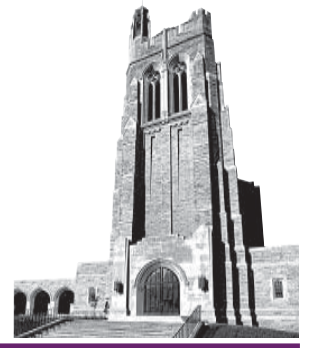


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

First Sunday in



• **Sunday, February 26**

Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am – Nave
Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Monday, February 27**

Community Worship

All are welcome – join us for worship!
Community Worship Hospitality Hosts
Feb. 27: Discovery & Seekers
March 5: Crossroads

• **Wednesday, February 29**

Noon Lenten Service
hosted by the
Downtown Cooperative Ministry

First Baptist Church
510 West Main Street

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Bishop Lecture Series coming this week: Feb. 25 & 26

Join us this weekend as we welcome our guest, noted author and bible scholar, **Dr. Ben Witherington III** on Saturday and Sunday as he presents the 2012 A. Orin Bishop Lecture Series topic, “**Eternal Treasures in Earthen Vessels.**” This look at *Intimations of Immortality in the midst of our Mortality* will begin Saturday morning. Please come at 8:30 to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Dr. Witherington will begin speaking at 9:00. His second presentation will be Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour (9:40 am) and the Sunday afternoon/evening session will begin at 4:00 pm. There will be a supper break on Sunday (cost of supper is \$6.50 and reservations are required by this Thursday.)

Dr. Witherington is Amos Professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary and is on the doctoral faculty at St. Andrews University in Scotland. He is considered one of the top evangelical scholars in the world, and is an elected member of the prestigious Society for New Testament Studies. His books, *The Jesus Quest* and *The Paul Quest*, were selected as top biblical studies works by *Christianity Today*.

Church Street is grateful to the Bishop family, whose memorial gift makes this lecture possible.

Next Discover Church Street class to be held in March

If you have been visiting Church Street UMC for a while and you have questions about the church and/or how to become a member, then *Discover Church Street* is just for you! *Discover Church Street* is a membership orientation class designed especially for visitors who want to know more about The United Methodist Church and the many ministries of Church Street. **The next class will be held on Sunday, March 4, 4–7 pm** in the Church Life Center, room 120. One of the clergy staff will lead the class and share information about the beliefs of The United Methodist Church, the ministries of Church Street UMC and how you can become a member. A complimentary dinner prepared by our church chef will be a part of the evening, as well as a complete building tour. If you have more questions about the class and want to attend, please contact Rick Isbell, minister of discipleship, risbell@churchstreetumc.org or 521-0266.

Don't jump ship and miss this one!

Titanic Trip registration deadline is next week

The Adult Council is sponsoring a group trip to visit the Titanic in Pigeon Forge on **Sat., March 10**. We will leave the church parking lot at 9 am to spend a couple of hours “aboard the Titanic” and then go to lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Tickets are priced per person for admission and tour; bring an additional amount for lunch. The church van will be available for anyone who does not want to drive.

The tour is self-guided with audio stations throughout the ship. Your full payment to the church office reserves your place on the trip. **Registration deadline is Feb. 28.** Cost per individual is: \$22/adult; \$20/grades 9–12; and \$13/kindergarten–8th grade. For details, contact Larry Myrick, 525-8087, who is hosting the trip.



Sunday Supper

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

February 26

Coconut Tilapia

Tri-colored heirloom potatoes

Chef's choice of veggies

Salad

Blackberry & Cherry Cobbler

Kid's Menu: chicken nuggets & tater rounds

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



Buy gift cards and help the Kay Center: this Sunday, Feb. 26!

If you buy groceries or fuel at Krogers or Food City, then you can help out the Kay Center. Purchase gift cards, available in \$50 or \$100 amounts, and 5% of each sale will be donated to the Kay Center! **Cards can be purchased from John Mann on Sunday, February 26, between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, in the CLC breezeway (or in the CLC hallway if the weather is cold!)**

Remember to get a parking sticker if you have not already. Stickers are available in the office and at the Welcome Center.

