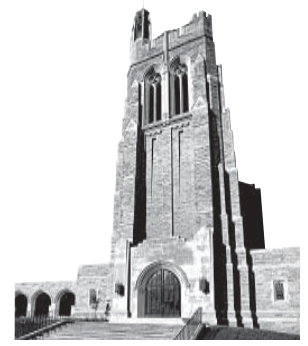


M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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



Fourth Sunday
in Advent

• **Sunday, December 18**

Festival Service of Music

Parish Adult Choir

8:30 & 11 am – Nave

• **Monday, December 19**

Community Worship

6 pm – Chapel – Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship Hospitality Hosts
Dec. 19: Cornerstone

• **Wednesday, December 21**

Blue Christmas Service

12 Noon – Chapel



Join us for
Christmas Eve
worship at
Church Street

• **Saturday, December 24**

**Candlelight, Carols &
Christmas Stories**

3:00 pm

**Traditional Candlelight Communion
Services**

5:00 pm & 10:30 pm

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Let us go now to Bethlehem

Walk Through Bethlehem • Sunday, Dec. 18 • 1 to 6 pm



“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

—Luke 2:15

After much preparation and prayer, this Sunday afternoon is our 15th annual “Walk Through Bethlehem.” If you have never attended, let this be the year you experience what Bethlehem might have been like on that very special night so long ago. See Parish Hall completely transformed into the busy little village... observe many Church Streeters as shopkeepers and villagers living over 2000 years ago...learn in the synagogue...see the animals on the hillside...find the special baby born that night...make a memory this year at “Walk Through Bethlehem.”

All children, youth and adults who experience this event will depart with unique memories and a better understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. Whether you are a costumed participant or a first-time attendee, let's represent our congregation well, as we welcome thousands of guests to our church...to our Bethlehem.

NOTE: Many visitors after their “walk” want to see the Nave decorated for Christmas. Friendly greeters are needed to welcome these guests in the Nave.

• **Note:** Please do not park in the back of the Magnolia parking lot. This space is needed for the animal trailers.

• **Note to costumed villagers** for the first shift (1 to 3:30 pm): Be in costume in Parish Hall by 12:15 pm.

• **Note to breezeway greeters** for the first shift (1 to 3:30 pm): Be ready to welcome our visitors by 12:30 pm.

• **Note to persons bringing breakroom snacks**, please have snacks in the kitchen by noon.

Enjoy Music for Advent & Christmas on Dec. 18



The Parish Adult Choir and the U.T. Brasswind Quintet will present a **Festival Service of Music and Readings for Advent and the Christmas Season** during both worship services on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Selections for this worshipful time at Church Street include *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*; *Lully, Lulla, Thou Little Tiny Child*; *Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes*; *This Little Babe*; and *Ave Maria* by Victoria.

Please join us for this festive service.

2012 Pledged Received:

423 pledges total \$1,782,787

If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider your 2012 pledge and/or contribution in support of the 2012 financial needs of our church's ministries!

Please respond today!

Blue Christmas service to be held

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - 12 noon - Chapel

On the last Wednesday before Christmas, Dec. 21, we will offer a Blue Christmas Service in the Chapel. This service is particularly designed for those who might have suffered some type of loss during the past year – a death, an illness, a life-change of some kind.

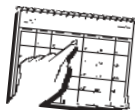


The invitation is to all who find themselves feeling “blue” this year. Last year, the reasons for coming to the service varied greatly. For some, the reason was clear; some could not even name the occasion for their interest.

The service begins at 12:00 noon and will last about 30 minutes. All are welcome.

NOTE: Lunch will be served in Parish Hall following the service. Cost: \$6.50. Please call 524-3048 to make meal reservations.

Messenger to take holiday break



Next week's *Messenger* is the final newsletter for 2011. The *Messenger* will return with the January 3rd edition

Westminster Choir will perform in January - Tickets available!

