon to 6 pm** in **Parish Hall**. Donors receive a t-shirt or can "double their good deed" by having Medic make a donation to Second Harvest, providing 9 meals to people in need.

Though walk-ins are welcome, to make an advance appointment, please email Jo Lynn Cunningham at [jcunning@utk.edu](mailto:jcunning@utk.edu) or leave a note in the church office.

## JUBILATION 2011 - For Senior Adults

April 10-12....stay tuned for more details



### Ash Wednesday services are scheduled for March 9

Mark your calendar now! Church Street will hold two services in the Nave on **Ash Wednesday, March 9**, one at Noon and one at 6:30 pm. Each service will include special music, scripture, sermon, a time of confessions and reflection, and the ritual imposition of ashes.

## The groceries you buy can help the Kay Center!

Help support the Kay Senior Care Center **WITHOUT** spending an extra dime!

The Kay Center is selling **Kroger** and **Food City** gifts cards from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. (Please call ahead of time to be sure we have the amount you need.) The cards come in \$20, \$25, \$50, or \$100 increments. You purchase the groceries you need while Kroger or Food City gives a donation to the Kay Senior Care Center. For example, if you purchase a \$20 Kroger Card, you can purchase \$20 worth of groceries. It is a Win-Win way to help the Kay Center.

*NOTE: Kroger and Food City cards will also be available the last Sunday morning of each month, beginning Feb. 27, in the breezeway (or CLC hallway if the weather is undesirable).*

Questions? Call Judith Winters at 521-0293 for more gift card details or other ways to support the Kay Center.

## Take-Home Soups available from Food Services

Church Street's Food Services is offering take-home soup during these cold winter months. Soups include Italian Wedding Soup, Creamy Potato Soup and Spinach Florentine Soup. Cost is \$7 per quart. Contact Susie Varrone at 521-0273.

## AEDs located near 118 & Gym

Our two AEDs (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) are located (1) on the wall outside of room 118, across from the side door to the kitchen and (2) in the Church Life Center, near the Gym.

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 20-26

### WORSHIP

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am  
*Rejoice!*  
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)  
Midweek Communion Service  
Wed., 12 noon, Chapel  
Vespers  
Thursday, 6 pm, Chapel  
Community Worship  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

**Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.**

### MUSIC

Youth Choir Practice  
Sunday, 4 pm, Choir Room  
Primary Choir (1st & 2nd grades)  
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 301  
Chorister Choir (3rd-5th grades)  
Sunday, 5:45 pm, Choir Room  
Kinder Choir (4 & 5 year olds)  
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 212  
Adult Handbell Practice  
Sunday 6:45 pm, rm 308  
Adult Choir Practice  
Wednesday, 7pm, Choir Room

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper  
Sunday, 5:15 to 6pm, Parish Hall  
Bridge: Mon., 6:30 pm, CLC 120  
Yoga: Mon. 7 pm, rm 306  
Swing Dance Lessons  
Mon., 7 pm, Beginning, Gym  
Mon., 7 pm, Intermediate, CLC 11  
Wednesday Lunch  
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship  
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Dance Lessons  
Thurs., 7 pm, Gym

### YOUTH

Nightlife Volunteers Mtg  
Sunday, 4:15 pm, CLC 14  
Nightlife: Sunday, 5:45 pm, CLC  
Girls' Basketball Practice  
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym  
Thursday, 6 pm, Gym  
Youth Band Practice  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 15

### PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)  
Sunday, 3 pm, CLC 123  
Discover Church Street  
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120  
New Testament Letters (Wender)  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204  
Christian Believer (R. Isbell)  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202  
Financial Peace University (FPU)  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 118  
CollegeLife Bible Study  
Sunday, 6 pm, CLC 124  
Solo Flight (single parent support group)  
Sunday, 6 pm, CLC 123  
AARP Safe Driving Course  
Monday & Tuesday, 12:30 pm, CLC 11  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202  
Disciple II Bible Study (Jones)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 118  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

### CHILDREN

Children's Gym Time  
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym  
God's Gang (1st & 2nd grades)  
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 213  
Twizzlers (3rd - 5th grades)  
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 214

### MEETINGS

Music Committee  
Sunday, 12:15 pm, CLC 124  
Stephen Ministry Training  
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 119  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 1 pm, rm 118  
Visioning Committee  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 202  
Adult Council  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 118  
Child Day Care Center Board  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 202

### UMW

Service Circle  
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall

### SINGLES

Divorce Care  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103  
Friday Games Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC 124

**Pastor's Bible Study:**  
See Lectionary Listings on back page for Sundays, Feb. 27 & Mar. 6

**Faith & Film:**  
*Runaway Jury*  
(2003/PG-13)



## Reflections...

President Mubarak of Egypt has gone into hiding in Sharm el-Sheikh, well outside Cairo with its noisy demonstrations. Now that he has departed, protests have begun in Iran, Bahrain, Jordan and Yemen.

Where does it all lead? It is hard to say. Protestors in each country have learned from the successes in Tunisia and then Egypt. We can be certain that the governments in each country have learned from their successes, too.

What will the result in each country be? This is the hardest question to answer. The old governments were predictable; they have been led by strongmen for many years. Now, that Mubarak has been pushed from office, the resulting government in Egypt along with its loyalties and values remain to be seen.

The important thing is that this revolution will be as unique to Egypt also to Tunisia as our revolution was to this nation. Their religion, temperament, pressures, and more are not the ones this country faced at its birth.