You Think You Make the Best Chili? Prove It!



Make your best chili recipe and join the fun as Church Street laity and staff battle for tastiest chili bragging rights. **The cook-off is set for Sunday evening, March 11, at 5:15,** and all proceeds go to benefit the Benevolence Ministry of CSUMC.

Those wishing to enter their chili may sign up on Sunday evenings, February 26 and March 4, or call the church office at 524-3048. The rest of us need to bring appetites and discriminating palates as we will be voting on the best chili. A \$5 donation per person will be taken up at the door.

Competitors need to bring a large crock pot of chili and any special condiments (cheese, sour cream, corn bread, corn chips) to complement the chili. Dessert and drinks, as well as sandwiches for the children, will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Singles Ministry.

"A Joy-Filled Life" ~ Jubilation 2012 for Adults 55+ April 22-24
Brochures located in racks and at Welcome Center

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Congregational Care Committee needs you! We are looking for knitters or crocheters who would be interested in helping us with a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please email Nancy Carmon at ncyandjim@comcast.net or call the church office and leave your name and contact information if you would be interested and able to help us. We have plenty of yarn!! We just need some willing and talented hands!!



Master Arts Series Monday, 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

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3

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)
Downtown Lenten Service
Wed., noon @ First Baptist
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, 6:30 pm, Choir Rm

Faith & Film:
The Book of Life
(1998—not rated)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Parish Hall
Yoga
Mon. & Thur., 7 pm, rm 204
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Line & Couples Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym

CHILDREN

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
Basketball
Sunday, 7:00 pm, Gym

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall

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
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 103
Women's Morning Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, rm 202
Wednesday Lenten Study (Rasnake)
Wednesday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Lenten Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7:00 pm, rm 201-A

Bishop LECTURE SERIES

Saturday, February 25
8:30 am: Refreshments, CLC 120
9 am—noon: Lecture, CLC 120
Sunday, February 26
9:40: Morning Session, Parish Hall
4 pm: Afternoon Session, CLC120
Break
6 pm: Session continues, CLC 120

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Capstone Endowment Comm.
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Food Services Committee
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 118

SINGLES

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

Lectionary Readings

March 4
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;
Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25;
Mark 8:31-38
March 11
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Reflections

Lord, I have sinned (but I have several excellent excuses).

Last Sunday, we jumped the gun on Lent; we held Shrove Tuesday on Sunday. The gym was full of kids and games and parents. It was delightful! Every kid won an inflatable toy, but no one could conquer the "pencil bounce." A 3-year old said it would be OK for me to pick her up so she could see Pastors Darryll and Sarah burn the palms for Ash Wednesday. The messy winter weather could not stop the good times.

Then, at supper we had jambalaya and buckwheat pancakes with shrimp sauce (you have to try it!). It was excellent. At the burning of the palms, Pastor Darryll instructed us to give up something as a spiritual discipline for Lent, but I don't think we got started that night.

Lent begins this week. What will you do to observe these 40-days of preparation? Christians have for many years used this season to prepare for Jesus' cross and resurrection. We have used this time to reflect on the way we have (or often have not) kept faith with the Savior who kept faith with us—even to go to the cross. Some suggestions:

- **Set aside a quiet time with God each day.** Get up 30 minutes early to read the scriptures, read a devotional guide, and to pray. Join a Lenten study at church.
- **Give up a meal each week** (this is fasting) and donate what you would have spent to the hungry.
- **Give up a favorite habit** so that each time you refuse yourself that treat, you can remember Christ and what he gave up for you.
- **Be in Sunday School and worship every Sunday of Lent.**
- **Join a project for others as your gift of thanks.** Church Street will be part of a Habitat Blitz build on March 10, 17, and 24. All these are Lenten dates.

