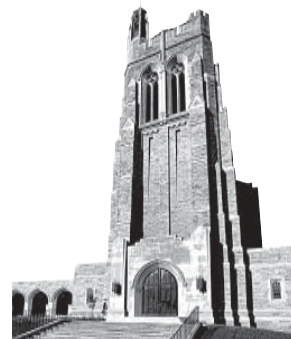


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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



## First Sunday in Advent

• **Sunday, November 27**

### Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am – Nave

Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Monday, November 28**

### Community Worship

6 pm – Chapel – Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship Hospitality Hosts

Nov. 28: Parables

Dec. 5: No service

• **Wednesday, November 30**

### Advent Communion Service

11:40 am - Nave

Recital by Dustin Lin, Piano

"God's Power & Presence in the World"

Rev. Sarah Varnell

## CHURCH COUNCIL & CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, Nov. 29

6:30 pm - Chapel



## Lectionary Readings

• **December 4**

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

• **December 11**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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## Everyone is invited to the Advent Crafts Festival

**Sunday, Nov. 27....5:30 to 7 pm....Parish Hall**

Church Streeters of all ages are invited to fellowship together this Sunday during the **Advent Crafts Festival**, our traditional kickoff to the holidays.

Individual craft centers will be available where a variety of **holiday crafts** can be created by children, youth and adults. Join the fun and create a Button Wreath, Foil Nativity, Gingerbread Photo Frame, Marbleized Cards & Stationery, Clip Angel Necklace, Magic Reindeer Food, Santa Ornament, Bird Feeders, Candle Holder, Paper Bag Luminaries, Wreaths, and much more! You may also visit the SERRV market.

Please remember to bring a plate of **holiday finger food** to share with others. The Kinder Choir and children from the Preschool will sing at 6:30 pm.

**VOLUNTEERS still NEEDED!** Call Beth Libby at 524-3511 or just "show up" before the event to volunteer.



### URGENT NEED!

Bring fresh greenery, berry sprigs & pine cones to Parish Hall on Sunday, Nov. 27.

## New Welcome & Information Center needs volunteers

Our brand new information center is located in the Church Life Center hallway.

As an expansion of our WOW (Words of Welcome) greeters, volunteers are needed to staff the center one Sunday a month either from 9:15 to 10 am or from 10:30 to 11 am. If you love Church Street, like meeting and talking with persons and don't like to be out in the cold during the winter, this is the place for you.

All literature and information about Church Street ministries will be provided. Volunteers will answer visitor questions, assist persons on Sunday mornings, and just provide a friendly, welcoming presence.

If you are interested in this new opportunity, please contact Rick Isbell, minister of discipleship, at 521-0266 or [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org).

## Church Teaching Center & Meeting Room is being developed

The church is developing a new state-of-the-art room specifically designed for teaching, training, staff meetings, the Stephen Ministry, bible study, and other functions with capabilities that have been unavailable to this point.

The room will be named the *Jennifer Landon Teaching Center*, in memory of a devoted teacher and Stephen Minister. Special features of this room will include: conference tables and chairs, controlled lighting, whiteboards, wide-screen HD

television monitor, DVD player, document camera, WiFi router/hub, web camera for video conferencing, hardware switch allowing display swap from any input, and a mobile podium to house hardware.

You are invited to check out the new space, room 201A (previously the entrance to the choir room), and see the progress being made. If you would like to honor Jennifer with a contribution to this project, please designate your gift for the "Jennifer Landon Teaching Center."

## Support United Methodist Student Day on Sunday, Nov. 27

United Methodist Student Day will be observed with a special offering on Sunday, Nov. 27, during both worship services.

The money collected will help with the hundreds of college scholarships and loans available through The United Methodist Church at large and administered through the UMC's General Board of Higher Education. College students and future college students from Church Street are eligible.

Fall 2012 scholarship applications will open online in early January at [www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication](http://www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication).

## The Christmas Pageant needs Volunteers

The Christmas Pageant, formerly Community Christmas, will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 11**, from 5 to 6:30 pm.

**How do I volunteer?** On Sunday, Nov. 20, each adult Sunday School class received sign-up sheets for the needed tasks. **Note: Please return the sign-up sheets to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 4.** Additional sign-up sheets may be found on the large bulletin board outside the main office. You may also contact Sue Piper at 690-5188 or [spiper1072@aol.com](mailto:spiper1072@aol.com).



