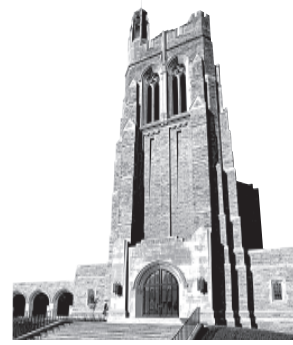


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Fourth Sunday in



• **Sunday, March 18**

Worship

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

• **Monday, March 19**

Community Worship

6 pm – Chapel – Rev. Darryll Rasnake
Community Worship Hospitality Hosts
March 19: Partners
March 26: Cornerstone

• **Wednesday, March 21**

Noon Lenten Service

hosted by the
Downtown Cooperative Ministry
**Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church**
414 West Vine Avenue



**No Sunday Supper on March 18
due to Spring Break. Sunday
Suppers will resume on March 25.**

Special Offering coming March 18

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be taken on Sunday, March 18, in United Methodist Churches throughout the nation.

Please give generously to this offering which supports the vital work of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

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Midweek Community Lenten Services continue



Two services remain for this year's Community Lenten Services, sponsored by the Downtown Cooperative Ministry (a collaboration among the downtown churches). Services have already been held at First Baptist Church, St. John's Cathedral and Church Street UMC.

Services remain at **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** (414 West Vine Avenue) on Wednesday, March 21, and **First Presbyterian Church** (620 State Street) on Wednesday, March 28.

Music begins at 12 noon with Worship at 12:05 pm at the specified church. Lunch follows at 12:30 pm with donations accepted to help defray meal expenses. Please prayerfully consider participating in this time of refreshment and renewal during the remaining weeks of the season of Lent.

Senior adults invited to Jubilation 2012

Make reservations now for April event

The stated vision of Jubilation is to provide a ministry for senior adults that nurtures spiritual growth, provides educational opportunities and ways to cope with life issues, promotes involvement in missions, and enhances Christian fellowship.

This year's Jubilation with the theme, *A Joy-Filled Life*, will be held April 22-24 at the MeadowView Resort and Conference Center in Kingsport, TN. This Holston Conference event for adults ages 55+ offers exciting speakers, workshops, Bible study, worship and fellowship in a resort setting.

Key leaders of this year's event include Keynote speaker, Linda Douty, spiritual director and author; Entertainer & Humorist Jeanne Robertson and Worship leader, Rev.

Jim Whedbee. Workshop topics include (1) A Storyteller's Look at the Gospel of John, (2) Caution: Hilarity May Lead to Health and Happiness, (3) Healing Oils of the Bible, (4) This is Your Brain...on Stress!!!, and (5) The Grand Adventure: Second Half of Life.

Brochures are in church literature racks and at the Welcome Center in the Church Life Center hallway.

For more information, visit the Holston Conference website for specific details, brochure, and registration form. **Be sure and check out the Jubilation Promo Video and see if you see some familiar faces from Church Street.**

www.holston.org/ministries/older-adult/programs/jubilation-2012/

It's almost Easter Lily time! \$12 each - Chapel hallway



A favorite Church Street tradition, Easter lilies are ordered in honor or in memory of friends and family...and are displayed in the Nave on Easter Sunday. Make your orders in the Chapel hallway on **Sundays, March 25 and April 1** or call Doris Lively at 521-0271 by noon on Monday, April 2. The Easter lily listing will be printed in the April 3 *Messenger*.

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

Youth and Adults travel to Eleuthera Island

Early Sunday morning, March 18, twenty-five youth and adults will be leaving for a week of hard work and Christian witness on Eleuthera Island. While there, they will serve through home repair efforts with families who live on the island. Each day will be filled with hard work, laughter, beautiful scenery, sweet local people, devotion, worship, and prayer.

As the church family at home, please remember this trip and the team members in your thoughts and prayers. Team members include Bill Barkley, Mary Catherine Beach, Robert Bedwell, David Collins, Emily Ehrnschwender, Kathy Ehrnschwender, Tom Ehrnschwender, Darla Gamble, Erin Gamble, Hannah Gamble, Marc Gamble, Jamie Lee, Jane Martin, Zac Mason, David Maulick, Jennifer Maulick, Darryll Rasnake, Pat Rule, Jackson Stoess, Thomas Stubbs, Ann Marie Tugwell, William Tugwell, Laura Tugwell, and Meggi Weeks.

Have You Served God Today?



We need Plastic Easter Eggs!

In anticipation of our upcoming annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt, we need lots of plastic Easter eggs! If you can help, please bring the eggs to the church office. Many thanks in advance!

