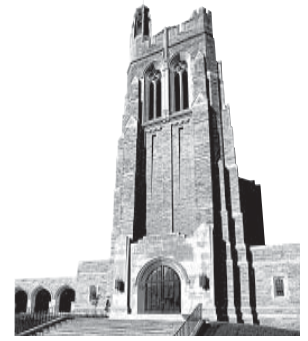


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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



14th Sunday  
after Pentecost

• **Sunday, September 18**

**Worship**

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

• **Wednesday, September 21**

**Midweek Worship & Communion**

12 Noon – Chapel  
Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Thursday, September 22**

**Singles Worship**

5:45 pm – Prayer Room – Chuck Jones

**Community Worship**

6:30 pm – CLC 120 – Rev. Darryll Rasnake  
Hospitality Hosts  
Sept. 15: Partners Class  
Sept. 22: Cornerstone Class

## Sunday Supper Menus



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

**September 18**

Adult/Youth & Children: Lasagna,  
garlic bread, tossed salad, dessert

**September 25**

Adult/Youth & Children: Meat loaf, green  
beans, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert

➔ **Reservations needed by noon  
on Thursdays. Call 524-3048.**

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## The Music Ministry of Church Street invites you...



### A NOTE WORTHY SOIREE

#### A Noteworthy Soirée is Saturday, Sept. 24

Church Streeters of all ages are invited to this special event, beginning at 6 pm in the Church Life Center on Saturday, Sept. 24. This sure-to-be-entertaining evening will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions (with auctioneer, Barna Gibson), and special musical performances by the combined Church Street choirs.

**Note:** Proceeds from the auction will be used to purchase new choir robes for all Church Street choirs.

It's not too late to make your reservation! Stop by the breezeway on Sunday morning or contact the church office (524-3048) during the week.

- **Youth & Adults** (ages 12 & older) – **\$15**
- **Children** (ages 2 to 11) – **\$5**  
[includes a *kid-friendly meal*, entertainment, childcare...and lots of fun!]
- **Children** (under age 2) – **Free**  
[Childcare included.]

#### Steering Committee Members

- Gretchen Beal (690-9151)
- Amy Fay Chandler (679-0865)
- Mary Ann Gibson (982-6850, 604-7721)
- Ginger Holladay (693-4805)
- Suzanne Matheny (689-3147)
- Sally Pasley (719-6642)
- Angela Simmons (577-8353)
- Beth Stubbs (691-9450, 207-8772)
- Tim Ward (521-0276)
- Paul Watkins (691-9675)
- Eileen Weber (368-5230)

## Third graders receive Bibles

Continuing one of the many traditions at Church Street, during the 11:00 service on **Sunday, Sept. 11**, our third graders received Bibles imprinted with his or her name. We rejoice with these children and their families as they take this step in growing in the Christian faith.

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|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| • Beckett Anderson  | • Eli Cowart            | • Mary Kate Holladay | • Caroline Powell |
| • Alex Birdwell     | • Nicholas Dagle        | • Cami James         | • Franklin Smith  |
| • Wyatt Bradley     | • Henry Dansereau       | • Isabella Johnson   | • Ava Takvoryan   |
| • Gavin Carroll     | • Noel Feltner-Reichert | • Jane Kelly         | • Margi Troxler   |
| • Anna Grace Cathey | • Sam Henry             | • Graham Lischer     | • William Walker  |
| • Kate Cofer        |                         |                      |                   |

## September 28th WNAF features economics scholar

Our Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship (WNAF) lunch programs will resume at 12:30 pm in Parish Hall on **Sept. 28**. The program, entitled "Quo vadis (whither goest thou) U.S. Economy," will be presented by Dr. George A. Spiva, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Economics at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Spiva retired in 1992, but still teaches introductory economics each fall

semester and occasionally appears on the A&E and History channels. He has also been a consultant in world-wide economics programs in Indonesia, Peru, Greece, Australia and New Zealand. He was U.T.'s Phillip Moffitt Distinguished Scholar in Economics prior to retiring.

**Make your lunch reservations no later than Noon, Monday, Sept. 26, by calling the church office (524-3048).**

### Any writers out there?

#### Submit your own devotional for Advent Booklet

Our own Advent devotional booklet is being planned and we need your help! During September we are asking interested persons to write a brief devotional (approx. 250 words).

**Specific instructions and guidelines are available in the church office.** To request a copy, please call the church office at 524-3048 and a copy will be mailed to you, either by snail mail or email.

Note: All entries will be considered; however, we can not guarantee that your entry will be published.

