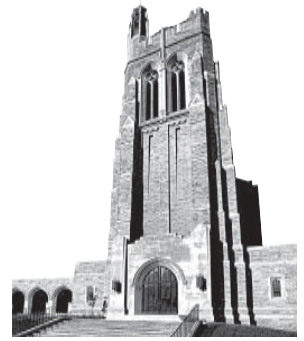


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



16th Sunday
after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy
Communion

• Sunday, October 2

Worship

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

Blessing of the Animals
3:30 pm – Courtyard

• Monday, October 3

Community Worship

6 pm – Chapel – Rev. Darryll Rasnake
Community Worship Hospitality Hosts
Sept. 29: Friends in Christ Class
Oct. 6: Pathfinders Class

• Wednesday, October 5

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel – Rev. Sarah Varnell

• Thursday, October 6

Vespers

5:45 pm – Chapel – Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Clergy leads Sunday morning Christian Perspectives class

If you are looking for a Sunday school class, please check out the *Christian Perspectives* class at 9:40 am in Parish Hall on Sundays.

The new lecture-style, Bible study-based class is for adults of all ages and is being led by our pastors.

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Blessing of the Animals will be held on October 2

Church Streeters are invited to bring their furry, feathered and finned animal friends to this year's "Blessing of the Animals."

This special worship service, in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and his great love for all of God's creatures, will begin in the **Church Street courtyard at 3:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 2.** The beloved pets will also receive a special blessing by the Church Street clergy.



Note to participants: Your pet should be on a leash or in a cage, if appropriate, and should be well-mannered. You will also be responsible for cleaning up after your pet, if the need arises.

We look forward to seeing you and your pet on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Crossville day trip reservation deadline is this Friday

Join us for a 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 ticket and transportation. Also bring money for an early lunch prior

to the matinee. **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.

Give to World Communion Sunday offering on Oct. 2

Please give generously to the World Communion Sunday offering on Sunday, Oct. 2. Your gifts help racial- and ethnic-

minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and their communities.

Tim shares Soirée Report

A BIG thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, made desserts, purchased items or participated in any way to make our "Noteworthy Soirée" such a success. What a fun evening! The final numbers are not available at this time, but we know that we're very close to our goal. We hope to measure all of our singers (adults, youth and children) for their new robes very soon.

I would especially like to thank the hard working Soirée committee members, especially Amy Fay Chandler, Mary Ann Gibson and Suzanne Matheny. Other committee members include Gretchen Beal, Ginger Holladay, Sally Pasley, Angela Simmons, Beth Stubbs, Paul Watkins and Eileen Weber.



A NOTE WORTHY
SOIRÉE

Thanks also to our auctioneer, Barna Gibson, for an evening of fun like no other! Who knew that Barna's first grade picture was worth \$1,000? Also thanks to the subcommittee on donations and all the CSUMC staff, especially our secretaries and custodians.

"It takes a village" and I am grateful to be part of the "village."

—A grateful choir director, Tim Ward

**Several more writers are needed!
Be a part of Advent Devotional Booklet**

Our Church Street Advent devotional booklet is being planned and you can be a part of it. By **Oct. 16**, 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. Note: All entries will be considered; however, we can not guarantee that your entry will be published.

CHILD CARE REMINDER!

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

Prayer team goes about ministry in quiet manner

The prayer requests that are submitted on Sunday morning during the worship services and during the week are compiled and sent to the clergy staff in a confidential manner. The same concerns (without identifying any name) are shared with our lay prayer team.



IN NEED OF PRAYER

We have 55 persons on our prayer team who receive and lift up the prayer concerns each week. These persons go about their ministry in a quiet but conscientious and loving manner. Each submitted prayer concern is taken seriously and is handled with great care and confidentiality.

