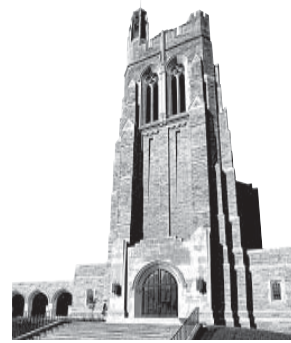


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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



Transfiguration  
Sunday  
Sacrament of Holy  
Communion

• **Sunday, March 6**

*Worship*

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, March 9**

*Ash Wednesday Services*

12 Noon & 6:30 pm – Nave

• **Thursday, March 10**

*Vespers*

6 pm – Chapel – Chuck Jones

*Community Worship*

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

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## Join us for Ash Wednesday Services on March 9

**Our Doorway to Lent & Easter...12 noon & 6:30 pm**



If you have never attended Ash Wednesday services at Church Street, this may be the year you want to begin this Lenten tradition.

On **Wednesday, March 9**, our church will join with Christians throughout the world in observing this solemn day of spiritual examination. Since ancient eras, time set apart for repentance and the ritual imposition of ashes has opened the door for faithful commemoration of the 40 days of Lent. Join others in our congregation who have discovered Ash Wednesday observance to be as important to their faith journey as their recognition of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

**Church Street clergy will lead worship in the Nave at Noon on the 9th** with lunch in Parish Hall following the service. (Please call 524-3048 for meal reservations.) **The evening service begins at 6:30 pm** with the children's choirs participating.

We encourage all Church Streeters to join us as we begin the season of Lent.



## Walk the Labyrinth on Ash Wednesday

Church Street's Labyrinth will be available for prayer walks and reflection on Ash Wednesday, **March 9**. Visit the Chapel anytime between 9 am and 5:30 pm (no walks can begin after 5:30 pm).

For your information...The labyrinth is a centuries-old tool that allows time for personal prayer and meditation. It is not a "new age" gimmick, but an ancient

symbol of wholeness and unity. Walking the labyrinth is simple, calming, and powerful to those who choose to follow its path. For early Christians, walking the circular path to the center symbolized a way to Christ.

If you have never walked the Labyrinth, persons will be available to answer your questions and offer suggestions on your labyrinth walk.

## Pancake Supper & Winter Carnival coming March 8

**Meal reservations needed by Sunday, March 6**

Church Streeters OF ALL AGES are invited to gather 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 Strove Tuesday Breakfast Buffet menu will feature pancakes as well as stations set up with Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya and Crawfish Etouffee.

Cost is \$7 per person (\$4 for children 10 and under). **Please call the office at 524-3048 to make meal reservations by Sunday, March 6.**

Get ready and join us for a sure-to-be-entertaining evening at Church Street!



## Sunday Supper

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

**Adult Menu:**      **Children's Menu:**

Grilled Pork Chops,      Chidken Nuggets,  
Steamed Broccoli with      Mac & Cheese,  
Hollandaise, Mac & Cheese,      Salad, Drink  
Salad, Dessert, Drink

**REMINDER: Reservations needed.**

**Please call 524-3048  
by noon Friday.**

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## Register now for Jubilation 2010

### Senior adults invited to April 10-12 event

Registration brochures are now available for *Jubilation 2011* at the Meadow View Resort & Conference Center, April 10-12 in Kingsport, TN.

*Jubilation*, now in its 11th year, is a Holston Conference gathering of senior adults which (1) nurtures spiritual growth, (2) provides educational opportunities and ways to cope with life issues and (3) enhances Christian fellowship.

This 3-day event includes keynote addresses, life issue workshops, worship, Bible study and plenty of great food and fellowship. Some of the leaders this year will be familiar to Church Street members: Bishop Richard Looney, Rev. Charles Maynard, Bob Ergenbright and many more.

For the past several years a large group from Church Street have reported "rave reviews" after attending this event. If you are interested, be sure and pick up a brochure from literature racks around the church so you can register for the event. You may also visit the event's website at [jubilation.holston.org](http://jubilation.holston.org).



## Attention UMW members!

This year's **Call to Prayer and Self-Denial** will be held on **Tuesday, March 8**, at 11 am in the Nave.

Deaconesses Claire Lovelace and Virginia Miller will be our guest speakers, sharing what their "calling" has meant in their lives and the sacrifices that were required.