Perhaps this could be described as a birth, of sorts. The parents and the baby, of course, have center stage; these are the people of Egypt as they find their way. The neighbors and the cousins have to stay near the phone to wait for the news.

—Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

Oh, a few might camp out in the waiting room just to be close, but that is as close as they can get.

Statecraft is a lot like watching through a smudged and cloudy window for the Kingdom of God. We believe many things about God's hopes for people and nations, but there are few things we can impose from the outside. Further, the character of these renewed nations will reflect their values and abilities much more than they will reflect ours.



As Christians, can we work with the resulting countries? If the new governments are marked by clearly Islamist convictions, can we support them? That remains to be seen.

Our conviction as Christians is that God is working in the world to bring the Kingdom in all its fullness – not just to Christian nations but to all nations. Too often this move to the Kingdom looks like stumbling and lurching. Still, we are convinced that God is working and coming to bring the Kingdom.

So, let us pray that for these other nations as they become new. Let us pray for our own government as it finds a way forward with them. And let us be watchful to see what new thing God is doing.

## Downtown Lenten Services Schedule (more info coming soon!)

- **March 16** – First Presbyterian Church
- **March 23** – Immaculate Conception Church
- **March 30** – St. John's Cathedral
- **April 6** – Church Street UMC
- **April 13** – First Baptist Church

## We're celebrating Shrove Tuesday on March 8

### Church Streeters of all ages are invited!

*Historical Tidbit:* Also known as "Pancake Day," "Fat Tuesday" and "Mardi Gras," Shrove Tuesday always falls on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the

first day of Lent in the Christian faith. Dates vary from year to year, but it usually falls in February, sometimes in early March. In 2011 it falls on March 8th. It is a day of preparation for Lent, when the eating of pancakes was made obvious by the need to use up the eggs and fat, the eating of which was prohibited during the forty days of Lent.



SHROVE TUESDAY

At Church Street, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancake supper in Parish Hall, a winter carnival in the gym, a Mardi Gras parade, lots of beads and masks....and even more fun and fellowship.

## News & Needs

### CHILDREN'S NEWS

- **Twizzlers** will continue watching "How to Train Your Dragon."

### YOUTH NEWS

- **Hey Youth!** Graduating Seniors are invited to a special "Leaving Home" Sunday school series beginning March 27. There will also be an option for parents! More information coming soon.

### COLLEGE LIFE NEWS

- **Attention College Students:** 15 students gathered this past Sunday for the 1st session of the new Bible Study. More are welcome to join the group for a **free supper** at 5:15 pm in Parish Hall, followed by the study at 6 pm in the Church Life Center, room 124. The study is led by Monty and Elizabeth Walton.

### SINGLES NEWS

- **Donations for "The Cart"** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with Stick Deodorant for February. The Cart is located outside Parish Hall.
- Call Chuck Jones (521-0298) or pick up a copy of **SingleVision** from the literature racks for a complete listing of opportunities/reservation details.

### WEB NEWS

[www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org)

- **Listen to and watch REJOICE!**, streamed on our website at [www.churchstreetumc.org/stream.php](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/stream.php).
- **Join us on FACEBOOK!** Just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for "Church Street United Methodist Church."

### MUSIC NEWS

All Choir Rehearsals are on regular schedule (see calendar for times)



Now is a good time to join a choir!

**Domestic Violence Helpline**  
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## Stewardship

We will be loyal to The United Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

### Our Prayers

#### In the hospital:

*Ft. Sanders:* Russ Herndon

#### Home from hospital:

Gordon Abbott, Janette Bingham, Philip Hutton

### Our Presence

Worship (including weekday) 940  
Sunday School 500

### Our Gifts

Operating Budget \$25,045  
Other Designations \$1,001

## Our Church Family

### New Arrival



• **Grant Beckett Harmon** was born to Aimee & Rusty Harmon on Feb. 4.

## Altar Flowers for Sunday, Feb. 20

• **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Jama McDonald Hollingsworth by John, Cindy and Sarah Grace Hollingsworth.

## Have You Talked To God Today?



### Lectionary Readings

#### • February 27

Isaiah 49:8-16; Psalm 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

#### • March 6

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 90

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

## Memorials

in memory of

### • Sally Dill

*Community Worship:* Anne & Trent Primm, Hugh & Janice Hixson

### • Dr. James (Jim) Hung

*Soup Kitchen:* Mr. & Mrs. Mark Gerstein, The ECE Group at Auburn University, Christine Jones

### • Mary Neil Jourolmon Woodard

*Memorial Fund:* Jean Stuckey & Jeanie Fewell

### • Anne Sullins Jourolmon Hillyard

*Memorial Fund:* Jean Stuckey & Jeanie Fewell

## Honoraria

in honor of

### • Singles' Ministry

*Singles' Ministry:* Wes Sunderman, Ludwin Speir

### • Rev. Cabel Trent

*Special Needs:* Mr. & Mrs. Gene Doss

## Prayer requests are always invited

Blue cards found in the pew racks are available for your prayer requests. Placed in the offering plates, these will be lifted at the altar during worship and throughout the week by the clergy staff.

## Kay Center says THANKS!

The Kay Senior Care Center

wants to give a huge

thank you to Ella Cathey.

Ella made homemade

Valentines for the

participants to receive on

Valentine's Day. This sweet and

thoughtful gesture brought a smile to

everyone. Thank you, Ella!



## STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Varnell-263
Special Needs Pastor	Cabel Trent-264
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## MAIN OFFICE HOURS

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