If you have questions, please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org).

### Disciple IV class begins Sunday

The Disciple IV Bible study will be offered on Sunday afternoons/evenings, beginning **Sept. 18**, in room 202, from 4 to 7 pm, with a supper break included.

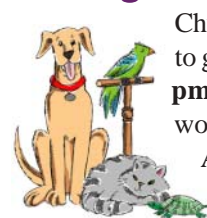
Taught by Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, this 32-week in-depth Bible study looks at the portion of the Old Testament called "The Writings" (1-2 Chronicles, Ruth, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Daniel, etc.); and in the New Testament the Gospel of John, the letters of John and Revelation.

Cost of the study book is \$37 and can be picked up through Rick Isbell's office this week.

### Wednesday lunches have resumed!

Wednesday lunch begins at 12:30 pm in Parish Hall following the noon worship service. Meal cost is \$6.50. Please call the church office (524-3048) to make reservations **by noon on Monday** prior to the particular Wednesday.

### Blessing of the Animals to be held Oct. 2



Church Streeters and their beloved pets are invited to gather in the **Church Street courtyard at 3:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 2**, and participate in a worship service in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and his great love for all of God's creatures. Bring your pet and receive a blessing by the Church Street clergy.

### UNChristian to be offered again on Sundays

A book study on "UNChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity...and why it matters" will be offered if enough persons are interested. Tom Hood will lead the 8-session study on Sundays from 6 to 7:30 pm.

**The orientation session will be held at 6 pm on Sunday, Sept. 18, in room 204.** If interested, please call the church office at 524-3048 or email Tom at [tomhood5@comcast.net](mailto:tomhood5@comcast.net).

### Join the Children's Ministry Email List

To be part of the Children's Ministry email distribution for news related to Church Street children (class details, volunteer opportunities, family events, etc.), please send an email to Sue Isbell, at [sisbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:sisbell@churchstreetumc.org).

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 18-24

### 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  
Singles Worship  
Thurs., 5:45 pm, Prayer Room  
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 308  
Chorister Choir (3rd-5th grades)  
Sunday, 5:45 pm, Choir Room  
Adult Handbell Choir  
Sunday, 6:50 pm, rm 304  
Adult Choir Practice  
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room  
A Noteworthy Soiree  
Saturday, 6 pm, Gym

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper  
Sunday, 5:15 to 6 pm, Parish Hall  
Bridge: Mon., 6:30 pm, CLC 120  
Yoga: Mon. & Thurs., 7 pm, rm 204  
Swing Dance Lessons  
Mon., 7 pm, Beginning, Gym  
Mon., 7 pm, Intermediate, CLC 11  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Couples Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym  
A Noteworthy Soiree  
Saturday, 6 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:

*The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* (1969 - PG)

### PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)  
Sunday, 3 pm, CLC 123  
Study of Book of Isaiah (Wender)  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204  
Disciple IV (R. Isbell)  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202  
Solo Flight (single parent support grp)  
Sunday, 6 pm, CLC 123  
CollegeLife Bible Study  
Sunday, 6 pm, CLC 124  
Orientation for UNChristian  
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 204  
Men's Bible Study  
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 103  
Women's "Mad to Crave" study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202  
Study of Jonah (Rasnake)  
Wednesday, 10 am, rm 204  
W.H.O. (Widowed Helping Others)  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 127  
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204  
Christian Believer (Jones)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, CLC 123  
History of Christianity Study (Jones)  
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 119

### Pastor's Bible Study

See Lectionary Listings on back page for Sundays, Sept. 25 & Oct. 2.

### MEETINGS

Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118  
Food Services Committee  
Monday, 6:15 pm, rm 118  
Finance Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204  
Comm. & Global Missions/Outreach  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 202  
Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision  
Thursday, 10 am & 5:30 pm, rm 202

### SINGLES

Singles Service Committee  
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 127  
Divorce Care Workshop  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103  
Rebuilding Workshop  
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, rm 103  
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm  
Dinner & Program, rm 118  
Friday Games Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

### YOUTH

Nightlife Volunteers Mtg  
Sunday, 4:15 pm, CLC 14  
Nightlife  
Sunday, 5:45 pm, lower CLC

**Hunger Helper Market** Sundays • Breezeway 9 a.m. until sold out

## A Church Street tradition!



### Hunger Helper Market ends Sept. 25

Blueberries, cucumbers, fresh flowers, peanut butter cookies, spinach, pies, squash, baked bread, blackberries...These are just a few of the items that have been available for purchase during the Hunger Helper Market this summer! **The 2011 season will end on Sept. 25.**

Be sure and visit the Market on the remaining mornings of Sunday, Sept. 18 and 25. Thank you to all who have participated in the market this year either by donating and/or purchasing!