The Westminster Choir, from Princeton, NJ, under the direction of Joe Miller, will present a concert in the Nave on **Friday, January 13**. Tickets are now on sale in the church office and music office, as well as in the chapel hallway on December Sundays. Adult tickets are \$20 per person and \$5 for students.

For more details, check out the college website at <http://www.rider.edu/wcc/events/westminster-choir-knoxville>.

Looking ahead to Sunday, Dec. 25

1 worship service only / fellowship gathering

On Christmas Sunday morning, Dec. 25, we will worship with **one service only**, at 11 am in the Nave. Everyone is also invited to a special fellowship time in Parish Hall from 10 to 10:45 am. Church Streeter and storyteller, Steve Roberts, will share Christmas stories. Hot cider, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. **Note:** Childcare will **not** be available on Christmas Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Financial Peace University (FPU) begins in February 2012.....Orientations scheduled

FPU 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.

If you need more information about this important upcoming program, please contact J.R. Hertwig at (865) 384-7049 or jrhertwig01@yahoo.com.

Expressions of interest being taken for study, *You Lost Me*.

A new book study may be held in early 2012 if enough persons are interested. David Kinnamon, who wrote the “UnChristian” book study in which several Church Streeters participated, has written another study entitled *You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving the Church...and Rethinking Faith*.

If you would be interested in this study, please contact Tom Hood at 577-1131 or tomhood5@comcast.net.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: DECEMBER 18-24

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)
Community Worship
Monday, 6 pm, Chapel
Blue Christmas Service
Wednesday, 12 noon, Chapel
Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday, Nave
3 pm, 5 pm, 10:30 pm

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Walk Through Bethlehem
Sunday, 1 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
Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

MEETINGS

Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Community & Global Missions
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 202
Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
10 am & 5:30 pm, rm 202

Christmas Eve
Worship
3:00, 5:00 & 10:30 pm

Pastor's Bible Study
See Lectionary Listings on
back page for Sundays,
Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

Walk Through
BETHLEHEM
Sunday, 1 to 6 pm



Church offices will be
closed on Monday,
Dec. 26, and on
Monday, Jan. 2.

Pastor-on-call
number:
236-1518.

Poinsettias 2011



In MEMORY of

Given by:

- Rachel Nall Cochran Vanda, Philip, Gretchen, Paul & Andrea
- Charlotte Nall Eddins Vanda, Philip, Gretchen, Paul & Andrea
- Rachel Nall Cochran Vivian Chance
- Ralph C. Vola Dorothy Vola
- Nick & Edna Vola Dorothy Vola
- James G. & Cora Seale Dorothy Vola
- Donald G. Rhodes LaNoka & Grant Rhodes
- Jama McDonald Hollingsworth John, Cindy & Sarah Grace Hollingsworth
- Hal & Kay Kelley Dan & Julia Kelley
- Mara Georges Chris Georges & Joy, Patrick & Chris McCabe
- Roscoe "Piggy" & Mildred Word Pathfinders Sunday School Class
- Curtis Shelton Murphy Builders Sunday School Class
- Charles Sterchi Murphy Builders Sunday School Class
- Carroll (Curly) Parsons Murphy Builders Sunday School Class
- Louis Browning Betty & Art Olson
- Polly Sprouse Mac Sprouse
- Marcia S. Henry Barbara Shipley
- Bill & Grace Moore Carol Moore
- Jimmy Adams Becky Adams
- Holland Stalcup Clay, Staci, Seth & Aiden Stalcup
- Lucile & George Dominick George & Jane Dominick
- Our wonderful parents Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
- Curtis Buchanan Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
- Errol Chrismon Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
- Dr. Glennon Rowell Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
- Dr. Lucian Trent Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
- Carroll Eugene Parsons Jim & Mildred Lawell
- M. T. Boynton Mary Boynton
- Emmett Hubbard Ella Mae Hubbard
- Orville Elmore Jeff Elmore
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Elmore Jeff Elmore
- Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Witt Jeff Elmore
- Kathy Horner Marcum Doris Horner
- Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Bullinga Jantina Tallman
- Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Bullinga Alice & Tina Tallman
- Mr. & Mrs. Grady W. Tapscott Jack, Joyce, Ashley & Cary Tapscott
- Tyler Bradley Jack, Joyce, Ashley & Cary Tapscott
- Marilyn Zirkle Mize Dr. & Mrs. George Zirkle, Andy & Nancy Zirkle &
Jack, Joyce, Ashley & Cary Tapscott
- Eugene White, Sr. Virginia White
- Barbara Morris Virginia White
- Don & Wilma Ferguson Andy & Celia Ferguson
- Carl Bell Rachel Burley & Celia Ferguson Families
- Louis Avon Browning Mrs. Louis A. Browning
- Frank DeFriese Ruth DeFriese
- Dr. Lucian Trent Mary Ann & Barna Gibson
- Dr. Andy & Martha Holt Mary Ann & Barna Gibson
- William Jerry Parker Jo, David & Jack Lynch
- Ruth & Wilton Lynch Jo, David & Jack Lynch
- Herb & Ruth Mays Tony & Libby DeGeorge



