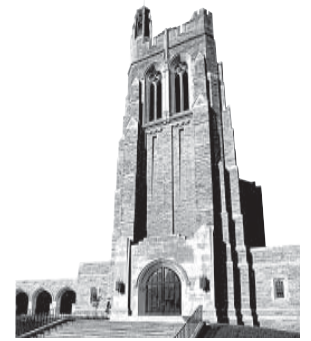


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

**Worship
the LORD**

3rd Sunday of
Easter

• **Sunday, May 8**

Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am – Nave
High School Senior Sunday
Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, May 11**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel
Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Thursday, May 12**

Vespers

6 pm – Chapel
Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120
Rev. Darryll Rasnake



**Sunday Suppers will
resume this fall.**

What is your favorite hymn?

Please write the name of your favorite hymn on the Friendship Pad this

Sunday or just call the church office (524-3048) and leave a message with Brenda or Doris.



Each summer Sunday, we will include at least one of the suggested hymns during worship.

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Volunteers needed to help *Change the World* on May 14

Church Street adults and youth are invited to participate in this year's *Change the World* Service Day on **Saturday, May 14**. *Change the World* is a global movement of United Methodists doing what they can to improve lives in their own communities.

Three service projects have been organized for our congregation including (1) an in-house project at **Church Street UMC** which includes cleaning the Nave, painting a hallway, etc. (2) cleaning, organizing, and painting at **Wesley House**; and (3) replacing a roof with **Knoxville Leadership Foundation**.



Note: The Church Street and Wesley House projects will require just the morning. The roofing project will include Friday and will be dependent on weather. **Volunteers need to contact the church office at 524-3048 and choose in which project they wish to participate.**

Volunteers will meet at the church on Saturday, May 14, in Parish Hall at 8:30 am for instructions. Work will end by noon.

UMW General Meeting will feature Haiti Water Project Tuesday, May 10 • 11 am • Parish Hall

The May UMW (United Methodist Women) general meeting will feature Church Streeter, Diane Richards, who will give an update on the Haiti water project.

Diane and her husband Harlan just returned from Haiti where they installed a second water filtration system at a Catholic elementary school in the Bouchan Carre community. The 1,500 students, as well as their teachers and families, now have access to clean water. Note: The proceeds from the 2009 UMW Bazaar went toward the installation of the first filtration system in a Bouchan Carre hospital.

Joining Diane for the presentation will be Sonya Mire, a member of Knoxville's

Sacred Heart Cathedral and its Haiti Outreach Project (HOP) board. She will share the overall picture of what HOP has been doing regarding education and healthcare issues and projects in Haiti.

Attention UMW members:

• Toothbrushes and toothpaste are needed and will be distributed in Haiti...a small but important way that our UMW is contributing to this ongoing mission.

• Circle Leaders should call the church office (524-3048) by Thursday, May 5, with the **number and names** of those members wishing to make a lunch reservation.

Health Kit bags & item lists are available in office

All Church Streeters (individuals, classes, circles, families, etc.) are strongly encouraged to participate in this year's annual Holston Conference Hands-On Mission Project by filling Health Kits for Liberia.

Stop by the church office and pick up a plastic bag with a list of the items included. Filled bags, as well as \$5 (attached to bag / not in it) are needed in the church office by June 4.

Thanks in advance!



A staff change is announced

Susie Varrone has resigned as our Food Services Director/Church Hostess. Because several meals were already scheduled, she will continue for a few more weeks. Her last official day on staff will be May 15. After this date the kitchen will "close down" as it usually does in the summer; meals for the daycare centers and soup kitchen will continue.

Since Susie has joined the Church Street staff, she has taught us to enjoy eating at church again. At her initiative, we have had many memorable events – events which have received glowing reviews, both within our church family and in the community at large.

So, thank you, Susie, for your gifts of cooking, hospitality, and your way of circulating through the dining room to see that everyone was enjoying dinner. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Have you Listened To God Today?

FPU course concludes with great results

The Financial Peace University (FPU) course that began in January has concluded. This annual class, sponsored by our Adult Council, had 5 persons who completed the 13 week session even though others participated in various aspects of the class. The FPU graduates include Marie Owens, Julie Mirts, Bill Weeks, Lauren Herbstritt and Chris Herbstritt. Through this course the class participants were able to reduce their total cumulative debt by \$30,769.