This year's offering will support the Retirement Fund that provides pensions and health care for retired United Methodist Women deaconesses and missionaries.

In keeping with our observance of prayer and self-denial, a simple lunch of soup and salad will be served after the program for \$5.50 per person. **For lunch reservations, Circle Leaders should call the church office at 524-3048 with the number and names of those members wishing to make a reservation.** NOTE: If you make a reservation and don't attend, you are still responsible for the cost of the lunch.

## It's time to Adopt-a-Grandparent for Lent

Our Children's Council would like to invite families to "adopt" one of our special needs senior adults for Lent.

Families are encouraged to stop by the table in the children's hallway this Sunday and choose a "grandparent" to make contact with them for the 7 weeks leading to Easter. Contacts may include phone calls, visits, cards, and any other special connections agreed upon by the family and the grandparent.

If you cannot adopt your grandparent this Sunday, a table will also be available at the Winter Carnival on March 8 or contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or [sisbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:sisbell@churchstreetumc.org).



## Daycare to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

Church Street's preschool kids will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. Each child will make a special craft, plus will enjoy some of their favorite books read to them by Dan Kelly, a Church Street member and Day Care Center volunteer. Thanks Dan!

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MARCH 6-12

### WORSHIP

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am  
*Rejoice!*  
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)  
Ash Wednesday Services  
Wed., 12 noon, Nave  
Wed., 6:30 pm, Nave  
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  
Adult Handbell Practice  
Sunday 6:45 pm, rm 308  
Adult Choir Practice  
Wednesday, 7pm, Choir Room

**Faith & Film:**  
*Toy Story 3* (2010/G)

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

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

### SINGLES

Divorce Care  
Tuesday, 6pm, rm 103  
Singles Hospitality Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30pm, CLC 124  
Friday Games Night  
Friday, 6:30pm, Gym & CLC

### 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  
Surprised by Hope Lenten Study  
Sunday, 6pm, rm 119 (Varnell)  
Wed., 10:30am, rm 204 (Rasnake)  
Wed., 7:30pm, rm 204 (Ferguson)  
Thurs., 7 pm, rm 119 (Jones)  
CollegeLife Bible Study  
Sunday, 6pm, CLC 124  
Solo Flight (single parent support group)  
Sunday, 6pm, CLC 123  
Labyrinth Prayer Walks  
Wednesday, 9am to 5:30pm, Chapel  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30am, rm 202  
Disciple II Bible Study (Jones)  
Wednesday, 7pm, CLC 123

### 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, 3:30pm, rm 119  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 1 pm, rm 118  
Kay Center Board Mtg  
Wednesday, 5:30pm, CLC 123  
Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, 5:45 pm, rm 202

### UMW

#7: Tues., 10 am, rm 204  
#10: Tues., 10 am, CLC 14  
#2: Tues., 10:30 am, rm 119  
#4: Tues., 10:30 am, rm 103  
#12: Tues., 10:30 am, rm 118  
General Meeting & Lunch  
Tuesday, 11 am, Nave  
Lunch  
Tuesday, 12 noon, Parish Hall  
#1: Tues., 12 pm, CLC 120  
#8: Tues., 12:30 pm, rm 202  
#3: Tues., 1 pm, rm 103  
#9: Tues., 2 pm, offsite  
#11: Wed., 7 pm, rm 103

**Pastor's Bible Study:**  
See Lectionary Listings on back page for Sundays, March 13 & 20.



## Reflections...on Mardi Gras & New Orleans

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

Lent begins soon. You have surely heard of Ash Wednesday and its serious consideration of the sin which is ours and the Cross of Christ. What we do not hear so much about is Shrove Tuesday and its foolish abandon in preparation for Lent. Our religious education has been short-changed. Having a grandbaby on-the-way in the New Orleans area, I have been doing some needed research — all for the betterment of the church, of course.

The first thing I realized about New Orleans is their willingness to play near the boundaries that we take so seriously. East Tennesseans tend to respect boundaries and rules by giving them distance; New Orleans respects boundaries and rules by playing with them. Saturday night's Mardi Gras parade with professional preparation becomes Sunday's peoples' parade complete with an impromptu marching band. And the seriousness of Lent is preceded by Mardi Gras — right up until midnight or later.

Seriously, sometimes we respect serious matters by giving them distance; sometimes we respect serious matters by teasing them. Laughing is one way of testing our convictions. Laughing is one way of examining a conviction to see if it fits us — much like the work of flirting

in courtship. The difference between our seriousness and theirs is that we do our laughing out of sight; they hold a parade and run it down the middle of the street.

