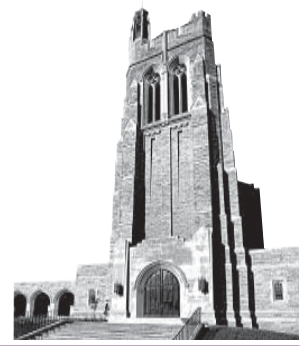


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Second Sunday in



Sunday, March 4

Worship & Holy Communion

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

Monday, March 5

Community Worship

All are welcome – join us for worship!

Community Worship Hospitality Hosts

March 5: Crossroads

March 12: Parables

Wednesday, March 7

Noon Lenten Service

hosted by the

Downtown Cooperative Ministry

St. John's Episcopal Church

413 Cumberland Avenue

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Discover Church Street Class is Sunday

The next *Discover Church Street UMC* class is this Sunday, March 4, from 4–7 pm in CLC 120. This orientation class, led by the clergy staff, is designed for all prospective and new members of Church Street. If you have been visiting our church for a short or longer time and have questions about The United Methodist Church, Church Street's ministries or how you can join, then you are invited to *Discover Church Street*. Our time together will include information about the many ministries of Church Street, the primary beliefs of The United Methodist Church, a complete building tour and a complimentary dinner prepared by our church chef. We hope that you will consider being a part of this Sunday's *Discover Church Street*. Please contact Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, if you are planning to attend or if you have any further questions, at 521-0266 or risbell@churchstreetumc.org.



Help build a home!

Blitz Day is around the corner: March 10th

Starting on March 10, CSUMC will partner 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. Volunteers are still needed (see below). **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.

Volunteers are still needed—sign up today!

Blitz day—full

March 17th—need 1 more person

March 24th—need 10 people

April 28th—need 1 more person

May 5th—need 4 more people

Everyone can help by bringing drinks (water/Gatorade...) or snacks (fruit, chips, crackers, etc...) to church this coming Sunday for the volunteers to have for the build. Please leave donations in the church office. Thank you!



**Master Arts Series
Monday, March 5,
7:30 PM**

Our next concert features the music of 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

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Sunday Supper

5:15 to 6 pm • Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

March 4

Soup & Sandwiches:

Two gourmet soups

Warm grilled cheese sandwiches

Salad

Dessert & Beverages

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

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 evening, 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.

Day of Prayer

On April 15, 2012, every district in Holston Conference will be holding a Day of Prayer. The Knoxville District Day of Prayer is going to be held at Second United Methodist Church at 4 pm. We will be having a service of worship and prayer for several reasons, such as, Vital Congregations, General/Annual/Jurisdictional Conferences, etc. You will be receiving more information concerning this very special service. So, put this date on your calendar, plan to attend, bring folk with you and let your congregation know of this date now so that they can be in prayer for the service and this very special day of prayer.

Remember to get a parking sticker if you have not already. Stickers are available in the church office.

Holy Land interest meeting leads to trip in 2013

On Feb. 12, twenty-three persons attended the interest meeting for a trip to the Holy Land in 2013. From the persons attending it appears that there is sufficient interest for a trip to be planned for next January. The next meeting of all those who would like to go on the 10-day trip will be on **Sunday evening, March 11, 7 pm in room 201-A**. At the meeting we will decide on a definite departure date (we are contemplating January 8, 2013) and discuss registration/deposits, preparations and background information on what you will see and where you will go.

If you did not get to attend the February meeting and are interested in traveling with this group, please come on March 11. There will be other meetings during the year to help prepare for the trip. If you have any further questions, please contact Rick or Sue Isbell.

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 a good group of adults who attend. This spring, the event takes place **April 22-24** at the Meadow View Resort & Conference Center in Kingsport, TN. It entails three days filled with workshops, entertainment, keynote speakers, worship and a Healthy Living Expo. All activities are geared toward adults 55+. Brochures can be found in the literature racks and at the Welcome Center that offer more information about registration, lodging, speakers and activities.



CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MARCH 4 - MARCH 10

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 @ St. John's Episc.