### Zumba classes coming to Church Street

Now is the time to put the remote down, get off the couch and get in shape with fun-filled Zumba classes this fall. Beginning on Sunday afternoon, **Oct. 2**, from 3 to 4 pm, Zumba exercise classes will be offered in the gym at Church Street.

Sponsored by our Adult Council and taught by church member, Danielle Dimond, a certified Zumba instructor, the classes will meet for 6 weeks. The cost is \$4/class or \$24 for all six classes. This is a great way to get in shape for the fall with lots of fellowship, great latin music and a rewarding workout.

### Recent Library donations are announced

- *The Next Christians...* Given by Mary & Bob Carmichael...in memory of Marvin Armstrong.
- *Almost Christian...* Given anonymously...in memory of Marvin Armstrong.
- *What Was Lost...* Given by Scott & Barbara Collins...in memory of Rita Mitchell.
- *Raising Your Children's Children...* Given anonymously...in memory of Rita Mitchell.
- *Healing Heartbreak of Grief...* Given anonymously...in memory of Lucian Trent.
- *Seeking Paradise...* Given by Claire Shepherd...in memory of Lucian Trent.
- *A Place of Healing...* Given by Scott & Barbara Collins...in memory of Charles Sterchi, Jr.
- *Amish Prayers...* Given by Esther Bare...in memory of Martha Holt.
- *What the Gospels Mean...* Given by Tom & Ginger Hood.
- *New Seeds of Contemplation...* Given by Tom & Ginger Hood.
- *The New Testament, Vol. II and the Revelation...* Given by Tom & Ginger Hood.
- *The Birth of Christianity...* Given by Tom & Ginger Hood.
- *Safe Haven...* Given by Mary Carmichael.
- *Why?...* Given by Mary Carmichael.
- *I Beat the Odds...* Given by Scott Collins.
- 1 DVD.. *Putting Plan B into Action...* Given by Lance McCluskey

To find these and a variety of other books and materials, please visit the McCluskey Library in room 104, down the hall from the church office.

### MESSENGER news you can use!

#### To receive *The Messenger* via email ...

To have an online copy of the weekly *Messenger* emailed to you, contact Teresa Williams at [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org).

#### To receive *The Messenger* via our website...

To view the weekly *Messenger* our website, go to [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org). Under the News & Events category, select Newsletters.

#### To submit items for *The Messenger*...

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.

### If you are hospitalized, please let us know!

Church Street pastoral care is an important responsibility of the clergy at our church; however, when members are hospitalized and the pastors are not notified, they are unable to provide support.

We need your help! Please call the church office at 524-3048 or the pastor-on-call number at 236-1518 when you or persons you know are entering the hospital.

**Requested confidentiality will be respected by the clergy.**

## Have You Listened To God Today?

### Our AEDs are located near rm 118 & near Gym



**Reminder:** Our two AEDs (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) are located (1) on the wall outside of room 118, across from the side door to the kitchen and (2) in the Church Life Center, near the Gym.

### Thursday Service opportunity available

*Does your Sunday school class need a service project?* Serving at our Community Worship on Thursdays is a great opportunity to reach out to our community friends and the homeless.

For a donation of \$75, our food services will prepare the meal, complete and ready to serve. Your class volunteers (4-6 persons needed approximately 4 times per year) show up on a Thursday night to worship, serve the meal, and clean up afterwards.

To volunteer or for more details, please contact Rev. Darryll Rasnake at [drasnake@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:drasnake@churchstreetumc.org) or 521-0279.

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

## Stephen Ministry training will be offered January 2012



### We're recruiting Now!

Stephen Ministry is a vital part of our pastoral and caring ministries at Church Street. As each of us experiences all that life has to offer – the good and the difficult – sometimes we need a companion to walk with us as a sounding board and a prayer partner. Stephen Ministers are skilled in offering compassionate hearts and a listening ear in a confidential one-on-one relationship. **We currently have 16 active Stephen Ministers, and we are looking for more people called to this special ministry.**

A training class for new Stephen Ministers will begin in **January 2012**, and we are busy recruiting. Potential Stephen Ministers are asked to complete an application and provide personal references, followed by a brief interview with the Stephen Leaders.

