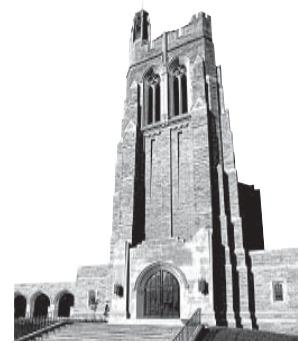


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



6th Sunday after
the Epiphany

• **Sunday, February 12**

Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am – Nave
Rev. Doug Fairbanks, District Superintendent

• **Monday, February 13**

Community Worship

All are welcome – join us for worship!
Community Worship Hospitality Hosts
Feb. 13: Youth Group
Feb. 20: Murphy Builders & Potter's Wheel

• **Wednesday, February 15**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel – Rev. Sarah Varnell

Have You Talked To God Today?



Sunday Supper

5:15 to 6 pm • Parish Hall
\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

February 12

Assorted pizzas, tossed green salad,
dessert and beverages

February 19

Special "Shrove Sunday" menu
(more details in next week's *Messenger*)

**Reservations needed
by noon on Thursdays;
call 524-3048.**

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Bishop Lecture Series: February 25–26

We are pleased to announce Dr. Ben Witherington will be our guest lecturer this year. Dr. Witherington, professor of New Testament Interpretation at Asbury Theological Seminary, has authored many books and was featured in the BBC and PBS special entitled *The Story of Jesus*.

Dr. Witherington is known for bringing the text to life through his incisive historical and cultural analysis. "Intimations of Immortality in the midst of our Mortality" will be our focus during his lecture entitled: *Eternal Treasures in Earthen Vessels*. Save the date: **Saturday and Sunday, February 25–26**, and join us for a Series that will open your eyes in new ways to the Word of God and engage you to read it anew with a deeper understanding. *Reservations required for supper; call 524-3048.



Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 25

9 am – noon

Sunday, Feb. 26

Morning Session: 9:40
Afternoon Session: 4–7
with supper* break (\$6.50)

Holy Land Trip in 2013

Rick and Sue Isbell are planning a trip to the Holy Land in 2013 if enough persons are interested. **There will be two interest/informational meetings on Feb. 12 & 13, at 7 pm in room 201-A.** You can choose which one fits your schedule best. You do not need to attend both. Brochures about the trip will be shared at the meeting. This is only an interest and informational meeting and you will not be asked to make a commitment at this time. Registration, deposit, and departure date will come later.

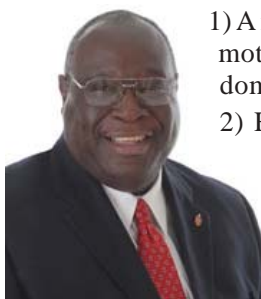
Brunch needs volunteers

This Sunday is our church-wide brunch/lunch in Parish Hall. There are many things that need to be done for it to be a success. The Food Services Committee, along with our kitchen staff and Chef Bobby Tolley, are working hard to pull all the details together. If you would like to help during either seating of the brunch/lunch, please contact Bobby Tolley at: btolley@churchstreetumc.org. We need help in rolling silverware, bussing tables, resetting tables and many other simple tasks. Hope you can help.

Gift for Bishop Swanson

Special Collection to be held this Sunday, February 12

Bishop James Swanson has inspired Holston Conference with his preaching and leadership for the past eight years. In honor of his efforts and passion, the Holston Conference Committee on Episcopacy will collect donations toward an appreciation gift for the Bishop as he completes his tenure in Holston Conference. Funds received for this gift of love will be divided between two funds:



1) A new fund will be established in memory of Bishop Swanson's mother to be used to support issues and concerns surrounding domestic violence.

2) Half of the monies will be used to supplement the already existing fund that honors Bishop Swanson's father, which supports continuing education for clergy.

Both of these matters are dear to Bishop Swanson's heart. Please help show him how dear he is to our hearts by giving to this Gift of Love.

Winter Carnival Kicks off Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. To celebrate the Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday observance before the season of Lent begins, we will hold our children's Winter Carnival on **Sunday afternoon, February 19, from 4 to 4:45**. Carnival-type games will be set up in the gym for children to enjoy. There will be games for all ages with simple prizes and an opportunity to pick up your Mardi Gras beads and masks. By request, this event was moved from Tuesday to Sunday this year, so we hope families will join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

At 4:45 we will "parade" to the courtyard where Pastor Darryll will lead us in a service of burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday processional. The ashes from the palms are used to mark the foreheads of worshipers on Ash Wednesday. This has been a recent tradition established at Church Street with our children, but all ages are invited to participate.

At 5:15 everyone is invited to a special Sunday supper in Parish Hall where Chef Bobby will treat us to a dinner fit for kings and queens of all ages. Be sure to make supper reservations through the church office.

Adults and youth who are not in choir are needed to help facilitate the games in the gym. If you would like to help, please contact Sue Isbell at the church.