We want to thank J.R. Hertwig for coordinating the class and Robby Paul, Mike and Kim Simpson for assisting. The Adult Council will offer the Financial Peace University course again in January 2012.



Come to the Bake Sale on May 8 Child Day Care Center invites you!

Help the Child Day Care Center by purchasing an item from their Bake Sale and/or buying a pack of Church Street Courtyard Note Cards. Please visit the breezeway on Sunday morning, May 8.

Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast Sunday, May 15 • 8 to 10 am • CLC 123

All teachers & leaders of children, youth
& adults are invited!

Kay Center Honor Roll honors our Mothers

You may still join the Kay Center Honor Roll! Send your donation in memory or in honor of your mother to the church or bring it by the Kay Center. **Deadline: 12 Noon, Monday, May 9.**

WNAF to see "What's New at the Zoo!"

Our Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship (WNAF) on May 25 will offer a sure-to-be-entertaining program featuring live animals from the Knoxville Zoo. An education specialist from the zoo will be bringing animals and talking about all the things new at the zoo. **Mark your calendars now and join us!**

Enjoy Zumba at Church Street on May 15

The Adult Council will host a Zumba class on Sunday, May 15 at 5 pm in the Gym. Athletic attire and athletic shoes suggested. For your information, Zumba is a fun dance-type exercise somewhat like aerobics but much more fun! **Get ready to Zumba!**

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MAY 8-14

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (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, 4:30 pm, Choir Room
Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

Faith & Film:
Westworld (1973-PG)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

High School Senior Banquet
Sunday, 12:15 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
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym

Pastor's Bible Study:
See Lectionary Listings on back
page for Sundays, May 15 & 22.

YOUTH

High School Senior Banquet
Sunday, 12:15 pm, Parish Hall
Youth Choir & Nightlife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Offsite

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)
Sunday, 3 pm, CLC 123
Christian Believer (R. Isbell)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 103
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202
Disciple II Bible Study (Jones)
Wednesday, 7 pm, CLC 123
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

SINGLES

Singles Dance Committee
Tuesday, 7 pm, CLC 124
Divorce Care
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103
Rebuilding
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, rm 103
Singles Hospitality Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 124
Thursday Nights Together, 6:30 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Supervisory Group
Sunday, 12:15 pm, rm 204
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118
Kay Center Board
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 123
Food Services Committee
Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 118
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, 5:45 pm, rm 202

Change the World Service Day
Sat., May 14 - 8:30 am - Parish Hall

UMW

#6: Mon., 7 pm, offsite
#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, Parish Hall
#1: Tues., 12 pm, CLC 120
#3: Tues., 1 pm, rm 103
#8: Tues., 1:15 pm, rm 202
#9: Tues., 2 pm, offsite
#11: Wed., 7 pm, rm 103



Reflections...on the recent world news

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

On Sunday night, the word was going around; on Monday, the story was on every news program: Osama bin Laden has been found and then killed. In Pakistan.

Many questions remain: What does this mean for the war in Afghanistan? What does this mean for U.S. relations with Pakistan? Will U.S. embassies and citizens be targeted for revenge attacks soon or eventually?

I am struck at the immediate sense of relief. According to the news, people gathered outside the White House to celebrate the news almost immediately. This has been the longest war in U.S. history, one which has been focused on this one man. Of course, it was never that simple, and yet Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the World Trade Center attacks of 9/11 was the face of the war on terrorism. Still, with his death, the focus on bin Laden has been resolved. The war on terror will not be resolved for a long, long time.

Further, what does this victory do for the hope of peace around the world? More than sixty years ago, the death of the mastermind of the Third Reich, Adolph Hitler, meant the end of hostilities and the world moving on to rebuilding. In this environment, we will not likely see an early change. Terrorism has too many faces. Civil unrest in the Islamic world of the Middle East has its own reasons. How does this nation continue an alliance

with Pakistan after finding him so close to that country's West Point?

The world is complicated, and that complicated quality is not going to resolve itself any time soon. So, as Christians, how do we work for peace in a complicated world? There was a time when making peace meant resolving conflicts with someone who shared our Christian faith; that simple day has passed. We will live in a multi-cultural, multi-faith world from this time forward.

What does peace look like now? Peace is no longer merely the end of hostilities; it is not the day when the soldiers are sent home to tend the farm. Peace is also jobs and opportunities for people. Peace is an environment marked by justice and freedom for all people. Peace is political and social involvement.