FYI: This year's egg hunt will be on **Saturday, April 7**, at Whitlow Park in Sequoyah Hills.

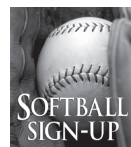
**Have you picked up your parking sticker?
Parking stickers are available in the church office.**

New women's Bible study begins April 4

Church Street women are invited to the Wednesday morning Bible study on "how to be a great mom and raise great kids." Meeting from 9 to 10:30 am in room 124, the study will begin on April 4 and end on May 16. Note: This 7-week study involves homework and discussion.

If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Walton at waltonmonty@yahoo.com or 679-3512. Participants will need to purchase the book, *Being a Great Mom Raising Great Kids*, by Sharon Jaynes.

Note: Free childcare is available at the church during the study.



Join the Church Street Men's Softball Team!

We are currently looking for Church Street men interested in playing on a recreational softball team on Mondays in the City of Knoxville League. All skill levels and ages are welcome. If interested, or for more information, please contact Ian Hennessey at 712-1174 or goodyperry@gmail.com.

Support the Kay Senior Care Center at Alzheimer's Walk

Church Street's Kay Senior Care Center has formed a team to support the Knoxville Alzheimer's Walk on April 14...and you can be a part of their team!

To become a team member, go to <http://www.alztnevents.org/alztn/campaignpage.asp?campaignid=24>. Click *Join a Team* and complete the registration form using the team name: *Kay Senior Care Center*.

Please note: Money raised supports *Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc.* This money stays in the community to help support those persons with Alzheimer's disease, their caregivers and professionals providing care.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MARCH 18 - 24

WORSHIP

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

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

Faith & Film:

Joshua (2002, rated G)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Bridge: Mon., 6:00 pm, CLC 120
Yoga: Mon/Thurs., 7 pm, rm 204
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Line & Couples Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym
Habitat for Humanity Work Day
Saturday, 7:30 am-4:00 pm

SINGLES

Lunch Bunch
Sunday, 12:15 pm, offsite
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Divorce Care - 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

UMW

Distict UMW Day Apart
Saturday, 9 am, Nave/Parish Hall

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Stephen Ministry Peer Supervis.
Thursday, 10 am, rm 202
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Adult Council Meeting
Thursday, 6 pm, rm 202

Lectionary Readings

March 25

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

April 1

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Phillippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

Reflections...

March is our month at Church Street for missions.

On Tuesday morning, NPR news talked about the problem of cholera in Haiti; the rainy season is about to begin, but the cholera vaccine has been held up. They went on to say that the basic problem is unsafe drinking water. Well, as it turns out, Church Streeters Diane and Harlan Richardson, along with Jean Galyon, are in Haiti this week to install another drinking water system. They have installed 6-8 of these for schools, orphanages, and now a small hospital. These are small systems, but they are making a difference.

On Sunday, our youth/adult team will travel to Eluthera Island to work on a home repair project. On another trip to Eluthera, they arrived about the time a tornado struck a nearby island, so they joined the cleanup from that storm. Marc Gamble and Darryll Rasnake are leading this group.

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

Last Saturday and continuing for five or six more, a crew from Church Street joined a group from St. John's Lutheran to build a Habitat House on Baxter Avenue. This house will become the home for a family which has immigrated to this country from Burundi. Habitat provides several team leaders who guide our

volunteers. This way volunteers

who don't know much (yet) about building houses can make a real contribution. There

are places available on the work crews and the lunch teams in the coming Saturdays. Interested? Check with Patti Paul.

In this one month, missions is our hands-on focus. Honestly, we did not plan it this way; it just happened for all the right reasons. Pray for those of our church who travel to these missions sites. Pray, too, for those who will be impacted by these projects: a home, home repairs and a water system.

REFLECTIONS

Important ministry continues in quiet manner

Each week 8-12 prayer cards are turned in or come via e-mail from the congregation. These cards are seen by the clergy staff who respects the confidentiality of each concern and the person who made the request. There are also 41 lay persons in our prayer ministry who receive these concerns (without any names attached) each week. These 41 persons lift each prayer concern to God as a part of their daily devotionals. We are thankful for this ministry which continues each and every week in a very quiet manner, but with a lot of deep concern and prayer for persons and their life situations.

Thanks for these donations to the Church Library All gifts are appreciated!

- *A Decembered Grief...* in memory of Martha Holt...given by UMW Circle #12.
- *Final Words...* In memory of Emily Houser...given by Scott and Barbara Collins.
- *Common English Bible...* In memory of Edith Woodson...given by Scott and Barbara Collins.
- *Three Simple Questions...* In memory of Lucian Trent...given by UMW Circle #12.
- *The Simple Way of Love...* in honor of Mary Carmichael and Barbara Collins...given by Ann Warwick.
- *For the Love of God...* given by a friend of the Library.