Shrove Sunday Dinner & Parade—February 19

Ash Wednesday Services—February 22

Noon and 6:30 pm (in the Nave)

Stations of the Cross—April 1–5

Maundy Thursday Service—April 5

Good Friday—April 6

6 pm—Family Tenebrae Service; 7:30 pm—Tenebrae Service

Easter Egg Hunt—April 7

Easter Sunday Celebration—April 8

Lenten Services Hosted

by the Downtown Cooperative Ministry

Feb. 29: First Baptist Church (510 West Main Street)

March 7: St. John's Episcopal Church (413 Cumberland Ave.)

March 14: Church Street UMC

March 21: Immaculate Conception (414 West Vine Ave.)

March 28: First Presbyterian Church (620 State Street)

Lenten Study 2012

What does it mean to be *gospelled*? In English, *gospel* is a noun and occasionally an adjective. But in the New Testament, *gospel* is more often a verb expressing action. To speak of "gospelled" lives speaks of lives that have been acted upon by their encounter with the Living Christ. John Indermark's book *Gospelled Lives* explores biblical characters who have had such an encounter. Some of these persons responded with joy and gratitude while some ignored or rejected Christ's offer of good news. During this Lenten study we will experience together the invitation to live *Gospelled Lives* during our Lenten Study. Cost of the book is \$7.50. More details to come!

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 12 - 18

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)
Community Worship
Monday, 6:00 pm, Chapel
(meal follows in Parish Hall)
Midweek Communion Service
Wed., 12 noon, Chapel

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4:00 pm, Choir Room
Kinder Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 214
Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, Choir Room
Primary Choir
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 308
Adult Handbell Choir
Sunday, 6:50 pm, rm 304
Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

Faith & Film:
Coal Miner's Daughter
(1980–PG)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Brunch/Lunch
Sunday, 10:45 & 12, Parish Hall
Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Parish Hall
Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting
Sun. & Mon., 7 pm, rm 201-A
Yoga Class
Mon. & Thurs., 7 pm, rm 204
Wednesday Fellowship Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Line & Couples Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym
Pathfinders Supper/Fellowship
Friday, 5:30 pm, CLC 120-121

CHILDREN

Drama Troupe (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 3 pm, Gathering Place
God's Gang (1st–2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 213
Twizzlers (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 214

YOUTH

Nightlife
Sunday, 5:45 pm, lower CLC
Youth Basketball
Sunday, 7:00 pm, Gym

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films
Sunday, 2 pm, CLC 123
Study of Book of Isaiah (Wender)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Disciple IV (R. Isbell)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
Financial Peace University Class
Sunday, 4:30 pm, CLC 120
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 103
Women's Morning Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, rm 202
Wednesday Book Study (Rasnake)
Wednesday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

UMW

#6: Mon., 7 pm, off-site
#4: Tues., 10:00 am, rm 103
#7: Tues., 10 am, rm 204
#10: Tues., 10 am, CLC 14
#12: Tues., 10:30 am, off-site
#1: Tues., 12 noon, rm 119
#8: Tues., 1:15 pm, rm 204
#9: Tues., 2 pm, off-site

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Group
Sunday, 12:30 pm, rm 201-A
Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Staff-Parish Relations Comm.
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Community/Global Missions
Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 201-A

SINGLES

Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, rm 118
Divorce Care – 7 pm, rm 103
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

Lectionary Readings

February 19

2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6
2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9

February 26

Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10;
1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

Reflections: Welcome Kate

On February 1, **Kate Bledsoe** began as our new Church Business Administrator. Since December, she has been working alongside Charlotte LaFevor, who has now retired.

Kate comes from Keith Memorial United Methodist Church in Athens, Tennessee, where she grew into a similar position over her twenty years with that church. There she was working with Rev. Dennie Humphreys, who once served as Associate Pastor at Church Street.

Prior to her work at Keith Memorial, she worked in two banks. She is a native of Mississippi, but has lived in Tennessee for almost thirty years. She brings excellent experience and many years learning to love living in Tennessee. It also happens that she will continue to serve on the Conference Council on Finance and Administration for the Holston Conference.

Over this week, the Church Administrator's Office is being updated for Kate—all while she is doing the work of caring for the business details of the church. You are welcome to meet her at church through the week or at worship on Sunday morning. She is making every effort to become one of us at Church Street.

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

You can park at Church

As you come to church, you will now see that the managed parking of our lots has begun with Republic Parking. With the arrival of newly sealed parking lots, numbered parking spaces, and a kiosk for non-church parkers, Republic is making itself known.

The contract with Republic provides that anyone, member or visitor, who comes to worship or any church purpose, is not expected to pay. Republic *does* expect payment from anyone who uses our lots for non-church purposes. We have three purposes for using managed parking:

- First, we expect that payment will make more parking places available to those of us coming to church activities. We have been operating the largest free parking area for many years. Lately, the demand for our parking has made it hard to find parking for church purposes.
- Second, Republic will provide cleared areas for special events at the church as needed: funerals, concerts, weddings, etc. They will occasionally guard our parking on Sunday mornings, too.
- Third, the income from managed parking will provide money to maintain the parking lots and perhaps more. We can only wait to see what sort of income this will provide for the church.