This is not the end of the list. You get the idea; design your own discipline. Let us prepare for a holy Lent. It begins on February 22 with Ash Wednesday.

—Rev. Andy Ferguson



Lenten devotional books available this week

This year's Lenten devotional book, *The Sanctuary for Lent* by Robert V. Dodd, is now available at different locations around the church. These seasonal devotional books are made possible through the Congregational Care Committee. Each book, both regular and large print, have daily devotionals beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday. Based on *The Upper Room* format, each daily devotional has a key scripture passage, short devotional and prayer. Since a limited number are available throughout Lent, we ask that each family unit take one. We thank the Congregational Care Committee for making these devotional books available to the congregation.

REFLECTIONS

Join a Lenten Study

The Lenten studies offer an excellent discipline. We are using *Gospelized Lives*, a book by John Indermark.

Classes meet on Sunday morning at 9:40 (Christian Perspectives in Parish Hall), on **Wednesday morning at 10:00 and evening at 7:00.** Others study groups may be forming in addition.

News & Needs

Faith & Films

• Everyone is invited to watch, "The Book of Life," a comedy/fantasy film about Jesus' return at the end of the millennium. Join us this Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 pm in CLC 123. *Note: the film/discussion will conclude in time for participants to attend the Bishop Lecture Series at 4 pm.*

Singles Ministry News

• TNT invites everyone to a special series on relationships. On **Thursday, Feb. 23, Caroline Goddard, PhD, M.Div.**, will speak on "Enhancing the Spiritual Dimension of Your Relationships." Program begins at 7 pm. Come for dinner at 6 pm (cost is \$7, RSVP by Tuesday before program).

• **Next Coffee House: Friday, March 9**, featuring Anne Jackson on the Celtic harp.

• **Singles Retreat:**

April 13-15

Mark your calendars for our annual retreat at Sterchi Lodge.



Youth News

• **Adult volunteers**, just a reminder that we will have a **Safe Sanctuary training during Sunday school this Sunday in CLC 15.** There will be a presentation, paperwork to fill out, and ultimately a background check. If you have not completed the Safe Sanctuary training, please make this a priority.

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."



Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

Wednesday Lenten Services hosted by the Downtown Cooperative Ministry

February 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)

Services begin at noon followed by lunch (donations accepted to defray cost)

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**Help build a home
with Habitat for Humanity!**
Blitz Day is March 10th

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. The family currently lives in Montgomery Village and was accepted into the Habitat program in October 2010. We need 65 volunteers over five 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!** For more information, questions or to volunteer, contact Patty Paul at 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:

Parkwest: Melanie McNutt; Jean Murdock

Home from hospital:

Christine Jones to Brakebill; Fred M. Shofner, David (Bailey) Tutor; Louise Zirkle

Christian Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Nancy Harmon, who died on February 19, in Knoxville.

Bill Stoess and family in the death of Bill's mother, Dorothy Stoess, on February 19, in Crestwood, KY.

Our Presence

- **Feb. 13** Community Worship 45
- **Feb. 15** Wednesday Noon Worship 29
- **Feb. 19** Worship 660
Sunday School 404

Our Gifts

- **Feb. 19** Operating Budget \$51,690
Other Designated Gifts \$1,615

Our Church Family

In Memoriam

Nancy R. Harmon

Joined: 03-25-1945 Died: 02-19-2012

Honoraria

in honor of

• Beckett Anderson

Choir Anthem: Ruth DeFrieser

• Rev. Cabel Trent

Congregational Care: George Ann Wier

• Rev. Jan Wade

Congregational Care: George Ann Wier

• Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wender

Congregational Care: George Ann Wier

Memorials

in memory of

• Clay "C.J." Patton

Altar Guild: Jeanette Burton

• Lynn Weigel

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Nancy Powell

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Feb. 26

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given by Shirley Stanberry in memory of her parents, Helen and Harvey Sharp.

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Varnell-263
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Secretary	Julie Hill-278
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
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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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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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