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In MEMORY of (continued)

Given by:

• Harold Canfield	Evelyn Canfield
• Rev. John & Betty Williams	Teresa Williams
• Eva S. Rodgers	John & Margaret Rodgers
• Virgil & Choe Shaffer	John & Margaret Rodgers
• Stephen Carter Davis	Dr. Lloyd & Evelyn Davis
• Jacob Henry Lischer	The Lischer Family
• Dr. Harold W. Henry	Robin & Bruce Henry
• Leo Caldwell	Robin & Bruce Henry
• Capt. Michael Henry	Robin & Bruce Henry
• LTC Jackie E. Murphy	Robin & Bruce Henry
• Margaret Anne Nicholson	From her Family
• Pauline Sprouse	From their Family
• Betty Jo Shofner	From their Family
• Richard S. Jones	Cynthia Thompson
• Dr. Rachel Nall Cochran	Anonymous
• Margaret & Earl Ailor	Charlotte & Jim LaFevor
• Anne & Neil Jourolmon	Charlotte & Jim LaFevor
• Letha Duncan	Charlotte & Jim LaFevor
• Mr. & Mrs. William E. Krause	Juanita Reynolds
• Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reynolds	Wilson Reynolds
• Lanier Goard	Bonnie & Family
• Arvell Luttrell	Kay Luttrell
• Lucian Trent	Nancy & Matt Smith
• Ruth Brooks	Jack, Elaine & Jon
• Our Parents	Ray & Shirley Smith
• Mr. & Mrs. Jackson C. Kramer	The Jackson G. Kramer Family
• W. Ingram James	The Jackson G. Kramer Family
• Mary B. Hall	Nancy & Bob Hertwig
• Conley & Evelyn Poore	Chuck & Anita Poore
• Our Parents and Son	Bill & Sandra Roberts
• John & Helen Hjellum	Joanie & Willard Sitton
• Hugh & Jeannette Sitton	Joanie & Willard Sitton
• Ross Taylor	Lynne Taylor
• Brad Thompson, Sr.	Brad & Judy Thompson
• Anne Howell Kennedy	Sherry Morgan & Cole Howell
• Carl Bell	Betty Bell
• Alan & Linda Fletcher	Ron, Jennifer & David Maulick
• Lucian Trent	The Trent Family
• Dr. Forrest Powell	Nancy Powell
• Bill Wright	Theresa Wright
• Douglas Chalmers Lawson	Scott, Lynne, Henley & Patrick Fugate
• Leigh Lawson Reeves	Scott, Lynne, Henley & Patrick Fugate
• Patrick Stacy Fugate	Scott, Lynne, Henley & Patrick Fugate
• F. Edwin Lay, Sr.	His Family
• Mr. & Mrs. William Fellers	Mae Swanner
• Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Painter	Mae Swanner
• Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Reeder, Sr.	Dr. & Mrs. James Carroll, Jr., Carol & Sam McNish
• Richard D. Reeder, Jr.	Dr. & Mrs. James Carroll, Jr., Carol & Sam McNish
• Bill Leach	Bill & Suzann Goldman



