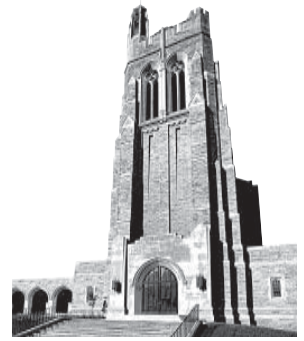


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



5th Sunday of
Easter

• **Sunday, May 22**

Worship

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

• **Wednesday, May 25**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel
Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Thursday, May 26**

Vespers

6 pm – Chapel
Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120
Rev. Darryll Rasnake

We're looking for new College Grads!

We're looking for recent (or soon-to-be) college graduates from Church Street.

This good news will be announced in the June 7th edition of *The Messenger*.

Please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or twilliams@churchstreetumc.org with details (name, college/university & degree).

Deadline: 12 Noon on Monday, June 6.

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Have you picked up your health kit bag yet?

Be a part of this hands-on mission project!



This year all Knoxville District churches have been asked to donate Health Kits for distribution in Liberia as part of the Holston Conference's annual hands-on mission project.

Plastic bags with a copy of the list of items are available in the church office. **To take part, please pick up a bag, fill it with the items and return it to the church by June 5.**

Note: \$5 (for shipping) needs to be attached to the bag.

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 2 tubes of toothpaste (6 oz or less)
- 2 toothbrushes
- 1 bottle of roll-on deodorant
- 1 bottle of shampoo (12 oz or less)
- 1 bottle of perfumed spray or cologne
- 1 bottle of aspirin or Tylenol (24 count)
- 1 bottle of lotion (11 oz or less)
- 1 tube of antibacterial ointment

This would be a great project for individuals, families, Sunday school classes, UMW circles, and various other groups around the church.

Knoxville Zoo visits WNAF - Make meal reservations now!

This month's Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship (WNAF) will be held on Wednesday, **May 25**, at **12:30 pm** in **Parish Hall**.

We are pleased to welcome several human and non-human guests from the Knoxville Zoo. Join us for a fun time and learn what's going on at the zoo.

Lunch will be catered by *Simply Southern Catering*. The menu includes Homemade Chicken Pot Pie, Tossed Green Salad, Pecan Cobbler and Drinks. Cost is \$6 per person.

Please call the church office at 524-3048 to make lunch reservations by 12 noon on Monday, May 23.

Parish Adult Choir to sing in Charleston, SC on May 29



Through an extensive application and recorded audition process, the Church Street Parish Adult Choir was chosen to present a 50-minute concert at the **2011 Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC** at **4 pm** on **May 29** at the historic **Bethel United Methodist Church**, 57 Pitt Street. The concert will be part of the *Festival of Churches Series*, a choral series that highlights the historic churches in Charleston.

Focusing primarily on artists of the Southeast region, Piccolo Spoleto

transforms Charleston into an exhilarating celebration of performing, literary and visual arts. Traditional program offerings include visual arts exhibits, classical music, jazz, dance, theatre, poetry readings, children's activities, choral music, ethnic cultural presentations, crafts and film.

Congratulations to the Parish Adult Choir for being chosen for this event. The choir will present Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* as the centerpiece of a program which will highlight sacred choral music of the 20th century. The concert is free and open to the public.

Take me out to the ballgame on June 18

Make payment now for reservations

Church Streeters of all ages are invited to an evening picnic and baseball game between the Tennessee Smokies and the Chattanooga Lookouts at the Smokies' ballpark on **Saturday, June 18**. What great fun this would be for your family, friends, Sunday school class or other group!



Sponsored by the Adult Council, cost is \$20 per person which includes a full picnic supper (hotdogs, hamburgers and all the fixin's) and reserved seats for the game on the third base side.

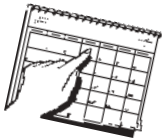
A limited number of reservations are available! To reserve your place for this summer outing, please pay the full amount to the church office **no later than Sunday, June 12**. Specific details will be sent to those signing up.

Church Council (& Called Charge Conference) Meeting

Tuesday, May 24 - 6:30 pm - Chapel

Note: Supper will NOT be served.