• The following gifts were given by Shirley Smith:

The Challenge of the Disciplined Life; The Heart of Christianity; New Testament; It's Our Bible Too; Journey Through the Bible; Christmas - the Good, the Bad, the Ugly; Finding Strength; Concerning Prayer; and Ten Gospel Promises for Later Life.

• The following gifts were given by Ginger and Tom Hood:

John Calvin, Violence Unveiled, Sermons Seldom Heard, and Money Isn't Everything.

To find these and a variety of other books and materials, please visit the McCluskey Library in room 104 (down the hall from the church office).

News & Needs

Children's News

• No evening activities will be held on March 18. Enjoy your spring break! We'll see you again on March 25.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth!** It is Knox County's spring break next week. We will have Sunday school this Sunday; however, there are NO activities Sunday evening. Enjoy spring break!

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.

Singles Ministry News

• **Singles Lunch Bunch** will meet on Sunday, March 18, around 12:30 pm, at *Sweet P's* (3725 Maryville Pike). No reservations needed.

• **Thursday Nights Together (TNT)** Beginning at 7 pm in Parish Hall on **Thursday, March 22, Diana Brown Taylor, LCSW**, will speak on spiritual practices needed to cope with the stresses of life. Singles & couples are invited.

Come early for dinner at 6 pm. Meal cost is \$7; RSVP to 524-3048 no later than Tuesday.

• **Singles Retreat: April 13-15**

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

Faith & Films

• Everyone is invited to watch, "Joshua," a drama about a possible second coming of Christ to a small US town. Join us this Sunday, March 18, at 2 pm in CLC 123. Admission is free.


Web News

www.churchstreetumc.org

• To read *The Messenger* online, go to *News & Events* category and select *Newsletters*. *The Messenger* is online Wednesday afternoon.

• 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

In the hospital:

Ft. Sanders: Edna Bell
Parkwest: Bob Paulson

Home from hospital:

Dorothy Bedwell (back to Shannondale), Jean Murdock (back to Shannondale)

Our Presence

• Mar. 5	Community Worship	21
• Mar. 11	Worship	699
	Sunday School	441

Our Gifts

• Mar. 11	Received toward budget	\$41,026
	Designated receipts	\$7,030

Our Church Family

New Member – Sunday, March 11

Gerard Ellis joined by transfer from First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg, TN.

New Arrival



• **John Aston Thaller** was born to John and Aline Thaller on February 14.

Wedding

• **Carrie Thatcher and Audric Crouch** were married on October 29, 2011 in Townsend, TN.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 18

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Rev. Tom Redding by his wife, Gail, and children, Missy Taylor and Kevin Redding.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

Memorials

in memory of

• Ann E. Chapman

Soup Kitchen: Paula & Grainger Morrison

• Lee Ford

Soup Kitchen: Hugh & Janice Hixson, John & Joan Scott, Charles & Doris Pless, Loraine Rajkowski, Patricia & Russell Hale, Larry & Loretta Best, Barbara & Scott Collins; *Hymnal Fund:* Pathfinders Sunday School Class; *Library Fund:* William & Pat McClure; *Pathfinders PA System:* George & Jane Dominick, Mary & Bob Carmichael, Barbara & Scott Collins

• Jim Hung

Pathfinders PA System: John & Patsy Ellis

• Clay "C.J." Patton

Altar Guild: Hugh & Janice Hixson, Stephen & Velva Trent

• Gladys Roberts

Memorial Fund: Evelyn Dwyer, Charlotte West, John & Evelyn Hill, Sara Kramer; *Kay Senior Care Center:* C. B. Sells; *Library Fund:* Barbara & Scott Collins, Anonymous, *Hymnal Fund:* Pathfinders Sunday School Class; *Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Marie Brabson; *Pathfinders PA System:* Mary & Bob Carmichael

Honoraria

in honor of

• Gerald Guley

Stained Glass Fund: Anonymous

• Dr. Edie Johnson

Master Arts Fund: Nancy & Duane Johnson

• Rev. Cabel Trent

Stephen Ministry: Linda & Larry Blair

• Ann Marie Tugwell

Youth Project Fund: James & Laura McNeil

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
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	Brandon Amburn, Matt Newberry, Nita O'Dell, Mike Plyler

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.

Prayer requests are always invited

Blue cards found in the pew racks are available for your prayer requests. Placed in the offering plates, these will be lifted at the altar during worship and throughout the week by the clergy staff.

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