Upon completion of training, Stephen Ministers are commissioned by the church for a period of two years, visit their care receivers weekly and participate in twice monthly peer group supervision and one monthly continuing education.

If you would like more information about serving as a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Sarah Varnell at 521-0263 or [svarnell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:svarnell@churchstreetumc.org).

## Sterchi Lodge News...

Church Street is fortunate to have Sterchi Lodge as a place where one can relax, hike Max Patch or part of the Appalachian Trail, and enjoy the beautiful wild flowers. Recently the hard-working Sterchi Lodge committee members completely renovated the women's showers and tiled the kitchen floor at the Lodge. Henry Suters, committee chair, says that 1.9 tons of material including tile, cement, plumbing and wood were removed and replaced. Several years ago the Lodge was completely renovated and since then the committee has successfully maintained this 40+-year-old building with their hard work and good use of available money.

### • Funds to support the Lodge

Speaking of available money...Two different funds have been established to help with the maintenance of the Lodge. The **Sterchi Lodge Trust** was established by Nathan and Allene Jones many years ago. According to the Trust, only a small percentage of the principal is allowed to be used for the Lodge. The goal of the Trust is to ensure that monies are available for long-term sustainability and large capital projects. Recently a **Capital Account** was opened which allows all funds to be immediately available for maintenance. If you have enjoyed Sterchi Lodge and want to help keep it in good condition, you can make a donation to Church Street in memory or in honor of someone and designate whether the donation goes to the Trust or the Capital Account.

### • Non-Church Street persons/groups invited

The Lodge is not only available for Church Streeters but also for those in other churches or organizations and families. If you have friends who would like to stay at the Lodge, let them know about its availability. Reservations can be made through the church office (524-3048).

### • Sterchi Lodge is on Facebook



Become a fan of Sterchi Lodge on Facebook! You'll be able to check out pictures and comment on your Sterchi Lodge experiences.

## ATTENTION: NEWSWIRE & Online Messenger members

If you used to get the NEWSWIRE and/or Messenger online and you don't receive either anymore (and you want to), please make sure Teresa Williams ([twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org)) has your latest correct email. Each week that The Messenger is sent and whenever the Newswire is sent, a handful of emails "bounce back." When you change your email, make sure we know about it.

## Church Street Activities through the end of 2011

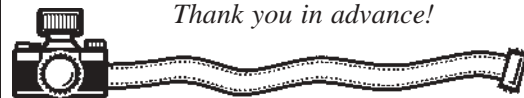
- **Sept. 24** ..... A Noteworthy Soirée
- **Sept. 28** ..... Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship
- **Oct. 2** ..... Blessing of the Animals
- **Oct 2** ..... Zumba class begins
- **Oct. 27** ..... Church Street Choir & UT Concert Choir
- **Oct. 30** ..... Trunk or Treat
- **Nov. 15** ..... Organist, Yun Kim
- **Nov. 20-21** .... Fleming Biblical Lectures
- **Nov. 27** ..... Advent Crafts Festival
- **Dec. 3-5** ..... Madrigal Dinners
- **Dec. 11** ..... Everybody's Christmas Pageant
- **Dec. 18** ..... Walk Through Bethlehem
- **Dec. 24** ..... Christmas Eve Services (3, 5, 10:30 pm)
- **Dec. 25** ..... Christmas Sunday Morning  
–10 am: Sunday School Fellowship & Storytelling  
–11 am Worship service

## Join the Picture Patrol

If you take pictures at Church Street events or even pictures of our beautiful church building, why not share them?

Please send copies (either by email or deliver a CD) to Teresa Williams, 521-0299, [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org). Pictures may be used on bulletin boards, website, brochures, archives, etc.

*Thank you in advance!*



## Hear parish notices prior to worship!

Special announcements and parish concerns are presented in the Nave BEFORE the musical prelude at Sunday morning worship services.

We invite you to arrive early so you won't miss important information about the concerns and life of the Church Street congregation.





## “Reflections...”

—Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

This week several of us at Church Street are meeting with a church consultant. Actually, we are joining the other large, urban churches in this conversation with Dr. Paul Nixon. The Bishop and all the District Superintendents came to remind us of the importance of the meeting.

This meeting started with a worry: the United Methodist Church, along with all mainline denominations are losing members. We have been losing members for 37 years without a break. Actually, we at Church Street are holding our own. Our membership has not changed much one way or the other for several years. In addition, we saw a wonderful group of third graders who received their Bibles last Sunday. We have much to be thankful for. So, we at Church Street are not in danger of going out of business any time soon.