The Messenger to take summer break



The *Messenger* will not be produced on **June 14, July 5, July 26, and August 16**. The *Mini-Messenger*, for Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings, will be published if warranted.

Mt. LeConte hike planned for August

The Adult Council is again sponsoring its annual overnight hike to Mt. LeConte on **August 19-20**. The cost is \$116/person which includes overnight lodging and two meals. Persons may sign up for the hike by paying the entire cost through the church office. Church Street members have priority until August 1.

Your continued support is needed

Bishop James Swanson asks you to continue your prayers for all the victims of the violent storms and floods 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.

5th Sunday Offering coming May 29

Make a difference in the life of a child! On May 29 you will have the opportunity to help care for the children of Holston Home. Please give generously.

PandaMania VBS coming June 20-23

This year's **Vacation Bible School** will be held from 9 am to 12 noon, **June 20-23**. NEW this year, we'll kick off the week in Parish Hall on Sunday morning, **June 19**, during the Sunday school hour. The week will end Thursday night with a celebration dinner and program. VBS is for children who were 3 years of age this past January 1st through those completing fifth grade this year.



• Registration...

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

• Volunteers...

Many volunteers are needed for VBS, not just the parents of the children who attend. To volunteer, please contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MAY 22-28

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
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

Adult Choir Practice
Monday, 7 pm, Choir Room
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

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
Wed. Noon Adult Fellowship (WNAF)
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym

YOUTH

End-of-Year Party
Sunday, 5 pm, Offsite

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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



Hunger Helper Market Sundays mornings Breezeway • until sold out

MEETINGS

Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118
Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Church Council (& Charge Conference)
Meeting - Tues., 6:30 pm - Chapel

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall

SINGLES

Singles Social Committee
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Divorce Care
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103
Rebuilding
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, rm 103
Thursday Nights Together, 6:30 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC 124

Faith & Film:

A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (2001-PG13)

Pastor's Bible Study:

See Lectionary Listings on back page for Sundays, May 29 & June 5.

Reflections... "Is there a Word from God?"

—Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

Over the past few weeks, storms have torn through East Tennessee – first the night of tornadoes and then the day of hail. Many Church Streeters were included among those with damage to homes and cars. In some neighborhoods the blue tarps on roofs are a common sight.

This week the flood crest moving down the Mississippi River holds our attention. For those with friends and relatives in the affected areas, this slow-moving flood is very personal indeed.

In East Tennessee, most of us are still in our homes and our cars run just as well as they did before the hail. But, what about the people in Louisiana whose homes will be flooded on Sunday when we gather

for worship? The losses of the people in Vicksburg are far greater than our relatively minor losses. Many are going to be dealing with repairs and clean up for a long time.

All of this leaves me wondering: where is God when the sky goes crazy? And is there any Word of hope from God when the River turns into a flood? Did God get creation right or have some of the parts worn out?

This Sunday in worship, let us ask God together...about creation and this weather. Let us offer prayers for those whose lives are being washed away. And let us bring an offering to help those who will need help recovering.



News & Needs

Children's News

• **Teachers are needed for Spirit Adventure beginning May 29-June 26 for our Joseph rotation.** Art Room, Mouse Pad & Rabbi's Retreat need leaders ASAP. To volunteer or for more details, contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth!** Join us Sunday evening for our end-of-the-year party at Pastor Andy and Celia Ferguson's house. We will meet at the church at 5:15 to go to their home. The whole family is invited.

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 as the item 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

• **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

SAVE THE DATES!

• **Parish Adult Choir** – to the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. Note: The choir will sing at Bethel UMC in Charleston at 4 pm on May 29.

• **Youth Choir Tour** – to Chicago, June 4-10

• **A Noteworthy Soirée** – Sept. 24



Introducing Colleen Bookter...Duke Divinity Intern

Hello! My name is Colleen Bookter, and I will be serving as a ministry intern this summer at Church Street. I'm the youngest of three children and am very close to my two sisters and both of my parents. Born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, I am currently a student at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. I just finished my first year of seminary and am looking forward to learning how my education can be further enhanced by hands-on experience in the church.

