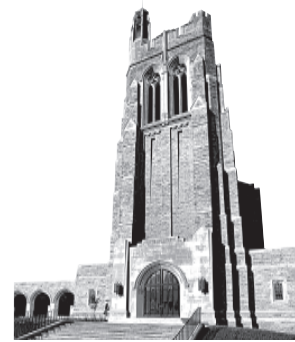


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



Christmas Day

• **Sunday, December 25**

Worship

11 am (Note: 1 service only)

Rev. Darryll Rasnake



Epiphany Sunday
Sacrament of Holy
Communion

• **Sunday, January 1**

Worship

11 am (Note: 1 service only)

Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, January 4**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel– Rev. Sarah Varnell

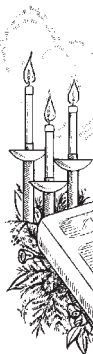


The clergy, program and support staffs of Church Street United Methodist Church wish you a most blessed holiday season.

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Celebrate Christmas Eve at Church Street

The congregation and community are cordially invited to our special Christmas Eve services at Church Street on Saturday, Dec. 24.



• **3:00 pm** Designed especially for families with young children, join us as we sing familiar carols and hear the Bible stories from Luke and Matthew. The service includes *Blessing of the Babies*, Communion, and candle lighting.

• **5:00 pm & 10:30 pm** Our two traditional candlelight communion services begin with the Parish Adult Choir and instrumentalists from the Knoxville Symphony. Rev. Andy Ferguson will be preaching the Christmas message. The services will conclude with the awe-inspiring lighting of candles and joyous singing of *Joy to the World*.

We'll worship together on Christmas Day!

On Christmas Sunday morning, Dec. 25, we will worship with **one service only**, at 11 am in the Nave. Come early and enjoy a fellowship time in Parish Hall from 10 to 10:45 am with Church Streeter, Steve Roberts as our storyteller. **Note:** Childcare will **not** be available on Christmas Day.

Please Note: One service only (11:00) also as the new year begins on Sunday, January 1, 2012.

Purchase tickets now for Westminster Choir performance

The world-renowned Westminster Choir from Princeton, NJ, under the direction of Joe Miller, will present a concert in the Nave at 7:30 pm on **Friday, January 13**. Tickets are on sale in the church office

and music office. 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-knoxvilletn>.

Wednesday worship & lunches resume Jan. 4

Our Wednesday Noon Communion Services will resume Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 12 noon in the chapel. Please join us for this inspirational time as the new year begins!

Following the service, come on down to Parish Hall for Wednesday lunch. **Please remember:** Meal reservations are needed and can be made by calling the church office at 524-3048.



This is the final Messenger of 2011

The weekly *Messenger* is taking a holiday break.

The calendar on page 2 covers Dec. 25 through Jan. 7.

The next edition will be January 3, 2012.

CSUMC: "A beacon...Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ"

Women's Wednesday Morning study resumes

The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible study will begin a new 11-week series on Liz Curtis Higgs' *Bad Girls of the Bible*. The group meets from 9 to 11 am in room ????. Childcare is provided. To order a book (for \$10), please contact Elizabeth Walton (waltonmonty@yahoo.com).

Do you have a meeting or event in 2012?



Even if your particular group or program will meet as it has in 2011, it is important that you submit a form for 2012. Custodial, food service and childcare support depend on having an accurate awareness of your group's needs. Forms may be picked up in the main office or in Rick Isbell's office and are also available on the church website at www.churchstreetumc.org/room_request.php.

Want to join book study, *You Lost Me*?

A new study may begin early in 2012 if enough persons are interested. Please contact Tom Hood at 577-1131 or tomhood5@comcast.net if you are interested in the study, *You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving the Church...and Rethinking Faith*, written by David Kinnamon.

Final 2011 deposits to be made on Dec. 30

The Business Office will make its final 2011 bank deposit on Friday, Dec. 30, at 2 pm. Donations postmarked on or before Dec. 31st 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.