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In HONOR of

Given by:

• LTC Tom, Bridget & Ian von Weisenstein	Dawn & John von Weisenstein
• Pat Bellingrath	Dawn & John von Weisenstein
• Brenda Flenniken	Pat Bellingrath & Sue Piper
• Kelly Woods	Pat Bellingrath & Sue Piper
• Julie Hill	Pat Bellingrath & Sue Piper
• Teresa Williams	Pat Bellingrath & Sue Piper
• Doris Lively	Pat Bellingrath & Sue Piper
• Cecil & Caroline Rowe	Mike & Lynda Faulkner
• Ms. Helen Diddle	Dan & Julia Kelley
• Mr. & Mrs. George E. Dominick	Susan Dominick
• Mrs. Ruth DeFriese	Susan Dominick
• Children & Grandchildren	Becky Adams
• John & Sandra Mann	Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
• Kevin, Jami & Beckett Anderson	Harold, Sarah & Chris Wimberly
• Willow Beffrey	Gramie
• Dawn & John von Weisenstein	Mary Boynton
• Betty & David Craig	Mary Boynton
• Nancy & Bill Starnes	Mary Boynton
• Sue Hung	Mary Boynton
• C. B. Sells	Mary Boynton
• Elizabeth Reagon	Mary Boynton
• Dottie Winfrey	Mary Boynton
• The Music Ministry	Marilyn F. Ivey
• Dr. Edie Johnson	Marilyn F. Ivey
• Church Street Clergy	Loretta & Larry Best
• Church Street Staff	Loretta & Larry Best
• Tom & Velma Howell	Virginia White
• Dr. Jo Lynn Cunningham	Potter's Wheel Sunday School Class
• Betty Bell	Rachel Burley & Celia Ferguson Families
• Bennett, Mary Ellen, James & Mary Elizabeth Cox	Ruth DeFriese
• John & Nancy Horton	Ruth DeFriese
• Herman Sain & Verna McLain	Ruth DeFriese
• Sue Hung	Ruth DeFriese
• Claire Shepherd	Ruth DeFriese
• Doris & Cabel Trent	Ruth DeFriese
• Jami, Kevin & Beckett Anderson	Ruth DeFriese
• Dawn von Weisenstein	Ruth DeFriese
• Susan Dominick	Ruth DeFriese
• Ann & Wilbur Warwick	Ruth DeFriese
• Asa Bishop Family	Ruth DeFriese
• Charlotte & Jim LaFevor	Mary Ann & Barna Gibson
• 2nd Thursday Soup Kitchen Crew	Dawn von Weisenstein
• Members of UMW Service Circle	Dawn von Weisenstein
• Fran Wheeler	Jo Lynch
• Esther Bare	Sue Hung
• Mildred Weeks	Sue Hung
• Bobbie & Sam Carder	Chuck & Anita Poore
• Mrs. W. Ingram James	The Jackson G. Kramer Family
• Christine T. Jones	Cynthia Thompson
• George & Lou McNutt	Stan & Sandra Inman



Poinsettias 2011



In HONOR of (continued)

Given by:

- Marc & Darla Gamble Christina Inman
- Our Children, their Spouses & Grandchildren Bill & Sandra Roberts
- Simon Kupczyk Brad & Judy Thompson
- Dorothy Sutton Ron, Jennifer & David Maulick
- Lynn & Kathleen Weigel Mae Swanner
- Ruth DeFriese Claire Shepherd
- Dr. & Mrs. George Zirkle Claire Shepherd
- Nancy & Bill Starnes Claire Shepherd
- Pauline, Maxie & Addison Schneiter Tommye Jordan
- Ruth DeFriese Tommye Jordan
- Jim & Lyla Boehms A Friend
- Mildred Weeks A Friend
- Boots Shuman Anonymous
- Zoanne Bayer Anonymous
- Rev. & Mrs. Larry Best Anonymous
- Rev. & Mrs. Cabel Trent Anonymous
- Lynn Zorn Weston Claytor
- Ginny Hill Linden Claytor
- Marian Y. Bradley Kathy, Tom, Derek & Emily Ehrnschwender
- Tim Ward & Edie Johnson Bob, Heather, Anderson & Jake Fuller
- Marc Gamble & Sue Isbell Bob, Heather, Anderson & Jake Fuller

Christmas Music Donation



• Musicians for Christmas Eve services are a gift from Powell Richardson & his family.