I am a 2008 graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee...so, in a way, I'm a fellow Tennessean as well. At Rhodes I majored in History and Women's Studies. After I graduated, for two years I worked with oil and gas companies to save money for divinity school. During this time, which brought me to several cities and towns in Louisiana and Texas, I further discerned God's call on my life, truly felt called to ordained ministry and began the initial steps towards ordination.

Last summer I had the blessing of serving as the ministry intern to three small churches in the foothills of Western North Carolina in the West Lincoln Charge in Vale, North Carolina. This was my first experience working in the church beyond teaching Sunday school classes and volunteering with youth events and Bible studies. It was an amazing experience, and I learned so much from working in these rural churches. Because of this, I am greatly looking forward to my time at Church Street to see how things differ and to continue learning as I practice ministry in an urban setting.

I look forward to meeting all of you and learning from you as we work together towards creating God's kingdom.



THANK YOU "Change the World" Volunteers!

The Community and Global Outreach Missions Committee sincerely thanks those Church Streeters who participated in "Change the World" Day last weekend. Persons worked hard on a roofing project through Knoxville Leadership Foundation, while others stayed at the church to clean the Nave and Chapel. Many thanks to all!

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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: Gordon Abbot

Home from hospital:

Roger Cotton, Margaret Turner (to Shannondale Health Care), Arthur Garrett (to Shannondale Health Care), Bob Chapman

Christian Sympathy to:

Rutledge Gordon Holleman III and family in the death of his father, R. Gordon Holleman, Jr., on May 9.

the family of Elton Bresenham upon his death on May 9.

the family of Mary Jane Thigpen upon her death on May 11.

Our Presence

Worship (including weekday)	674
Sunday School	423

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$31,404
Hunger Helper Market	\$108
Conference Missions Offering (Africa)	\$680
Tornado Offerings	\$655
Other Designations	\$1,861

Our Church Family

New Members - May 15

- **Chris and Julie Birdwell** joined by transfer from First Christian Church, Knoxville. Their children, **Alex** and **Audrey**, are added to the preparatory roll.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

- **Fletcher Veazey Hillmer**, the son of Andy and Veazey Hillmer, was baptized on May 15.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 22

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are in honor of the wedding of Meredith Lynne Amburn and Ben Davis Cunningham.

Memorials

in memory of

• Harold Robert Johnson

Hymnal Fund: Friends in Christ Sunday School Class

• Rhea Lawson

Soup Kitchen: Jeane Sumney, Joe & Jean Morton, Bobby & Rita Stallard, Anita Lutes Reyes, Earl & Sue Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Smolnychy, Diane & Jack Heim & family; *Memorial Fund:* Dave & Betty Craig; *Library Fund:* Scott & Barbara Collins; *Hymnal Fund:* Pathfinders Sunday School Class

• Curtis Shelton

Memorial Fund: Tom & Velma Howell, Robert & Laura Townsend; *Pastor's Discretionary Fund:* John & Rebecca Sewll; *Soup Kitchen:* Jim & Lyla Boehms

Honoraria

in honor of

• All Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Soup Kitchen: Jim & Lyla Boehms

• Katryn McKinney

Youth Ministries: Remonda & Roger Alleyne

• Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Rhea Lawson Family

• Steve & Mary Ellis Richardson

Accessibility Fund: John & Phyllis Eldridge

• Singles Ministry

Singles Ministry: Wes Sunderman, Ludwin Speir

• Anne Trent

Altar Guild Special Fund: Rhea Lawson Family

• Rev. Cabel Trent

Special Needs Fund: Rhea Lawson Family

In Memoriam

Elton Pearce Bresenham

Joined: 10-04-1987 Died: 05-09-2011

In Memoriam

Mary Jane Thigpen

Joined: 12-19-1954 Died: 05-11-2011

Have You Praised God Today?

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	Eddie Johnson-277
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
Child Day Care Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Judith Winters-293
Kay Center	Kay Center Staff-289
Church Administrator	Charlotte LaFevor-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
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, 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.



Lectionary Readings

• May 29

Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

• June 5

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11