A note from Chef Bobby!

Sunday evening meal cost to increase

As I walk through the kitchen, I can't help but feel blessed that the Lord has brought me to Church Street...with new faces that have become new friends and a new kitchen that feels like home. I want to thank you for making my transition here so inviting and easy.

Upon recommendation from the Food Services Committee, the Church Council approved a cost increase, effective January 1st, for Sunday night suppers to \$6.50 for youth/adults and \$4 for children. All other meal costs remain the same. Thank you for understanding the need for this change due to the increasing cost of food. Also, if you have dishes or serving dishers left in the kitchen, please come and pick them up.

Once again, thank you for making me and my staff feel like we are home.

God Bless,
Chef Bobby Tolley



Lectionary Readings

- **Jan. 1** : Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- **Jan. 8** - Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
- **Jan. 15** - 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Financial Peace University (FPU) Orientations scheduled for Jan. 22 & 29

Orientations for the 13-week Financial Peace University (FPU) will be held at 12:15 pm on Sundays, Jan. 22 and 29...with the series beginning on Feb. 5. 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.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 7

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)

Christmas Eve

Worship

3:00, 5:00 &
10:30 pm

**11:00 worship only
on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1**

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Fellowship Time
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 am, Parish Hall
Wednesday Lunch [Jan. 4]
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Line Dance Lessons [Jan. 5]
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym

Pastor's Bible Study

See Lectionary Listings on this page for Sundays, Jan. 8, 15, & 22

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

SINGLES

Friday Games Night [Dec. 30]
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

MEETINGS

Lay Leadership Committee [Jan. 4]
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 122

UMW

Executive Committee [Jan. 3]
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204



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

Pastor-on-call number:
236-1518



“Reflections....on Christmas & the New Year”

—Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

Well, Christmas is upon us and the close of this year is close behind. Soon enough, the New Year 2012 steps onto the stage and for a time we'll write the wrong year on every check.

As the end of the year is a good time to take stock, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for a good year at Church Street United Methodist Church. My mind wanders back through the memories of this year. I remember powerful moments in worship, the children in Vacation Bible School, and the meals we have shared as we marked great moments in our life together as a church.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God and to this church across this year. We have dealt with a lingering recession. The world has given us plenty of reasons to pray. But, it was the children gathered on

the steps each Sunday that reminded us that we are in the “hope business.”

I wish for you and yours a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. On behalf of all the staff at Church Street, I want you to know that it is a privilege to serve at this church. We touch so many lives through the ministries of this church. Thank you for this opportunity.

A word of thanks must be spoken for each one who has volunteered your time to make this church work. From taking a turn to bring cookies for kids at VBS to serving on a committee, every job is important, and every job brings joy to those around us. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at the many special services that crowd the end of the year. Let this year end, not with a sigh of relief, but with a heartfelt, “Thank God,” for all the blessings of this year.



Additions to last week's Poinsettia Listing



• **IN HONOR....**

In honor of Jean & Phil Carrier by Phyllis Carrier Eldridge & John Eldridge

• **IN MEMORY....**

In memory of James A. Newman by Jacqueline Newman

In memory of Ed & Elizabeth Eldridge by Phyllis & John Eldridge

In memory of Mom & Dad by Mary Ellis & Steve Richardson

In memory of Ed Lambert by His Family

In memory of Charles E. Rader by Mrs. Charles E. Rader

Feeling Down?

Our Stephen Ministry can help!

Stephen Ministers aren't just there for “big” crises. They're also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down.

For details about Stephen Ministry, please contact a member of our clergy staff.

Thanks given for 2011 Walk Through Bethlehem



Throughout a relatively mild sunny day, our census count tells us that more than 3,700 persons “walked through our Bethlehem” during the 5 hours this past Sunday. As usual, we witnessed many beautiful stories as visitors experienced this out-of-the-ordinary Christmas event.