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

Adult Choir Lunch/Rehearsal
Sunday, 12 noon, Parish Hall
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
Master Arts Series Concert
Monday, 7:30 pm, Nave
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Rm

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
Coffee House
Friday, 7 pm, CLC 120
Habitat Blitz Day: Saturday, 8 am
Titanic Trip: Saturday, 9 am

CHILDREN

Drama Troupe Meeting
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

UMW EXECUTIVE MTC

Tuesday, 10 am, off site

SINGLES

Bridge: Monday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Thursday Nights Together, 6 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Divorce Care - 7 pm, rm 103
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

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
Discover Church Street Class
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120
Financial Peace University
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 118
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

YOUTH

Nightlife (at Sequoyah Park)
Sunday, following choir practice
Bring \$5 for dinner; parents pick up youth from park at 7:30 pm

Faith & Film:
"Godspell: A Musical"
(1973-G)

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Singles Advisory Team
Monday, 6 pm, rm E-03
Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Congregational Care Comm.
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Lay Leadership Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 122

Lectionary Readings

March 11

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 18

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Reflections

I want to thank those of you who joined the sermon last Sunday.

The best sermons are those that create a dialog, after all. The sermon began with the healing of Blind Bartimaeus from Mark 10. Several of you spoke up after the service with examples beyond anything I said.

One of the suggestions centered around the detail that Jesus asked the blind man if he was sure that he wanted to see again. The suggestion pointed to a scene in Monty Python's *Life of Brian*. I did not see the movie and could not find it online or on-demand, so I had to settle for the quote. It goes this way (with British expletives deleted):

Ex-Leper: Half a shekel for an old ex-leper?

Brian: Did you say "ex-leper"?

Ex-Leper: That's right, sir, 16 years behind a veil and proud of it, sir.

Brian: Well, what happened?

Ex-Leper: Oh, cured, sir.

Brian: Cured you?

Ex-Leper: Yes sir, [Expletive] miracle, sir. Bless you!

Brian: Who cured you?

Ex-Leper: Jesus did, sir. I was hopping along, minding my own business, all of a sudden, up he comes, cures me! One minute I'm a leper with a trade, next minute my livelihood's gone. Not so much as a by-your-leave! "You're cured, mate." [Expletive] do-gooder.

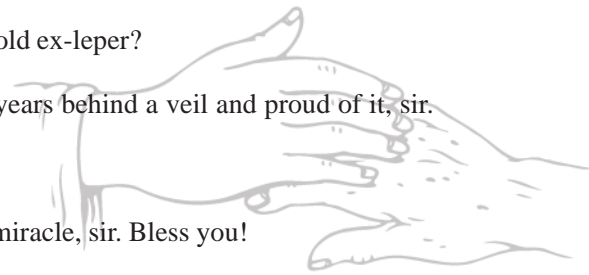
This insightful exchange cuts two ways: When we complain to God about our lives or our hurts, we must be ready to answer the question: "Do you want to be healed?" Before we answer, "Well, of course," we need to think through the implications of healing. Living a healthy life can be costly. We must be ready to pay that cost.

In the same way, you and I must be sure when we heal someone that they really want to be healed. Like the ex-leper above, healing might mean getting a real job with real responsibilities. It might mean taking real responsibility for the family. Most of us around Church Street could be labeled, "Do-gooders" on occasion. We need to be sure that healing is really what the lepers along our way want.

Finally, thank you for those who responded to Sunday's sermon. Your responses and suggestions are a reminder that the best sermons are really conversations rather than monologues.

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

REFLECTIONS



The Internet as Ministry?

**UMW's Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service
Tuesday, March 13, 11 AM**

In a world where negative stories about the Internet abound, it's important to know that the Internet can also be a blessing and a vital ministry tool. Technology alerts communities to disaster. It is also part of education—teaching math, science and English as well as sharing information about diseases and treatments. Our **Tuesday, March 13, UMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service** will highlight information technology and the role it plays in our world.

Holston Foundation Executive Director Roger Redding will address "The Internet as Ministry" at 11:00 AM in the Chapel as part of our service. One of the main missions of the Holston Foundation is to assist United Methodists in making significant gifts and bequests to United Methodist churches, ministries, and institutions. Not only does the Foundation use the Internet to make and monitor investments on behalf of local United Methodists, it also directs a portion of the fees it receives toward projects such as digging wells in Sudan. These life-saving and life-changing projects are possible largely because the Internet allows almost instant communication with persons "on the ground" who actually do the work. Roger is an excellent speaker, and you will be uplifted by his time with us.

