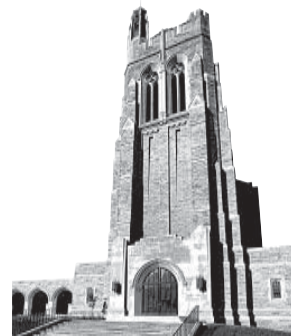


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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



8th Sunday after Epiphany

## • Sunday, February 27

### Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Rev. Sarah Varnell

## • Wednesday, March 2

### Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel

Rev. Sarah Varnell

## • Thursday, March 3

### Vespers

6 pm – Chapel – Chuck Jones

### Community Worship

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

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

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

Personal reflection: *Church Streeter, Kathy Ehrnschwender, writes "During my daughter Emily's treatment for leukemia, she received multiple blood and platelet transfusions. We are so thankful that generous people donated the blood and platelets that she needed and now encourage others to donate these life-saving products."*

Give the gift of life at Church Street's **Blood Drive** on **Sunday, Feb. 27**, in Parish Hall from **12 noon to 6 pm**.

Appointments may be made by emailing Jo Lynn Cunningham at [jjcunning@utk.edu](mailto:jjcunning@utk.edu) or by leaving her a note in the church office. **NOTE: Though appointments are appreciated, walk-ins are welcome!**

Donors receive a t-shirt or can choose to "double their good deed" and Medic will make a donation to Second Harvest, providing 9 meals to people in need.

If you have questions about your own eligibility to donate, call the local Medic office directly at 524-3074.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

## Adults invited to participate in Lenten study

The 6-week Lenten study, *Surprised by Hope*, written by Bishop N. T. Wright, will begin during the week of Ash Wednesday and will be offered by several teachers at various times through the week.

• **Sunday night** – led by Sarah Varnell, begins March 6, 6 pm, room 119 (Chiles).

• **Wednesday morning** – led by Darryll Rasnake, begins March 9, 10:30 am, room 204.

• **Wednesday evening** – led by Andy Ferguson, begins March 9, 7:30 pm,

room 204 (following the evening Ash Wednesday service) - Additional sessions will begin at 7 pm.

• **Thursday evening** – led by Chuck Jones, begins March 10, 7 pm, room 119.

If you need more information, please check with any of the leaders for specific details.

**Note:** If Sunday School classes would like to use this study for Sunday mornings during Lent, check with Rick Isbell (521-0266 or [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org)) for materials and equipment.



## Sunday Supper

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

### Adult Menu:

Pasta with Grilled Chicken, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert, Drink

### Children's Menu:

Grilled Cheese, Susie's Beef-a-roni, Dessert, Drink

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



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

## Pancake Supper & Winter Carnival coming

### March 8 ... as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday

Church Streeters of all ages are invited to join us on **Tuesday, March 8**, from **5:30 to 7 pm** as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday with lots of fun, food and fellowship.

We'll begin in Parish Hall with a Pancake Supper. Then we'll proceed in a Mardi Gras-style parade through the

breezeway and Church Life Center on our way to the Winter Carnival in the Gym.

**Note:** Our supper menu will feature pancakes as well as traditional New Orleans-related foods. **Please call 524-3048 to make meal reservations.**

Mark your calendars now...and get ready and join us for a sure-to-be-entertaining evening at Church Street!



## Ash Wednesday services are scheduled for March 9

As the season of Lent begins, Church Street will hold two services in the Nave on **Ash Wednesday, March 9**, at Noon and 6:30 pm.

Each service will include special music, scripture, sermon, a time of confessions and reflection, and the ritual imposition of ashes.

Note: Lunch will be served in Parish Hall following the noon service. (Call 524-3048 for meal reservations.) The Children's Primary and Chorister Choirs will sing at the evening service.

The Labyrinth will also be available in the chapel for prayer walks from 9 am until 5:30 pm on Ash Wednesday.

## Remember Messenger Deadline

The deadline for submission of items to be considered for publication in the weekly *Messenger* is **noon on the Friday before the Tuesday edition.**

For item consideration, please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org). NOTE: There is no guarantee that items received past the deadline will be published.

## The Kay Center will be selling Food City & Kroger gift cards in the breezeway on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Use of these cards benefit the Kay Center!

## Downtown Cooperative Ministry sponsors



## midweek Lenten services

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming community Lenten midweek worship services. These services are again sponsored by the Downtown Cooperative Ministry (a collaboration between the five large downtown churches).

