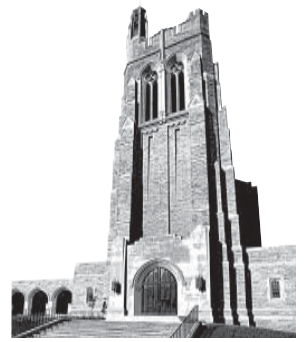


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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



6th Sunday of  
Easter

• **Sunday, May 29**

**Worship**

8:30 am & 11:00 am – Nave  
Rev. Darryll Rasnake

• **Wednesday, June 1**

**Midweek Worship & Communion**

12 Noon – Chapel  
Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Thursday, June 2**

**Vespers**

6 pm – Chapel  
Chuck Jones

**Community Worship**

6:30 pm – CLC 120  
Rev. Darryll Rasnake



**5th Sunday Offering  
coming May 29**

...to benefit Holston Home  
for Children

## The Messenger to take summer break

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

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## PandaMania VBS coming June 20-23

**Registration is under way!**



Following the theme, *PandaMania: Where God is Wild About You!*, this year's **Vacation Bible School** will be held from 9 am to 12 noon, **June 20-23**. We'll kick off the week in Parish Hall on Sunday morning, **June 19**, during the Sunday school hour. VBS is for children who were 3 years of age this past January 1st through those completing fifth grade.

### • Registration...

To register, go to [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org) and select **VBS registration** under the drop-down menu, Contact Us.

### • Volunteers...

Many volunteers are needed to make VBS happen each year. To volunteer for any VBS position, please contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or [sisbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:sisbell@churchstreetumc.org).

## Adult Council plans special summer events

Church Street's Adult Council has planned two upcoming recreational events. Check the following details with dates and deadlines... and have fun with other Church Streeters this summer.

### • Smokies Ballgame & Picnic

A trip to the Smokies Ballgame and Picnic is coming **Saturday, June 18**. This evening game will include a special picnic supper and reserved seats along the third baseline. Persons wanting to go must pay the full amount (\$20 per person) to the church office no later than June 12. Limited reservations are available so "first come, first served." Specific details will be sent to those who register.

### • Mt. LeConte Hike

The annual overnight hike to Mt. LeConte will be held **August 19-20**. Coordinated and led by Jonathan and Lisa Cooper, the hike includes hiking up to Mt. LeConte on Friday, spending the night in one of the lodges, and coming back down on Saturday. The cost is \$116/person which includes overnight lodging and two meals.

Church Street members have priority through August 1. With only a limited number of reservations available, full payment to the church office reserves your spot. A pre-hike information meeting is mandatory. Note: No refunds if you cancel and we cannot find a replacement.

## Graduating from college? Let us hear from you!

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](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org) with details (name, college/university & degree). **Deadline: 12 Noon on Monday, June 6.**

## Beth Moore summer study begins June 6

A summer Beth Moore Bible study will be held on Monday evenings beginning June 6, at 6:30 pm in room 202.

Led by Mae Swanner and Mary Lewis, this 11-week study entitled *Here and Now...There and Then* is based on the Book of Revelation. The course is video based with group discussion. The cost of the study book is \$10. If interested in joining this study, please call Mary Lewis at 414-5390.

## Singles Ministry offers Monday recreational options

Join the Singles Ministry for several Monday evening opportunities for singles, non-singles, couples, individuals, Church Street members and members of the community.

- **BRIDGE** is offered at 6:30 pm in CLC 120. Beginners and advanced players are invited to join a table for an evening of fellowship and non-competitive cards. Refreshments are served. For more details, contact John Witherspoon at 577-1995.
- **YOGA** is offered at 7 pm in room 306. This exercise-oriented session helps relax the body and mind. Class is open to beginners. Cost is \$5 each session. For more details, contact O. J. Bergeron at 992-0685.
- **SWING DANCE LESSONS** are available at 7 pm with a Beginners Class in the Gym and an Intermediate Class in CLC 11. No partner is needed. These free lessons are taught by instructors from the Knoxville Swing Dance Association. Persons may join at any time. Open Dance Practice is held in the Gym at 8:15 pm. For specific information, contact the Singles Ministry Office at 521-0298.

## Thinking of Retiring?

Think *Asbury Place* of Maryville Senior Living Lifestyle in a Retirement Community

Call 238-8304



## Clean the Nave Day is June 11

The next CLEAN THE NAVE day will be Saturday, June 11, from 8 am to 12 noon.

Join us for some of the time or all of the time. No special skills needed; just a desire to make our church a more beautiful place. Our tasks for the day include wood cleaning and minor repairs.

## Have You Served God Today?

### Christian Believer concludes course

The concluding session of the Christian Believer course was held this past Sunday afternoon. For the past 30 weeks, a group of 9 persons has met on Sunday afternoon/evening to study the major doctrines of the Christian faith.

The course was comprised of video presentations by biblical scholars, discussions of both Old and New Testament scripture passages related to the doctrine; and reflections on excerpts from writings of major theologians, classical teachings, creeds and prominent Christians. In addition, each student completed an average of 5 hours per week in Bible study and reading in preparation for each class session.

Note: Some of the 30 doctrines of the faith explored include grace, salvation, faith, the Trinity, sacraments, worship, resurrection, and eternal life.

The course taught by **Rick Isbell**, minister of program, included the following persons: **Jim & Nancy Carmon, Laurie Craig, Susan Dominick, Philip Hutton, Jeff King, Russell McNutt, LaNoka Rhodes** and **Julie Thornburg**. We congratulate these persons for strengthening their faith and Christian discipleship through this study.