A huge thanks to ALL who helped with this year's event. To the set-up and clean-up crews; the wheelbarrow patrol; the CLC, breezeway and Nave greeters; the costumed cast; the behind-the-scenes support persons; the snack providers; the expert leadership of Sue Isbell; and everyone else, Many Thanks!

News & Needs

Children's News

- God's Gang & Twizzlers will resume January 8.

Youth News

- **Hey Youth!** Have a very Merry Christmas! Enjoy this time with your family and friends.

Singles News

- **COFFEE HOUSE** will be “open” on Friday, Jan. 20, from 7 to 10 pm in CLC 120. Refreshments are \$1 each for coffee, hot tea, soft drinks and assorted desserts & fruit. Singles and couples invited!

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

- Children's Choirs, Youth Choir and Adult Handbell rehearsals resume on Jan. 8.

- Parish Adult Choir rehearsal resumes Jan. 11.

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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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:

Nancy Dennis

To Assisted Living / Health Care Facility:

Edith Woodson (to Shannondale Health Care), Joseph Golden (to NHC Cavett Hill)

Christian Sympathy to:

Jim Biddle and family in the death of his mother-in-law, Ruby Parsons, on Dec. 5.

the family of Philip Hutton upon his death on Dec. 15.

Janice Murr and family in the death of her mother, Audrey Clift Carey, on Dec. 16.

Kathleen Weigel and family in the death of her husband, Lynn Weigel, on Dec. 18.

Our Presence

Worship (+ weekday worship)	1,098
Sunday School	443

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$70,271
Other Designations	\$4812

Our Church Family

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

• **Selma Kate Treakle**, the daughter of Ross and Lawrie Treakle, was baptized on Dec. 18.

• **Rhett Emmeline Grubb**, the daughter of Jeff and Heather Grubb, was baptized on Dec. 18.

New Members - Sunday, Dec. 18

• **Ross Treakler** joined by transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, VA.

• **Carol Balch** joined by transfer from Bearden UMC, Knoxville.

• **Mark Balch and son, Dakota**, joined by transfer from Bearden UMC, Knoxville.

In Memoriam Philip Hutton

Joined 09-06-2009 Died: 12-15-2011

Memorials in memory of

• Rachel Cochran

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Martha Pierce

• Sally Dill

Soup Kitchen: Martha Pierce

• Barbara Embree

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Chuck, Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore

• Jim Hung

Soup Kitchen: Martha Pierce

• Jennifer Landon

Jennifer Landon Teaching Center: Tom & Kathy Ehrnschwender

• Orville Lewis

Kay Senior Care Center: Lance & Terri McCluskey

• Carroll (Curly) Parsons

Music Ministry: Martha Pierce

• Conley & Evelyn Poore

Music Ministry: Chuck, Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore

• Brad Thompson, Sr.

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Allison & Anne Ensor

• Dr. Lucian Trent

Memorial Fund: Martha Pierce

Honoraria in honor of

• Jim & Lyla Boehms

Soup Kitchen: Mary & James Edward Boehms

• Bobbie & Sam Carder

Music Ministry: Chuck, Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore

• CSUMC Ministers

General Fund: Chuck, Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore

• Marc Gamble

Youth Ministry: Chuck, Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore

• Rick & Sue Isbell & family

Walk Through Bethlehem: Laura Still

• Sue Isbell

Children's Ministry: Chuck, Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore

• Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Soup Kitchen: Chuck, Anita, Keller, Carder & Lucy Poore

In Memoriam

Lynn Burkhart Weigel

Joined 11-19-1961 Died: 12-18-2011

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.

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.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Dec. 25

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in memory of Dr. Lucian Trent and in honor of Anne Trent and Mr. & Mrs. Jon Harrison by their families.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Jan. 1

The Chancel & Chapel Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Murphy, Sr., and Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Murphy, Jr.