Because other churches in our UMW District are invited to this service, we need to pre-pay for our luncheon that will be held at noon in Parish Hall. **Please get your \$6.50 lunch payment to your Circle leader by Thursday, March 8.**

As always, membership in UMW is not a requirement to attend. All are invited to join us for this time of prayer, learning and fellowship!



News & Needs

Faith & Films

• Everyone is invited to watch, "Godspell: A Musical Based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew," a modern-day song & dance recreation of the Gospel of Matthew set in New York City. Join us this Sunday, March 4, at 2 pm in CLC 123. Admission is free.

Children's News

• A **Drama Troupe Meeting** will be held this Sunday, March 4, at 3 pm in the Gathering Place.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth! This Sunday evening** is the Knoxville District Game Night at Sequoyah Park. We will leave immediately following choir rehearsal. Your parents can pick you up there at 7:30 PM. Bring \$5 for dinner.

Singles Ministry News

• TNT invites *everyone* to a special series on Christianity in Contemporary Society. **On Thursday, March 1, Mark Hulsether, Ph.D., M.Div.,** will speak on recent trends in US political theologies. Program begins at 7 pm. Come for dinner at 6 pm (cost is \$7, RSVP by Tuesday before program).

• **First Friday Fun Dance is March 2**—The doors open at 7; dance begins at 8 pm. Cost is \$7.

• **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.

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.



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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

Home from hospital:

Melanie McNutt; Jean Murdock to Patricia Neal Rehabilitation

Christian Sympathy to:

Michael and Steven Ford in the death of their father, Lee Ford, on February 25.

Kelly Bishop in the death of her grandmother, Mary Grace Kelly, on February 23, in Dunlap, TN.

The family and friends of Mrs. Gladys K. Roberts, who died on February 27, in Knoxville.

Chris Walker in the death of her grandmother, Mary Sue Scarbrough, on February 23.

Our Presence

- **Feb. 20** Community Worship 32
- **Feb. 22** Ash Wednesday Services 252
- **Feb. 26** Worship 814
- Sunday School 413

Our Gifts

- **Feb. 26** Operating Budget \$32,992
- Other Designated Gifts \$2,637

Honoraria

in honor of

- **Shirley Stanberry**
Stained Glass Fund: Larry & Linda Blair
- **Soup Kitchen Volunteers**
Soup Kitchen: Scott & Barbara Collins

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 4

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Boyd Dudley by his family.

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Rachel Cochran by Bennett and Evelyn Horton.

Our Church Family

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

- **Grant Beckett Harmon**, the son of Clyde (Rusty) and Aimee Harmon, was baptized on January 29.
- **Zoe Katherine Powell**, the daughter of Charles (Chuck) and Janie Powell, was baptized on February 12.
- **Bentley Cade Merritt**, the son of Jason and Tiffany Merritt, was baptized on February 26.

New Members

Chris and Lauren Herbstritt joined on Sunday, Feb 26; Lauren joined by transfer from First UMC, Columbus, MS, and Chris became an associate member.

New Arrival

• **Alexander Thomas Hemel** was born to Katie and Brian Hemel on Jan. 26. Grandparents are Ed and Valerie Nicholson.

In Memoriam

Lee Delano Ford

Joined: 03-14-1965 Died: 02-25-2012

In Memoriam

Gladys K. Roberts

Joined: 04-27-1958 Died: 02-27-2012

Memorials

in memory of

- **Nancy Dennis**
Memorial: Anonymous, Debbie Hill, William & Faye O'Callaghan, Patricia Annette Thomason
- **Emily Houser**
Memorial: Ed, Valerie, Maggie and Laurie Nicholson
- **Clay "C.J." Patton**
Altar Guild: Eddie & Linda Overton
- **Lynn Weigel**
Memorial: Mary Howe Underwood
- **Edith Woodson**
Memorial: Ed & Valerie Nicholson, Elizabeth Reagon

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
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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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