Church Streeters are invited to each of the churches on five different Wednesdays. Music begins at 12 noon, worship at 12:05 pm, and a light lunch is served at 12:30 pm.

This year's series includes First Presbyterian Church on March 16, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on March 23, St. John's Cathedral on March 30, **Church Street UMC on April 6**, and First Baptist Church on April 13.

## Disciple II continues...with Luke & Acts

The second part (18-weeks) of *Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World* focusing on *Luke* and *Acts* will begin Wednesday,

**March 9**, at 7:30 pm (after Ash Wednesday Service). Class is held in the Kay Center and

subsequent sessions will begin at 7pm. Registration/Workbook is \$35. Individuals should have completed Disciple One. For details, contact Chuck Jones at 521-0298.

## Community Offering

*Sacred Explorations: Learning to Pray with the Medievals* is a conversation about the ancient practices of contemplative and fixed-hour prayer. This forum at U.T.'s University Center on **Thursday, March 3**, at 6:30 pm is open to all interested persons.

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5

### 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, 7 pm, Choir Room  
Maryville College Chior Concert  
Thursday, 7:30 pm, Nave

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper  
Sunday, 5:15 to 6 pm, 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  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Dance Lessons  
Thurs., 7 pm, Gym

### 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

**Faith & Film:**  
*Valkyrie* (2008/PG-13)

**Pastor's Bible Study:**  
See Lectionary Listings on back page for Sundays, March 6 & 13

### PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)  
Sunday, 3 pm, CLC 123  
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  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202  
SOS (Serving Our Singles) Group  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 124  
Disciple II Bible Study (Jones)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, CLC 123  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

### 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

### MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Training  
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 119  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 1 pm, rm 118  
Acolyte Training  
Monday, 5:30 pm, Nave  
Memorials Committee  
Tuesday, 5 pm, rm 119  
Stewardship Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 202  
Properties Committee  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, rm 202  
Lay Leadership Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 122

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Sunday, Noon to 6 pm  
Parish Hall

### UMW

Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204

### SINGLES

Divorce Care  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103  
Friday Fun Night Dance  
Friday, 8 pm, Gym



## Reflections...

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

While this will not actually happen until early next year, we have been notified by Charlotte LaFevor, our long-time Church Business Administrator, that she plans to retire. (As I write this, I find myself pausing quite a long time to let this news sink in.) Because her planned retirement date is not until early next year, we do not need to start our “Goodbye’s” yet.

We must, however, use the time to prepare for an important transition in our staff. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has named a search committee to begin preparing for this search. Barna Gibson and Nancy Goodson will serve as co-chairs of the search committee.

The first order of business for the committee will be writing an up-to-date

job description for the position. After all these years, many people in the church do not know Charlotte’s job title; they simply know “Ask Charlotte.” The search



committee, of course, needs to prepare a job description with which we can offer the position. The formal announcement of a job opening cannot be made until this first task has been completed.

In the meantime, we will enjoy the abilities, the wisdom, and the heart that Charlotte brings to Church Street each day. We have much to do between the present and January. As always, we’ll run into a question which no one can answer. And someone will solve the problem the way we have for so long: “Ask Charlotte!”

## Maryville College Choir will present March 3rd concert Church Streeter, Winston Sullivan, is choir member

The Maryville College Concert Choir, under the direction of Stacey Murphy Wilner, will present a program entitled, *The Road Not Taken*, in the Nave on **Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 pm.**

The Maryville College Concert Choir was organized in 1917 for the purpose of singing at Vesper services. Today, members of the Concert Choir serve as musical ambassadors for the college. Participation is by audition only and many of the students are music ensemble scholarship recipients.

**Special Treat:** Church Streeter, **Winston Sullivan**, is a member of the choir.



## Singles Ministry thanks volunteers!

Recently our Singles Ministry held its **7th Annual Volunteers Appreciation Dinner**, recognizing that 183 individuals had stepped up and volunteered for some form of leadership role in 2010. Volunteer tasks included serving on a committee, hosting, staffing, or volunteering at an event or facilitating a workshop or class. Additional tasks included assisting with service projects such as the Thanksgiving Love Baskets, Lakeshore Christmas or Boomsday; field trips; classes such as dance lessons and events like Friday Fun Nights. This marked the fifth straight year that the number of volunteers had increased.