Parking decals for church members and regular visitors are available at the Welcome Center in the Christian Life Center on Sundays and in the church office through the week. If you are planning a special event at the church, please include parking tags in your planning. Kevin Anderson, Chairperson of the Properties Committee, has offered to answer any questions we might have about this new step. You can find him at church or contact him at 865-789-6085.

Master Arts Series Concert: Mon., March 5, 7:30 PM

Mark your calendars for our next concert featuring the Music of the French composer, Maurice Duruflé, with the Church Street Parish Adult Choir, Tim Ward—director, and Edie Johnson—organist. The program will include:

Four Motets on Gregorian Themes
Parish Adult Choir
Messe cum Jubilo

The Men of the Parish Adult Choir,
soloists: Kevin Anderson & Alex Ward

Suite for Organ
Edie Johnson, organist



Jubilation brochures are now available

Jubilation is a Holston Conference event for older adults which has been taking place for 12 years and attracts adults from all over the conference. Each year Church Street has had a good group of adults to attend. This spring the event takes place **April 22–24** at the Meadow View Resort & Conference Center in Kingsport, TN. It entails 3 days filled with workshops, entertainment, keynote speakers, worship and a Healthy Living Expo. All activities are geared toward adults 55+. A full information/registration brochure can be located in the literature racks and at the Welcome Center that tells about registration, lodging, speakers and activities.

News & Needs

Coffee House

- The Coffee House, hosted by the Singles Ministry and open to all, will be held on **Friday, February 10, from 7–9 pm in CLC 120**. Everyone is invited to join us for beverages and pastries (\$1 each) plus music (John Waddell on guitar) and fellowship.



Children's News

- If you ordered a bag from Thirty-One at our recent tote bag sale, you can pick it up this week in Sue Isbell's office!

Youth News

- **Hey Youth!** Join us for regular schedule on Sunday. Snack supper downstairs (cost is \$5).
- **Remember:** Monday the 13th is our turn to serve **Community Worship**. Join us at 5:45 and we will be done by 7:30 pm.

Singles News

- The Lunch Bunch is next Sunday, February 19. Singles will gather at Louie's Restaurant in Fountain City. Shirley Kanipes will be at the door to greet Church Streeters. Join us!

Music News

- **Youth Choir Tour** registration forms have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, see Tim.

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.

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."



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Help build a home with Habitat for Humanity!

Five Saturdays: March 10th – May 5th; Sign-ups start February 12th

Starting on March 10, CSUMC will be partnering with St. John's Lutheran Church and David Martin & Company to build a home for a family of refugees from war-torn Burundi (near Rwanda, in Africa) who immigrated to Knoxville in 2007.

We need 65 volunteers over 5 Saturdays to help build, as well as others to provide food and drinks for the workers. **Don't miss this wonderful opportunity we have to serve the Lord and our neighbors. No experience is needed!**



Look for more information and sign-ups in the breezeway beginning on February 12. For more information, questions or to volunteer, contact Patty Paul at 212-4088 or pdpaul_135@hotmail.com.

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:

Fort Sanders: Christine Jones, Louise Zirkle
Tennova North: Jim Paleck

Home from hospital:

Barbara Paulson to NHC Cavett Hill

Christian Sympathy to:

Becky Taylor-Cooper and family in the death of Becky's father, Dr. E. D. Allen, on February 4.

Jim Lees and family in the death of Jim's sister, Nora Lees, on February 5.

Our Presence

- **Jan. 30** Community Worship 22
- **Feb. 1** Wednesday Noon Worship 36
- **Feb. 5** Worship 679
Sunday School 493

Our Gifts

- **Feb. 5** Operating Budget \$39,539
Other Designated Gifts \$2,290

Honoraria

in honor of

• All CSUMC Pastors

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: David & Sugar Adcock

Memorials

in memory of

• Eloise Moulton

Memorial Fund: Yarboro & Brown Lloyd, Margaret Newton

• Clay "C.J." Patton

Altar Guild: Barbara & Scott Collins, Betty & Art Olson

• Bain Stewart

Memorial Fund: Glenn Stewart

• Lynn Weigel

Children's Ministry: Mae Swanner

• Edith Woodson

Memorial Fund: Frances Bennett, Bob & Nancy Hertwig; *Soup Kitchen:* Jim & Lyla Boehms

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	Kate Bledsoe-268
Food Services	Bobby Tolley-273
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
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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, Nita O'Dell, Mike Plyler

MAIN OFFICE HOURS
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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FAX: (865) 521-0261

Pastor-on-Call Number: (865) 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, Feb. 12

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Alford by their daughter, Sara Jane Alford Francis.

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