And that is the reason we are meeting, along with other similar churches, with this consultant. We obviously have something working at Church Street. We have much strength to build upon. The idea is to work with the churches that are doing some things well and build on

their strength. Other churches, which have endured great decline already will get a different approach.

The concern is that the Church is in the business of making disciples of Jesus Christ. We may do many fine things; we may help many needy people. But, the point of all our activities and all our energies is to make disciples of Jesus. If we fail to do this central task, then we miss the point.

Everyone knows that people join the church at Sunday worship. But, shouldn't Wednesday worship and community worship and singles vespers also be places where people come to Christ? Of course! And what about Sunday School and VBS and MAD in the City? Should these ministries also lead people to know Christ? Yes. Go through all the activities and tasks of the church; each one should be a doorway or a means by which people come to know Christ. We are in the Jesus business. It is just that simple.

So, in the coming months you'll hear more about “Downtown Transforming Churches.” Holding our own is not enough. We must be making disciples of Jesus.



### Wednesday morning study looks at Jonah

You can still be a part of this short-term study. Join us on Wednesday at **10 am in room 204** as Rev. Darryll Rasnake leads a 6-week study of Jonah. Themes include Divine providence, human nature, good and evil, repentance and forgiveness. No reservations needed. Bring your Bibles!

### Fall trip planned to Cumberland County Playhouse

The Adult Council is planning a fall day trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville on **Wednesday, Oct. 5**, to see the comedy, “Dearly Departed.” Trip cost is \$30 which includes matinee ticket and transportation. Also bring money for an early lunch on the way over. **Make full payment to the church office no later than Friday, Sept. 30, to reserve their spot.** Details about departure time and travel via van will be shared with those who register.

For your information...The Playhouse advertises this “Backwoods Comedy” as a PG version of the good ole Turpin family as they try to pull themselves together for a funeral. Problems overshadow the occasion, but eccentric, lovable friends and neighbors help out, and prove living and dying in the South is seldom tidy, and sometimes hilarious.

**CSUMC: “A beacon...Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ”**

## News & Needs

### Children's News

• **God's Gang & Twizzlers:** Join us at 4:45 pm for all the fun!

### Youth News

• **Hey youth!** Nightlife Sunday night begins in Parish Hall at 5:15 pm and costs \$5. Our program for the evening begins a 4-week series on discipleship and will be taught by Marc. This week's topic is “What Christianity is Not.”

### CollegeLife News

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

• **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 Shampoo as the item for September. 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)

• **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](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/stream.php).

• **Like 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

#### Home from hospital:

Gordon Abbott, Joseph Golden, Dan Taylor, Marilyn Lloyd, Nancy Horton

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Lisa Cool and family** in the death of her father, John Herron, on Sept. 9.

**James Crowson and Lois Thatcher** in the death of his brother and her uncle, Ben Robert Crowson, on Sept. 9.

**Rik Norris and family** in the death of his mother, Marie Norris, on Sept. 11.

### Our Presence

Worship (including weekday)	924
Sunday School	512

### Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$46,903
Hunger Helper	\$108
Other Designations	\$978

## Our Church Family

### Sacrament of Christian Baptism

• **Camilla Jane Bell**, the daughter of Kevin and Margaret Bell, was baptized on Sept. 11.

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, Sept. 18

• **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Charles and Frances Sterchi by the family.

## Memorials

in memory of

- **Charles Burnett**  
Memorial Fund: Patricia & Robert McPeak
- **Ross Taylor**  
Congregational Care: Mildred Weeks
- **Lucian Trent**  
Kay Center: Rick & JoAnn Armbrister

## Prayer requests are always invited

Blue cards found in the pew racks are available for your prayer requests. Placed in the offering plates, these will be lifted at the altar during worship and throughout the week by the clergy staff.



## Lectionary Readings

- **September 25**  
Exodus: 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- **October 2**  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

## Childcare Policy

Reservations must be made one week in advance by calling 521-0290.

NOTE: If you requested child care for a meeting or rehearsal and decide you don't need it, please call 521-0290 to cancel your child care need.

## STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Varnell-263
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Minister of Discipleship	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
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Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
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Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Custodians	-274

Brandon Amburn, Tim Montgomery,  
Matt Newberry, Mike Plyler, Anita O'Dell

**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.

## Remember members in nursing homes & health care facilities



Several Church Street members are currently in health-care centers, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. Please remember these members in your thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

To send greetings to these persons, please contact Loretta Best at 521-0280 or [lbst@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:lbst@churchstreetumc.org) to receive the updated list.

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