In the Breezeway....Dec. 18

- Kay Senior Care Center is selling Rada Knives and Food City/Kroger Gift Cards to use for Kay Center activities.
- The next 4-month rotation of **Four-Course Fellowship** begins in January. Signup now. For details, contact Julia Kelley at 693-6239 or jkelly2306@bellsouth.net by Sunday, December 18.

Snow Policy Reminders

• Sunday morning worship & Sunday School



Sunday worship will *almost* always be held. When in doubt (because others seem to be cancelling services), you may check (1) WATE-TV on-air & their website, (2) the Pastor's Blog at www.churchstreetumc.blogspot.com, and (3) the Church Street UMC Facebook page.

• Sunday Evening

A change in Sunday evening activities will be announced Sunday morning and on the sites above.

• Weekdays - If Knox County Schools Close

–**ALL** activities and meetings at the church are cancelled including the Kay Senior Care Center and the Church Street Preschool. If snow comes on a Thursday, the Soup Kitchen will most likely serve lunch as usual. Church offices *may* open later in the day, but call before you come for an appointment.

• Weekdays - If Knox County Schools open 1 hour late

–The church office, the Kay Senior Care Center and the Church Street Preschool will follow the Knox County School schedule and open 1 hour late. Because some staff may be snowed in at home, call before you come for a meeting or appointment.

Have You Thanked God Today?

2011 contribution credit info

[Final 2011 Deposits - Dec. 30 - 2 pm]

Please note: The Business Office will make its final 2011 bank deposit at 2 pm on Thursday, Dec. 30. Donations postmarked on or before Dec. 30th but received after New Year's Day will also be credited to your Dec. 31, 2011 statement of contributions.

Stock transfers, mutual fund gifts or IRA distributions must be deposited into church accounts or delivered to the church by Dec. 29th to assure inclusion on year-end reports. Contact Charlotte LaFevor (521-0268) for instructions. Stock transfers go to church accounts at either Charles Schwab or Fidelity Investments, Inc. Making such transfers without prior notification to our Business Office complicates our accounting process and possibly, with market volatility, lowers the church's return on the sale of stock.

For more details, please call Charlotte LaFevor at 521-0268.



“Reflections...on a ‘Much the Same’ Christmas”

—Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

We were talking about the blessings of the Christmas season: the special services, the family gatherings, and even shopping. She obviously jumped into the Christmas spirit with enthusiasm.

But before long, the subject turned to the expectations of this season. Every Christmas service must be perfect; every family gathering must be a feast of memories; every gift we buy must be “the perfect gift.” The expectations of this season can become the unspoken elephant in everything Christmas. Our experience of Christmas seems very different from the experience of the first one.

Odd, isn't it? The journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem had more to do with taxation than theology. The angels of Christmas came to shepherds had no expectations of anything except a long night of watchfulness. In other words, the first Christmas came as a gift of hope to people who had no right to expect anything. We have turned Christmas into

a list of demands for people who are expecting perfection.

Maybe the problem is that the Christmas story has not changed much across the years. (Actually, it shouldn't change.) So, each time we retell the story, we recall the many times before when we have heard this story with gladness.

Then, this year's retelling gets measured against every year before. That is a tough standard.

What did the shepherds talk about the following December as they watched their flocks by night? Much was the same – except...

Much was the same except the Child had been born. They had seen it for themselves. They too had gone to Bethlehem for the census. They too had to deal with King Herod's oppression. Except... they knew that a Child had been born. The news came as a gift because it changed everything including their expectations.