Walk Through  
**BETHLEHEM**

**Volunteer Status Report:** Second shift workers (3:30 to 6 pm) are needed for almost all positions. Our holy family is needed for the early shift (1 to 3:30 pm), and Wise men are needed for both shifts.

To help or if you need more details, please sign-up on the "needs" board in the 2nd floor hallway or contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or [sisbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:sisbell@churchstreetumc.org).

## UMW (United Methodist Women) News!



### • Christmas Service & Luncheon - Tues., Dec. 6

The annual UMW Christmas Service and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The service begins in the Nave at 11 am with speaker, Rev. Sarah Varnell. The always-festive luncheon follows in Parish Hall at noon.

Our UMW circles have traditionally decorated their tables as simply or as ornately as they wish. **NOTE: This year, UMW tables can not be decorated on Monday** due to the final Madrigal Dinner in Parish Hall that evening. Circle members may come to Parish Hall anytime after 8:30 am on Tuesday morning to decorate their tables.

Please give your \$9 check or cash to your Circle Chairperson by Wed., Nov. 30, so that lunch reservations can be made.

### • Penny & Prayer offerings given to Benevolence

At the November General Meeting, circle members brought their "Penny and a Prayer" offerings. Our Shannondale Circle members sent in their offering as well.

For the past several months those participating have placed a penny in a special box whenever they offered a prayer. These pennies led to a grand total of \$243.95 being given to Church Street's Benevolence Fund, which helps community friends who need assistance for things such as gas, bus fare, groceries and utility expenses.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Penny & a Prayer offering.

## Have You Listened To God Today?

If you ordered Innisbrook wrapping paper or Sophie's Choice mixes & dips, remember to pick up your orders in the Choir Room.

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3

### WORSHIP

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!*  
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)  
Community Worship  
Monday, 6 pm, Chapel  
Advent Recital & Worship  
Wednesday, 11:40 am, Nave

**Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.**

### MUSIC

Youth Choir Practice  
Sunday, 4 pm, Choir Room  
Primary & Chorister Choirs  
Sunday, 4:30 pm - Choir Room  
KinderSingers  
Sunday, 5 pm  
Adult Handbell Choir  
Sunday, 6:50 pm, rm 304  
Adult Choir Practice  
Wednesday, 7pm, Choir Room  
Madrigal Dinners - Sat., 6pm, Parish Hall  
Plus Sun., Dec. 4, & Mon., Dec. 5

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Advent Crafts Festival  
Sunday, 5:30 to 7 pm, 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  
Wednesday Lunch  
Wednesday, 12:30pm, 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 front  
page for Sundays, Dec. 4 & 11

### PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Disciple IV (R. Isbell)  
Sunday, 3 pm, rm 202  
Men's Bible Study  
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 103  
Women's *Beth Moore* study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202  
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

### MEETINGS

Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118  
Church Council/Charge Conference  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Chapel

**Final SERRV Market**  
will be open in Parish  
Hall on Nov. 27

### SINGLES

Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm  
Dinner & Program, rm 118  
Christian Believer - CLC 123  
Divorce Care & Rebuilding - rm 103  
Friday Games Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

## News & Needs

### Children's News

- Have fun at the Advent Crafts Festival this Sunday evening.

### Youth News

- **Hey Youth!** Join us for the Advent Crafts Festival in place of Nightlife this Sunday night---Lots of good food and fun for all!

### 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

- **NOTE: Date Change!** The Friday Fun Night Dance for December will be held on Friday, Dec. 9 instead of Dec. 2. The theme is "Christmas Formal."

### 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

- Tickets are NOW on sale in the church office and music office...and will be on sale in the chapel hallway on Sunday mornings in December.

#### *The Westminster Choir*

of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ

Friday, January 13 - 7:30 pm - Nave

Ticket Prices: Adults - \$20 Students - \$5

Note: The director is a former Church Street Scholarship Singer.

### Advent devotional booklets are available

#### **In Anticipation...Advent 2011 created by Church Streeters**

Be sure and pick up your copy of the 2011 Advent Devotional Booklet, written by Church Street members with illustrations by several Church Street children. Booklets are located in various literature racks, the new Welcome Center in the Church Life Center, and other areas of the church and from the church office.

### Next Four Course Fellowship begins in January



#### **Sign up in breezeway this Sunday!**

The next 4-month rotation of Four Course Fellowship begins in January 2012. Groups will be established and locations, appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts will rotate monthly within the group.