If you have any questions about the prayer ministry, please contact Rick Isbell, minister of discipleship, at 521-0266 or risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Women's Wednesday Bible Study announced

Our Wednesday morning **Women's Bible Study** will begin a new topic on **October 5**, at **9:30 am** in **room 202**. We will be doing Beth Moore's *Faithful, Abundant, True...Going Deeper Still*.

To be a part of this study, please contact Elizabeth Walton at 249-7775.

Zumba classes begin Oct. 2

Zumba exercise classes will be offered in the Church Street gym beginning Sunday, Oct. 2, from 3 to 4 pm. Danielle Dimond, a Church Street member and certified Zumba instruction, will lead the 6-week class. The cost is \$4/class or \$24 for all six classes. Reservation is not required; just show up ready to Zumba!



Coffee House "open for business" on Fridays, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11

Join us for an enjoyable evening of coffee, conversation and music! Our new Coffee House will be open on Fridays, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11, from 7 to 10 pm in CLC 120. Refreshments are \$1.00 each for Coffee, Hot Tea, Soft Drinks, and Assorted Desserts & Fruit.

Remember Messenger Deadline

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, contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or twilliams@churchstreetumc.org. NOTE: There is no guarantee that items received past the deadline will be published.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: OCTOBER 2-8

WORSHIP

- Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
- Rejoice!*
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)
- Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, 3:30pm, Courtyard
- Community Worship
Monday, 6 pm, Chapel
- Midweek Communion Service
Wed., 12 noon, Chapel
- Vespers
Thurs., 5:45 pm, Chapel

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

- Youth Choir Practice
Sunday, 4 pm, Choir Room
- Kinder Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 212
- 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, 7pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

- Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 to 6pm, Parish Hall
- Bridge: Mon., 6:30pm, 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, 6:30pm, Gym
- Couples Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 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:
Dead Poet's Society
(1989 PG)

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Faith & Films
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
- CollegeLife Bible Study
Sunday, 6pm, CLC 124
- Study on UNChristian (Hood)
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 204
- Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 103
- Women's *Beth Moore* study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202
- Study of Jonah (Rasnake)
Wednesday, 10 am, rm 204
- Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

YOUTH

- Nightlife
Sunday, 5:45 pm, lower CLC
- Youth Parents Book Study
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 201-A

MEETINGS

- Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118
- Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
- Congregational Care
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
- Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 204
- Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202

SINGLES

- Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, rm 118
- Christian Believer - CLC 123
- Divorce Care & Rebuilding - rm 103
- Friday Fun Night Dance
Friday, 7 pm, Gym & CLC

Pastor's Bible Study
See Lectionary Listings on back page for Sundays, Oct. 9 & 16.



“Reflections...”

—Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

According to a Sept 22 article in *New York Times*, scientists in Europe have reported an apparent exception to Einstein’s theory on the relationship of mass, energy and the speed of light ($E=mc^2$). The star of this exception was the tiny neutrino particle.

The report states that neutrinos raced from a particle accelerator at CERN outside Geneva, where they were created, to a cavern underneath Gran Sasso in Italy, a distance of about 450 miles, about 60 nanoseconds faster than it would take a light beam. That amounts to a speed greater than light by about 0.0025 percent.

With due respect to full disclosure, *Scientific American* and others are raising doubts about the likelihood that this result will be confirmed. Into this raging scientific debate, I want to add one more element.

The larger context of this finding is the political and cultural debate across the nation about creation vs. evolution. This is the same issue that was addressed at the Scopes Monkey Trial in Dayton, Tennessee back in the 1925. Strangely enough, this debate continues to re-

emerge in current textbook decisions and even election campaigns.

As a Christian, I have refused to endorse just one of these positions, preferring to embrace both as complementing each other. I see the Biblical story of creation naming *who* created (God) and *why*; I see evolution and scientific exploration explaining *how*. In my imagination, I can see God creating this marvelously complex and beautiful world along with human beings to tend and explore it (Gen 1.27-28). Then, I imagine God watching in delight as human beings across the ages uncover the mysteries of God’s handiwork. Sometimes those mysteries are discovered by persistent research; sometimes those mysteries are discovered by accident.

