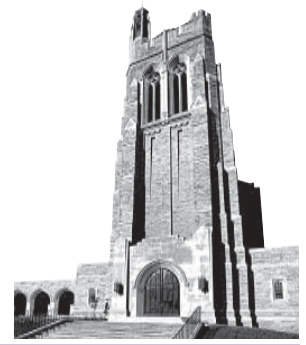


M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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

Third Sunday in



Sunday, March 11

Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am – Nave
Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, March 12

Community Worship

All are welcome – join us for worship!
Community Worship Hospitality Hosts
March 12: Parables
March 19: Partners

Wednesday, March 14

Noon Lenten Service
hosted by the
Downtown Cooperative Ministry
Church Street UMC
Nave



Sunday Supper

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

March 11

Chili Cook-off
Cornbread
Kids Menu: Sliders, Mac & Cheese
Beverages
Dessert

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

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You Think You Make the Best Chili? Prove It!

Pastor Darryll is already claiming that his chili is the best, but Pastor Sarah is ready to prove him wrong! 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 this Sunday evening, March 11, at 5:15**, and all proceeds go to benefit the Benevolence Ministry of CSUMC.

Everyone is encouraged 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 chips) to complement the chili. Cornbread, dessert and drinks, as well as sliders and mac & cheese for the children, will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Singles Ministry.

Holy Land trip meeting is Sunday

The next meeting of those who would like to go on the 10-day trip to the Holy Land next January will be this **Sunday, March 11, 7 pm in room 201-A**. Even if you did not attend the February meeting, you are invited to attend Sunday night. At the meeting we will decide on a definite departure date, discuss registration/deposits, preparations and background information on what you will see and where you will go. There will be other meetings during the year to help prepare for the trip, but Sunday's meeting will be an important one. If you have any further questions, please contact Rick or Sue Isbell.

The Internet as Ministry?

UMW's Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service

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 this 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!





Church Street Softball Team!

We are currently looking for Church Streeters interested in playing on a recreational softball team in either the City or County league. All skill levels are welcome. We anticipate entering a Men's team to play one night per week,

but that could change based on interest level (that means you, ladies). Registration has already begun, so please respond as soon as possible. If interested, please contact Ian Hennessey at 712-1174 or goodyperry@gmail.com.

Bishop Lecture Series Notes

For those who would like a copy of Dr. Witherington's notes from the recent Bishop Lectures, please contact Rev. Darryll Rasnake at 521-0279 or drasnake@churchstreetumc.org.

Day of Prayer

On Sunday, April 15, every district in Holston Conference will be holding a Day of Prayer. The Knoxville District Day of Prayer will be held at **Second United Methodist Church at 4:00 pm**. A service of worship will be held, including prayer for several reasons, such as, Vital Congregations, General/Annual/Jurisdictional Conferences, etc. Put this date on your calendar, plan to attend, and bring your family and friends with you to this very special day of prayer.

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

Join hundreds of other adults at Jubilation in April

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.



Work begins this Saturday, March 10

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 for future build dates and to help provide snacks and beverages 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.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MARCH 11 - MARCH 17

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)
Wednesday Lenten Service
Wed., noon in the Nave
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
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Rm

Faith & Film:

"The Gospel According to St. Matthew"
(1964-not rated)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper / Chili Cook-off
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Parish Hall
Yoga: Mon/Thur., 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
Habitat Work Day: Saturday, 8 am

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

SINGLES

Bridge: Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120
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
Financial Peace University
Sunday, 4:30 pm, CLC 120
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 103
Wednesday Lenten Study (Rasnake)
Wednesday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Lenten Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7:00 pm, rm 201-A

Lectionary Readings

March 18
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 25
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Group
Sunday, 12:30 pm, rm 201-A
Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 201-A
Holy Land Trip Meeting
Sunday, 7 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Program Council Meeting
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 204
Kay Sr. Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 120
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Community & Global Missions
Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 201-A

UMW

#6: Mon., 7 pm, off-site
#4: Tues., 10 am, Parlor
#7: Tues., 10 am, rm 204
#10: Tues., 10 am, CLC 14
#12: Tues., 10 am, rm 202
General Meeting & Lunch
Tues., 11 am, Chapel/Parish Hall
#8: Tues., 1:15 pm, rm 204
#9: Tues., 2 pm, off-site
#11: Wed., 7 pm, Parlor

Reflections

I stomped out of the house this week with a load of indignation.

Just as I was walking toward the door, the phone rang. It was one of those political surveys. No, not one of the surveys that really wants to know what you think. It was one of the other surveys—the ones that lead you to a clearly obvious candidate. The difference dawns when the survey asks: “Don’t you think that Mr. Right would make a better President than a godless pygmy?” (Strangely, there is only one Mr. Right out of all the candidates.)

As I walked, mumbling through the back garden, I noticed that the Lenten Roses were the most beautiful ever.

In the car headed to church, I picked a station that is good at weather reports. It was the day of all those tornadoes and thunderstorms. That day seemed so reminiscent of the spring storms last April. It makes one wonder what has happened to the earth that was created in Genesis 1. Sometimes I wonder if an alien slipped down and switched that earth and left us with Mars.