As Christians, we offer to the world the One, Jesus Christ, who promises peace to all peoples. As Christians, we practice the ways that make for peace in neighborhoods, in communities and in nations. As Christians, we must not retreat into pious isolation. Our Jesus holds the key to peace and healing in the world. We must do the hard work of thinking through the current issues and the eternal truth.

Now that Osama bin Laden is dead, the world still needs Americans to lead in the world and Christians to do the work of God in the world.

Confirmation Class makes a difference in the world



This past year the Confirmation Class participated in service projects that have made a difference in the world. The class members chose 3 projects that help persons in our local area, region and the global community. Over the course of the 2010-2011 confirmation year, our 6th grade students collected:

- 185 lbs of food items for Knoxville's *Second Harvest Food Bank*;
- \$150.71 for *Heifer Project International* which will go toward buying a goat for a third world family.
- \$123.53 for the *Society of St. Andrew* which gleans fields and feeds the hungry for about 2.3 cents per person, per serving. This amount will provide over 6,000 servings of fresh fruits and vegetables to individuals.

Hunger Helper Market begins Sunday, May 15

News & Needs

Children's News

- **Vacation Bible School is June 20-23!**

To volunteer, contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

To register, go to www.churchstreetumc.org and select **VBS registration** under the drop-down menu, **Contact Us**.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth!** We have a special evening activity this Sunday night. Watch your email, Facebook and texts for more information.

- **High School Senior Sunday** is May 8.

CollegeLife News

• **College Students:** To be added to the email distribution for the online *Word on the Street*, our way of sharing CollegeLife news, please contact John Shearer at jcshearer2@comcast.net.

Singles News

• **Donations for "The Cart"** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with Hair Conditioner for May. 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

• To read *The Messenger* online, go to the *News & Events* category and select *Newsletters*. *The Messenger* is usually online by Wednesday afternoons.

• Listen to and watch **REJOICE!**, streamed on our website at www.churchstreetumc.org/stream.php.

• Join us on **FACEBOOK!** Just go to www.facebook.com and search for "Church Street United Methodist Church."

Music News

- **Parish Choir going to Charleston!**

The Parish Adult Choir will be singing a concert during the **2011 Piccolo Spoleto Festival** at the Historic Bethel United Methodist Church in downtown Charleston, SC, at 4 pm on Sunday, May 29.

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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:

Mercy Medical: Mary Jane Thigpen

Home from hospital:

Jackson McNutt, Frances McConnell, Richard Remine (to Shannondale Healthcare), Ruth Mays (to Elmcroft of West Knoxville)

Christian Sympathy to:

Ginger Hood and family in the recent death of her brother, Bob Johnson.

Our Presence

Worship (including weekday)	791
Sunday School	426

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$44,656
Tornado Relief	\$1,226
Other Designations	\$2,307

Our Church Family

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

• **Emory Suzanne Sherman**, the daughter of Phillip and Suzanne Sherman, was baptized on May 1.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 8

• **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Pauline Sprouse and Betty Jo Shofner by their families.

Memorials

in memory of

- **Arnold & Sarah Kramer**
Easter Fund: Charles & Lynne Dhuyvetter
- **Sarah Lay**
Missions: Frances Bennett
- **Leonard Robinson**
Missions: Ed & Valerie Nicholson
- **Curtis Shelton**
Master Arts Series: Murphy Builders Class

Honoraria

in honor of

- **Brennan & Winston Sullivan**
Easter Offering: Laura Still



Lectionary Readings

- **May 15**
Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
- **May 22**
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

New Arrival

- **Lila Jane Morton** was born to Jeff and Jane Morton in Baton Rouge, LA on April 29. Maternal grandparents are Andy and Celia Ferguson. Maternal great-grandmother is Betty Bell.



STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Varnell-263
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Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Missions	Marc Gamble-287
Singles Ministry Director	Chuck Jones-298
Communications Director	Teresa Williams-299
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Kevin Compton, 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.

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the Web



www.churchstreetumc.org



Your continued support is needed

Our hearts ache and our prayers continue for all the victims of the violent storms that have ripped apart so many of our Holston Conference communities and indeed across the southern states.

At this time, financial support is most needed. To contribute through UMCOR to disaster relief across the southeast, please write your check to "Church Street UMC" and mark your donation for Advance #901670. To contribute to disaster relief specifically within the Holston Conference, mark your donation for Advance #143.