Also during the evening the recipients of the Susan Fowlkes Volunteer of the Year Award were recognized. Co-Honorees for 2010 were Shirley Kanipes & Ludwin Speir. Shirley chairs the Singles Caring Committee and is responsible for the monthly birthday greetings. Ludwin serves in the area of Hospitality and prepares the Newcomer Information Packets. Both were also involved in the Thanksgiving Love Baskets Project as well as Boomsday.

Thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work during 2010. As we are well into 2011, if you would like to volunteer in the Singles Ministry, please contact Chuck Jones at 521-0298 or [cjones@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:cjones@churchstreetumc.org).

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## News & Needs

### Children’s News

• **ADOPT A GRANDPARENT!** Would you like to “adopt a grandparent” for Lent? If so, visit the table in the children’s hallway on Sundays, Feb. 27 and March 6.

### Youth News

• **New Acolyte Training** is Monday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 pm in the Nave. Please contact Amy Fay Chandler if you have questions or would like more information.

• **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.

### CollegeLife News

• **Attention College Students:** New Sunday night Bible Study for college students with free supper has begun. Supper is at 5:15 pm in Parish Hall with the study, led by Monty & Elizabeth Walton, at 6 pm in CLC 124.

### Singles News

• **Donations for “The Cart”** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with Stick Deodorant for February and Shampoo for March. 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!*

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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:

Parkwest: Sarah Lay  
Ft. Sanders: Orville Lewis  
U.T. (NICU): Wyatt Barnett Thomas

#### Home from hospital:

Bob Paulson, Howard Herndon, Jenny Thomas, Suzanne Sherman (& newborn daughter Emory Suzanne)

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Linda Underwood and family** in the death of her sister, Susan Clabo Phipps, on Feb. 13.

**Theresa Pepin and family** in the death of her mother, Marian Frances Pepin-McDonald, on Feb. 14.

**David Morris and family** in the death of his son, John Morris, on Feb. 15.

**John Horton and family** in the death of his sister, Mildred Horton Ward, on Feb. 15.

**Betty Bell and family** in the death of her cousin, Dick Crafton, on Feb. 18.

### Our Presence

Worship (including weekday)	838
Sunday School	487

### Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$43,960
Other Designations	\$1,699

## Our Church Family

### New Member - February 20

- Sharon Murphy joined by transfer from First UMC, Albany, GA.

### New Arrivals



- Wyatt Barnett Thomas was born to Jennifer and Craig Thomas on Feb. 16.
- Emory Suzanne Sherman was born to Suzanne and Phillip Sherman on Feb. 17.

## Memorials

in memory of

- **Marsha Best**  
*Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Rachel Cochran
- **Sally Dill**  
*Community Worship:* J.S. and L.F. Martin, Susan Poorbaugh, Doug & Emily Akins, Judy Penry, Lou & George McNutt, Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Sanders, David & Sugar Adcock, Discovery Sunday School Class
- **Al Dodson**  
*Choir Anthem:* Verna McLain
- **Ernie Hoffman**  
*Choir Anthem:* Verna McLain
- **Dr. James (Jim) Hung**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Marlin & Amy Jensen, C. B. Sells
- **Peg Jamison**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Jack Cockrum
- **Jeanne Willis**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Anonymous

## Honoraria

in honor of

- **Tom Hood**  
*Music Program:* Crossroads Sunday School Class
- **Wilbur Warwick**  
*Choir Anthem:* Mary Ann Russell, Mary Kenney, Janie Dempster, Judy Miller & Jennie Harlan

## In Memoriam

**John Finley Morris**

Joined 03-28-1999 Died: 02-15-2011

## Lectionary Readings



- **March 6**  
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 90  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
- **March 13**  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

## Altar Flowers for Sunday, Feb. 27

- The Chancel Altar Flowers are given by Shirley Stanberry in memory of her parents, Helen and Harvey Sharp.

## 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
Minister of Program	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Missions	Marc Gamble-287
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Communications Director	Teresa Williams-299
Child Day Care Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
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Church Administrator	Charlotte LaFevor-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Food Services	Susie Varrone-273
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Secretary	Julie Hill -278
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Custodians	-274

Kevin Compton, Johnny Cox, Jr., Laurie Grooms, Tim Montgomery, Matt Newberry

## MAIN OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Church Office: (865) 524-3048

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Pastor-on-Call Number: 236-1518

For emergencies, Call the number and the Pastor-on-Call will answer, or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

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