The second insight I had about New Orleans is that food is royalty. And those who cook or host it well are rock-stars. Luckily, their main course, seafood, is held in high regard. How sad that the centerpiece of mountain cuisine, the pig, has gotten such a bad reputation in responsible society. I still remember the day my doctor called for an end to salt and thus put an end to curing country ham. I was buying salt in 50 lb sacks at the Farmers Co-op; I knew it could not last. I just observe that any tradition we can celebrate with food is going to last. (Maybe we should hold Ash Wednesday services right after the midnight Shrove Tuesday feast!)

Visiting a foreign land can teach you much about your own. Visiting New Orleans (while waiting for that baby), has taught me that we need many ways to be respectful and serious. Sometimes we are Isaiah in the temple on the day the Lord appeared and taught him the "fear of the Lord." But, sometimes we need to be King David, dancing at the head of the parade that brought the ark of God home to Jerusalem. For sanity's sake, there is room for both.



### Downtown Cooperative Ministry sponsors midweek Lenten services

Again this year, as part of the Downtown Cooperative Ministry (a collaboration among the five large downtown churches),

Church Streeters are invited to participate in special Lenten services (including lunch) at each of the five churches on five different Wednesdays. This year's series begins at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 16.

Music begins at 12 noon with Worship at 12:05 pm at the specified church. A light lunch follows at 12:30 pm with donations accepted. Prayerfully consider participating in this time of refreshment and renewal during the season of Lent.

- **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

### Thank you to Blood Drive participants

A special thank you to all persons who participated in the Blood Drive this past Sunday. Fifty-two units of blood were collected from 50 donors with 450 meals being provided to Second Harvest as a result of the blood donations. Thanks again!

## News & Needs

### Children's News

• **God's Gang & Twizzlers!** Join us at 4:45 pm this Sunday. We're going to burn the palm branches to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

### 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.

### 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 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

**The Music of Calvin Hampton**  
Monday, March 7  
7:30 pm - Nave

Guest organists, Michael Messina & John Cummins, will explore the music of this great American composer & church musician. Sponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.  
Free & open to the public!



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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:* Lucian Trent  
*Parkwest:* Sarah Lay, Betty Olsen

#### Home from hospital:

George Zirkle (to Brakebill), Wyatt Barnett Thomas

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Beth Libby and family** in the death of her grandmother, Katherine Cooper, on Feb. 24.

**Terry McCluskey and family** in the death of her father, Orvil Lewis, on Feb. 26.

**Will Tullock and family** in the death of his grandfather, Dr. John W. Tullock, on Feb. 26.

**Sandra Roberts and family** in the death of her sister, Gail Connelly, on Feb. 27.

**Stefan Richter and family** in the death of his father, Helmut Richter on Feb. 28.

### Our Presence

Worship (including weekday)	679
Sunday School	486

### Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$32,150
Other Designations	\$16,610

## Our Church Family

### New Member - February 27

- **Jennifer Williams** joined by transfer from Roswell UMC, Roswell, GA.

## Memorials

in memory of

- **Sally Dill**  
*Community Worship:* Betty Hueser, Kevin & Jacqueline Maddron, Mae Swanner
- **Dr. Lewis Gaskins**  
*Handbells:* UMW Circle #11
- **Dr. James (Jim) Hung**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Ning & Gene Hung

## Honoraria

in honor of

- **Betty Houser**  
*Choir Anthem:* Betty Houser

## In Memoriam

**Preston G. Haag, Sr.**

Joined 09-14-1976 Died: 02-22-2011

## Lectionary Readings



### • March 13

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32**  
**Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11**

### • March 20

**Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121**  
**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17**

## Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 6

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Boyd Dudley by his family.
- **The Chapel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Charlotte Nall Eddins by Rachel Nall Cochran.

## 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
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Music Associate/Organist	Eddie 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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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

**FAX:** 521-0261

**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.

## Do you buy groceries?

Of course, you do....and you can help support the Kay Senior Care Center WITHOUT spending an extra dime! The Kay Center is selling Kroger and Food City gift cards. Use these cards to purchase your groceries, and a donation is given to the Kay Center.

Cards are available for purchase in the Kay Center, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm. For more details, please call Judith Winters at 521-0293.

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