• **Here's how it works:** You sign up (with a spouse, relative or friend) and are placed in an 8-person group to share a meal and fellowship. Your group gets together once a month (for four months). The days and times of the meals are determined by your group to be convenient for all eight persons.

The host pair provides meat, beverage and home; the second pair provides appetizer and vegetable; the third pair provides salad and bread; and the fourth pair provides dessert. Each month a different 2-person team in your group becomes the host pair, and all pairs rotate the portion of the meal for which they are responsible.

• **Here's how to sign up:** Visit the breezeway on **Sundays, Dec. 4, 12 & 18** before or after Sunday School. You may also contact Julia Kelley at 693-6239 or [jkelly2306@bellsouth.net](mailto:jkelly2306@bellsouth.net) by Sunday, December 18.

### Financial Peace University (FPU) begins in January 2012

Orientations will be held at 12:15 pm on Sundays, Jan. 22 and 29...with the series beginning on Feb. 5.

FPU is a 13-week program on personal finance designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. Cost for the 13 weeks is \$75 for Church Street members and \$100 for non-members.

Questions? Contact J.R. Hertwig at (865) 384-7049 or [jrhertwig01@yahoo.com](mailto:jrhertwig01@yahoo.com).

### Join the Picture Patrol!

During the holiday season (and all times of the year), if you have good photos taken at Church Street events and services, please submit copies to Teresa Williams for future use (bulletin boards, archives, brochures, website, etc.).

**Note:** We especially need pictures taken at the upcoming *Advent Crafts Festival* on Nov. 27, *The Christmas Pageant* on Dec. 11, and *Walk Through Bethlehem* on Dec. 18.

Pictures (hard copies or CD) should be delivered to Teresa's mailbox in the church office soon after the event. Please make a note if you need your pictures returned. Digital pictures may be sent to [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org).

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

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.

You can help! Please call the church office at 524-3048 or the pastor-on-call pager at 236-1518 when you or persons you know are entering the hospital or if they need pastoral care in any way. **Note: Requested confidentiality will be respected by the clergy.**



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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 - Patricia Neal Ctr:* Nancy Roth

#### In Assisted Living / Healthcare Facility:

*Summit View - Farragut:* Eleanor Oberholtzer

#### Home from hospital:

Lori Streiniek

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Jamie Daly and family** in the death of her mother, June Smith Carlyle, on Nov. 14.

### Our Presence

Worship (including weekday worship)	762
Sunday School	423

### Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$51,787
Other Designations	\$9,937

## Our Church Family

### New Members - Sunday, Nov. 27

- **Rob & Erin Harlow** joined by transfer: Rob from Caney Creek UMC, Chapel Hill, TN; Erin from St. Edwards Catholic Church, Nashville, TN.

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, Nov. 27

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Florence and Russell W. Hillis by Sherry and Steve Hillis and family.
- **The Advent Wreaths** are given by Mike and Mary Crawford in memory of Dr. Lucian Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Loveless and Edward Crawford and in honor of Kathleen Crawford.

## Memorials

in memory of

- **Willard Bedwell**  
*Memorial Fund:* Dorothy Bedwell
- **Rachel Cochran**  
*Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Gretchen Beal; *Capstone Endowment:* Mike & Jean Galyon
- **Arthur Garrett**  
*Capstone Endowment:* Mike & Jean Galyon
- **Peg Jamison**  
*Soup Kitchen:* The Johnson Family
- **Marjorie Lloyd**  
*United Methodist Women:* Jane Perkins, Lou & George McNutt
- **Carroll Eugene (Curly) Parsons**  
*Sterchi Lodge Fund:* Mary Nelle Traylor
- **Charles Sterchi, Jr.**  
*Capstone Endowment:* Mike & Jean Galyon
- **Brad Thompson, Sr.**  
*Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Gretchen Beal
- **Dr. Lucian Trent**  
*Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Jantina, Alice & Tina Tallman; *Capstone Endowment:* Mike & Jean Galyon

## Honoraria

in honor of

- **Ruth DeFries**  
*Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Sue Hung
- **Holt Jumper**  
*Children's Ministry:* Christine & John West
- **Bertha & Jim Lees**  
*Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Sue Hung
- **Dr. Lynn Taylor**  
*Soup Kitchen:* From a Grateful Family
- **Mildred Weeks**  
*Soup Kitchen:* From a Loving Family

**Thank you to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Love Basket project.**

**Thanks to those persons who financially donated, packed food and delivered the baskets.**

**A special thanks to John Waddell and Melinda Derrick for coordinating the project.**

## STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
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Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
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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

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**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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