Still, I keep thinking about those Lenten Roses.

This morning as I write, the news is all about the continued tensions with Iran over its nuclear ambitions. Israel wants to fix that problem now; the U.S. wants to give diplomacy a chance. Still, both keep rattling sabers and preparing for yet another war. It’s hard not to worry.

As I passed through the garden at the end of the day, I noticed the Lenten Roses again—a riot of blooms seemingly oblivious to all the worries of the world.

The Lenten Roses speak aloud the promise of Lent. Despite all the worries and the indignities and the mutterings of another war, Lent comes to all of us. It comes to the candidates and the President; it comes to the Iranians, the Americans, and the Israelis; Lent comes to the pygmy who gets all that bad press. It comes in the earliest spring to claim the authority of God to love the world anyway. It comes to shout God’s promise that the world has been saved; we just haven’t opened the gift yet. It’s in the garden among the Lenten Roses.

—Rev. Andy Ferguson



CSUMC Child Preschool goes for the gold!



The CSUMC Child Preschool is getting a jump on childhood obesity prevention through the Gold Sneaker initiative. The Gold Sneaker initiative was developed to enhance policy related to physical activity and nutrition within licensed child care facilities across Tennessee. Policies to enact will include minimum requirements on physical activity, sedentary

activities, meal time, behaviors, portion sizes, and a tobacco-free facility.

Child care facilities that implement the proposed enhanced physical activity, nutrition, and tobacco policies will earn a “Gold Sneaker” award which designates them as a “Gold Sneaker” child care facility. We received recognition through a certificate, decals, stickers, website recognition, and some new equipment.



DivorceCare begins new session on March 15

Meets Thursday evenings at 7 pm

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar

and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the break-up of a marriage. Find the support you need through this specialized DVD series and workbook along with group discussions. Child care is available by calling the church office one week in advance.

REFLECTIONS

News & Needs

Faith & Films

• Everyone is invited to watch, “The Gospel According to St. Matthew,” a biographical film on the life of Jesus, starring Enrique Irazoqui. Join us this Sunday, March 11, at 2 pm in CLC 123. Admission is free.

Children’s News

• **Kids:** remember to bring your money for the *Change for Children* Collection Jar.

Youth News

• **Hey youth!** We will have regularly scheduled Nightlife this week with snack supper downstairs. Volunteers will meet at 4:15.

Singles Ministry News

• **Coffee House: this Friday, March 9**, featuring Anne Jackson on the Celtic harp. Open to ALL.

• TNT invites *everyone* to a special series on Christianity in Contemporary Society. **On Thursday, March 15, Pat Freeland, Ph.D.**, UT Professor of Political Science, will speak on modern mixing of faith convictions and political positions. Program begins at 7 pm. Come for dinner at 6 pm (cost is \$7, RSVP by Tuesday before program).

Singles Retreat: April 13–15

Mark your calendars for our annual retreat at Sterchi Lodge (cost \$45).

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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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:

Jody Johnson

In the hospital:

Parkwest: Edna Bell

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Patricia Neal Rehab (Fr. Sanders): Jean Murdock

Christian Sympathy to:

Ruth Dalton and family in the death of Ruth's husband, Eugene Dalton, on March 1.

Sue Cox in the death of her sister-in-law, Margaret Elliott, on February 27, in Springfield, TN.

Our Presence

- Feb. 27 Community Worship 37
- Mar. 4 Worship 727
- Sunday School 486

Our Gifts

- Mar. 4 Received toward budget \$ 49,323
- Designated Receipts \$3,090

Our Church Family

New Member – Sunday, March 4

Joanne Rice joined by transfer from St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Knoxville.

Memorials

in memory of

• Lee Ford

Kay Senior Adult Center: Anonymous;
Library Fund: Anonymous; *Soup Kitchen:* David & Sugar Adcock, David & Betty Craig, Bonnie Goard, Robert & Laura Townsend, Wilbur & Ann Warwick, Members of the United States Army Chorus in Washington, DC

• Clay "C.J." Patton

Altar Guild: John & Joan Scott

• Gladys Roberts

Memorial: Susan Burke & Kenneth Morrison, David & Betty Craig, Steve & Carol McGlothlin, Henry & Nancy Nelson; *Kay Senior Adult Center:* Anonymous; *Music Ministry:* Wilbur & Ann Warwick

Honoraria

in honor of

• John Ellis

Music Ministry: Marilyn Ivey

• Harley Ferguson

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Anonymous

• Verna McLain

Music Ministry: Pat Bellingrath and Dawn von Weisenstein

• Wilson Reynolds

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Anonymous

• Harlan & Diane Richards

Haiti Water Project: David & Sugar Adcock

• College Life

College Life Department: The Church Street UMC University of Georgia Alumni

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 11

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of her husband, James Newman, by Jacqueline Newman.

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
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Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Mission	Marc Gamble-287
Communications Director	Teresa Williams-299
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Kay Center Director	Judith Winters-293
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Secretary	Julie Hill-278
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
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	Brandon Amburn, 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.



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11.

Time to Spring Ahead

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