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MAY 29-JUNE 4

### 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

Parish Adult Choir  
Piccolo-Spoleto Festival  
Sunday, 4 pm, Bethel UMC,  
Charleston, SC  
Youth Choir Parent Meeting  
& Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 6 pm, Choir Room  
Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday, 6 pm, Choir Room

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30pm, Gym  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 7pm, Gym



### Hunger Helper Market

Sundays mornings  
Breezeway • until sold out

### PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SOS - Serving Our Singles  
Wednesday, 5:30pm, CLC 124  
Disciple II Bible Study (Jones)  
Wednesday, 7pm, CLC 123  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7pm, rm204

**Pastor's Bible Study:**  
See Lectionary Listings on back page for Sundays, June 5 & 12.

### MEETINGS

Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12noon, rm 118  
Memorials Committee  
Tuesday, 6pm, rm 119  
Lay Leadership Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30pm, CLC 122  
Properties Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30pm, rm 202

### SINGLES

Singles Core Team  
Tuesday, 6pm, CLC 124  
Divorce Care  
Tuesday, 6pm, rm 103  
Rebuilding  
Tuesday, 7:30pm, rm 103  
Thursday Nights Together, 6:30pm  
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall  
Friday Fun Night Dance  
Friday, 8 pm, Gym & CLC 124



The church will be closed on  
**Monday, May 30**  
in observance of Memorial Day.



## Reflections...

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

On Sunday, we looked back at the weather disaster that raced out of Alabama and through the Knoxville area during the week after Easter. We also remembered those in the path of the flood crest on the Mississippi River. This week, those disasters have been pushed out of the news by the powerful tornado that tore through Joplin, Missouri. The death toll on Tuesday was greater than 100 dead and expected to climb higher.

First, this latest weather disaster has certainly put our own in perspective. While we definitely have work to do to repair and clean up, there were injuries but no deaths in East Tennessee. Of course, there were over two hundred deaths in Alabama alone.

Secondly, this is on track to being a record year for weather in the Midwest and South. It may be our unusual involvement that makes it merely seem record-breaking.

Third, we can expect to hear calls for help from these new storm victims. Some of those who have lost homes will have insurance, and they are already busy getting back on their feet. Others will not have insurance and few resources for rebuilding. The need for help is clear.



Lastly, we can pray. We can pray, asking God for help for those caught in such troubles. We can pray, asking God for relief from the extremes of weather. We can pray, asking God to prepare us for the work ahead. Rarely have we seen so much mission work within a day's drive from our own homes.

Just as Jesus spoke to the wind and the waves, commanding, "Peace, be still," on the day he stilled the storm, let us pray that God will again call the wind and waves to settle down and leave these storm-tossed families in peace.

## News & Needs

### Children's News

- The next rotation of **Spirit Adventure** is on Joseph and His Brothers and begins this Sunday, May 29. Please join us!

### Youth News

- **Hey Youth!** Summer registration flyers were due last Sunday. If you haven't turned yours in, please do so ASAP.
- There will be no evening youth activities at church on Sunday evening.
- VBS is coming up soon! Be sure and let Sue Isbell know if you would like to help.

### 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](mailto: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](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

- **Parish Adult Choir** will be singing at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, on Sunday, May 29. If you are vacationing in the area, please join us at Bethel UMC in Charleston at 4 pm.

## 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 4.** \$5 (for shipping) needs to be attached to the outside of each bag.



A NOTE WORTHY  
**SOIREE**

## SAVE the DATE

*for an evening like no other!*

### A Noteworthy Soirée

*including dinner, auctions and a ta-dah performance to enhance our fine tradition of excellence in music*

**Saturday, September 24, 2011**

**Church Life Center @ Church Street UMC**

For more information, check out the following website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/csumcnoteworthysoiree/>

**Domestic Violence Helpline**  
**(865) 521-6336**

# THE MESSENGER



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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

#### Home from hospital:

Gordon Abbott, Pat Pate

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Jim Housteau and family** in the death of his brother, Tom Housteau, on May 13, in Madison, OH.

**Sarah Garrett and family** in the death of her husband, Arthur Garrett, on May 23.

### Our Presence

Worship (including weekday)	716
Sunday School	421

### Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$49,152
Hunger Helper	\$330
Tornado Relief	\$2,379
Other Designations	\$1,535

## Our Church Family

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 29

• **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are giving in loving memory of Eugene Duncan White, Sr., by his family.

## Memorials

in memory of

- **Elton Bresenham**  
*Library Fund:* Anonymous
- **Rhea Lawson**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Ron Schaefer, Jane & George Dominick, Joe & Brenda Vandever, Anonymous;  
*Library Fund:* Anonymous
- **Leroy Rogers**  
*Music Ministry:* Bill & Nancy Starnes
- **Curtis Shelton**  
*Pastor's Discretionary Fund:* Betty & Art Olson
- **Mary Jane Thigpen**  
*Kay Center:* Madge Neblett

## Honoraria

in honor of

- **Janette Bingham**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Ruth Cook
- **Fletcher Hillmer**  
*Special Offering:* Andy & Veazey Hillmer
- **Verna McLain**  
*Parish Adult Choir:* UMW Circle 9

## In Memoriam

**Arthur L. Garrett, Jr.**

Joined: 11-13-1966 Died: 05-23-2011

## STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
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Special Needs Pastor	Cabel Trent-264
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ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
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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.



## 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.

Financial support is most needed. To contribute through UMCOR to disaster relief across the nation, 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.

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## Lectionary Readings

### • June 5

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

### • June 12

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39