Regardless, the greatness of God and God’s creation are not diminished by human discovery. Indeed, the creative reach and variety of God are confirmed by discovery. The only thing missing, in my humble opinion, is that few scientific conferences are punctuated by the singing of *The Doxology*. Well they should be. Long before human minds explained it, God created it richly complex and varied.



Stephen Ministry training will be offered January 2012

Stephen Ministry is a vital part of our pastoral and caring ministries at Church Street. Our sixteen Stephen Ministers offer compassionate hearts and listening ears in a confidential, one-on-one relationship.

Would you like to be a part of this important ministry? A training class for new Stephen Ministers begins in **January 2012**. After training, Stephen Ministers are commissioned by the church for two years, visit their care receivers weekly and participate in twice monthly peer group supervision and monthly continuing education.

For more information about serving as a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Sarah Varnell at 521-0263 or svarnell@churchstreetumc.org.



Join us for Sunday Supper!

5:15 to 6 pm
Parish Hall

\$3 (for children)
\$5 (12 & up)

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

October 2

Adult/Youth: Spaghetti with meat sauce, mixed veggies, garlic bread, salad & dessert

Children: Station featuring buttered noodles

October 9

Adult/Youth: Chicken masala, green bean almandine, oven-roasted potatoes, salad & dessert

Children: Chicken, mac & cheese, honey-kissed carrots & dessert

News & Needs

Children’s News

• **Children’s Sunday is October 9.** Be thinking about how you would like to lead in worship on that day!

Youth News

- **Hey youth & families!** Parents, don’t forget the parents’ meeting this Sunday morning, Oct. 2, at 9:50 am in CLC 15. Please make plans to attend.
- For Nightlife, we will continue our series on discipleship. This week we will focus on wisdom and making good choices as followers of Christ.

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 Toothpaste as the item for October. The Cart is located outside Parish Hall.

Kay Center News

• **WISH LIST:** Quick Dry Fingernail Polish, Men’s & Women’s black sweatpants, sizes small to X-large. Bring donations by the Center or contact Judith Winters at 521-0293.

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.
- Like us on FACEBOOK! Just go to www.facebook.com and search for “Church Street United Methodist Church.”



Music News

Special thanks to all those dessert-makers for the Soirée. The desserts were awesome!

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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:

Bob Paulson

Christian Sympathy to:

Dabney Hansard and family in the death of his uncle, Bob Hansard, on Sept. 13.

Our Presence

Worship (including weekday) 689
Sunday School 492

Our Gifts

Operating Budget \$32,537
Hunger Helper \$132
Other Designations \$3,000

Our Church Family

Wedding



• **Kimberly Ellen Cochran and Richard James Wunderlich** were married on Sept. 24 with Rev. Darryll Rasnake officiating.

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

• **Alexander Lee Wills**, the son of David and Tsvetanka Wills, was baptized on Sept. 25.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Oct. 2

• **The Chancel and Chapel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Margaret Anne Nicholson and Larry E. Nicholson by their family.

*Have You Thanked
God Today?*

Memorials

in memory of

- **Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Alexander**
Memorial Fund: Dr. & Mrs. W. K. Alexander
- **Chris Flanary**
Music Ministry: Ouida Lowry
- **Martha Holt**
History Room Fund: James Kennedy

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

- **October 9**
Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- **October 16**
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
Luke 16:19-31

If you are hospitalized, please let us know!

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.

Note: Requested confidentiality will be respected by the clergy.

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 Discipleship	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Mission	Marc Gamble-287
Communications Director	Teresa Williams-299
Child Day Care Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Judith Winters-293
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Food Services	Bobby Tolley-273
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary	Emerita Loretta Best-280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Secretary	Julie Hill -278
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Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
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Brandon Amburn, Tim Montgomery,
Matt Newberry, Mike Plyler, Anita O'Dell

MAIN OFFICE HOURS
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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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