Let the news of the Child's birth give you the assurance that a Child has been born, and it still changes everything.



Celebrate Christmas Eve at Church Street

We have three services at Church Street on Christmas Eve. While they are similar, each one offers a slightly different opportunity. All services will be held in the Nave and end with candlelight and communion. All are welcome.

• Candlelight, Carols and Christmas Stories [3 pm]

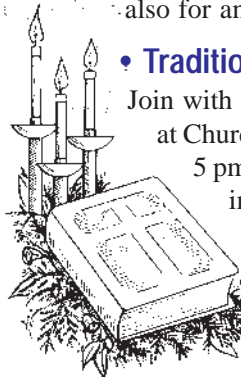
This service is designed for families with young children. Each child will have the opportunity to participate by bringing one of the figures for the manger scene.

Also, parents may bring new babies forward for a special blessing. This is also for anyone who prefers a service that ends before dark.

• Traditional Candlelight Communion Services [5 & 10:30 pm]

Join with members, friends and visitors as we experience Christmas Eve at Church Street. Traditional Candlelight Communion Services begin at 5 pm and 10:30 pm with special music by the Parish Adult Choir and instrumentalists from the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. The Christmas Eve liturgy begins at 5:30 and 11 pm, respectively.

Both services will conclude with the awe-inspiring lighting of candles and joyous singing of *Joy to the World*.



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

News & Needs

Children's News

- Please return your Angel gifts this Sunday.

Youth News

- **Hey youth!** Please join us for Sunday school this week as we join together to hear Steve Roberts read his Christmas stories. This has become a well loved tradition for our youth department. See you Sunday.

Singles News

- **Donations for “The Cart”** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with Microwave Popcorn for December. The Cart is located outside Parish Hall.

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



• Sunday, December 18

Parish Adult Choir with Brasswind Quintet
-morning worship

• Saturday, December 24

Parish Adult Choir & Instrumentalists
Traditional Candlelight Communion Services
Services begin at 5 pm & 10:30 pm

NOTE: Family Service (designed for young children) begins at 3 pm.

The Westminster Choir

January 13 - 7:30 pm - Nave

Tickets available in church office and music office. Prices: Adults - \$20
Students - \$5



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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: Edith Woodson
U.T.: Nancy Dennis, Joseph Golden

To Assisted Living / Health Care Facility:

Pat Varhol (to NHC Ft. Sanders)

Home from hospital:

Darla Gamble, Ashton Whaley, Carol Moody, Jimmy Rowland, C. J. Patton

Christian Sympathy to:

Will Bellamy and family in the death of his grandmother, Beulah Bellamy, on Dec. 6.

Our Presence

Worship (+ weekday worship)	1,110
Sunday School	545

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$41,784
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Our Church Family

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

• **Madelyn Michael Williams**, the daughter of Josh and Ellen Williams, was baptized on Dec. 11.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Dec. 18

• **Poinsettias**, given in memory or in honor of beloved family and friends, decorate our nave.

Memorials

in memory of

- **Martha Holt**
Library: UMW Circle #12
- **Marjorie Lloyd**
United Methodist Women: Mildred Weeks
- **Phillip S. Maxwell**
Special Needs Fund: Therese Maxwell Church

Honoraria

in honor of

- **Singles' Ministry**
Singles' Ministry: Barbara Shipley
- **Lou McNutt**
Wesley House Community Center: The Epworth Sunday School Class
- **Ann Marie Tugwell**
Youth Mission Trip: The Roberts' Family

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

- **December 25**
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14
- **January 1**
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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
Preschool Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Judith Winters-293
Kay Center	Kay Center Staff-289
Church Administrator	Charlotte LaFevor-268
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
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
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.

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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.

Visit us
on the Web



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To help serve Christmas Eve Dinner to our area disabled and homeless persons, please come to Central United Methodist Church (201 3rd Avenue) at 10 am on Christmas Eve!