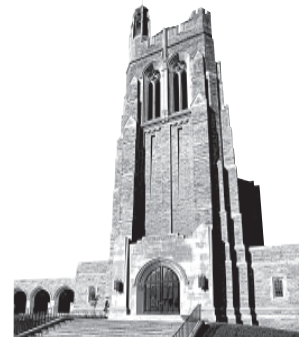


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



7th Sunday of
Easter

• **Sunday, May 20**

Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am – Nave
Rev. Darryll Rasnake

• **Monday, May 21**

Community Worship

6 pm – Chapel – Rev. Darryll Rasnake
Community Worship Hospitality Hosts
May 21: Crossroads
May 28: No Worship Service

• **Wednesday, May 23**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel – Rev. Sarah Varnell

We're looking for new College Grads!

We're looking for recent (or soon-to-be) college graduates from Church Street.

The good news will be announced in the June 5th edition of *The Messenger*.

Please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or twilliams@churchstreetumc.org with details (name, college/university & degree).

The deadline is **12 Noon, Monday, June 4.**

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2012 Conference Hands-On Mission Project needs YOU - Food kits deadline is May 20 & 27

This year, we have a goal of sending 100 5-gallon buckets of food to Zimbabwe as part of the annual conference hands-on mission project. Please help us reach this goal!

Buckets can be picked up on the Parish Hall stage. Completed buckets should be delivered to the church during the Sunday School hour on **Sundays, May 20 & 27**. Deliver to the west end of the church, in the parking lot at the corner of Poplar Street and W. Hill Ave.

- 1 5-lb bag of Corn Meal
- 1 2-lb bag of Dried Beans
- 1 small box of Splenda
- 1 5-lb bag of Sugar
- 1 2-lb bag of Rice
- 1 box of Tea Bags (24 ct, take out of box)
- 1 box of Powdered Milk (9 oz or less)
- 1 bottle of Cooking Oil (48 oz or less)
- 1 5-lb bag of SELF-RISING Flour
- \$5 donation for packing/shipping (tape to bucket)

In lieu of filling a bucket, you may donate \$35 to cover the cost of one food bucket, and volunteers will purchase the items for you. Write check to "CSUMC" and reference "food buckets."

Teachers Appreciation Breakfast is Sunday, May 20 Sunday, May 20 – 8 to 10 am – CLC 123 (Kay Center)

All persons connected one way or another to our educational ministries are cordially invited to the **Teachers Appreciation Breakfast** this **Sunday, May 20**.

Join us from 8 to 10 am in the Kay Senior Care Center (CLC 123) as the Education Committee hosts a breakfast buffet of muffins, fruit, bagels, juice, coffee, etc. for all our teachers and educational leaders.

If you teach children, youth and adults in Sunday School or work with youth during NightLife...you are invited! If you teach adults in other small group studies or serve as an officer in an adult Sunday school class...you are invited! If you are a member of the Education Committee...you are invited!

Please join us on May 20 as we say thank you!



Register now for Vacation Bible School

During this Olympic year, *Bible Olympics: Champions of God's Word*, is the theme for our 2012 Vacation Bible School (VBS)...with the focus on learning more about the Bible.

VBS will be held **June 18-21**, from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Classes will be available for children 3 years of age through those who have completed fifth

grade. Please note: Children must have turned 3 by January 1.

• REGISTER NOW FOR VBS!

Attention Parents: Please register your child now via the church website at www.churchstreetumc.org. Select "Contact Us" from the dropdown menu and choose **VBS registration**.

Get ready for a fun time!



It's time for UMW Book Review

United Methodist Women (UMW) will host a book review on **Wednesday, June 20**, at **1:30 pm** in the church parlor (room 103). We will be reading *Half the Sky* by Sheryl WuDunn and Nicholas Kristof.

For more details, please call Marilyn Ivey at 688-9393.

Preschool looking for Substitute helpers

Note: Paid position

We're looking for persons willing to be Substitute helpers in the Preschool. This is a paid, "on-call" position, perfect for a college student or retiree. You must have a current physical and pass a finger printing test.

For more information, please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3511 or bclibby@churchstreetumc.org.

Wednesday Lunch continues

If you attend the Wednesday midweek service or if you work downtown and are just in the neighborhood, join us for lunch in Parish Hall, beginning at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays. Cost is \$6.50. Please call 524-3048 for meal reservations.

Let the Bible come alive on Holy Land trip

Rick and Sue Isbell will host their 6th trip to the Holy Land in **January 2013**, departing January 8. This 10-day trip will help persons better understand the culture, the geography, the history and the people of the land of the Bible.



If you are interested in going on this trip or if you have already signed up, the next group meeting will be on **Sunday, May 20**, at 7 pm in room 201-A. Registration brochures are on the bulletin board outside the main church office.

Questions? Contact Rick or Sue Isbell at the church.

Education Committee announces summer adult elective series

The Education Committee, along with the Community & Global Missions Committee, is pleased to announce the upcoming summer elective Sunday School series for adults. The class will take place in Parish Hall, beginning at 9:40 am on the specified Sundays. All adults and adult Sunday school classes are invited to participate.

- **June 10:** *Anita Henderlight*, Executive Director of Africa Education Leadership Initiative (ELI) which primarily works in South Sudan. Anita works and lives in South Sudan for much of the year. She will be able to share first-hand what is happening in this area of the country and what her organization is doing.
- **June 17, 24 and July 1:** *Dr. Phillip Sherman*, Maryville College Religion Professor and a Church Street member, will present "The Bible and Human Freedom" for three consecutive Sundays. Phillip will draw from texts of both the Old and New Testaments and explore what the biblical authors might have to teach us about human freedom and how their understandings might intersect or conflict with modern ideas about freedom.

Dates to remember...through July

- May 20 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- June 2-8 Youth Choir Tour to Toronto
- June 10-13 Holston Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
- June 18-21 Vacation Bible School, *Bible Olympics*
- June 27 WNAF with Heather Grubb
- July 8-11 Youth's MAD in the City mission project
- July 17-24 CollegeLife Mission Trip to Summerville, SC
- July 23-27 Camp in the Community
- July 26-28 Youth *Operation Backyard*

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MAY 20-26

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 Communion Service
Wed., 12 noon, Chapel

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 pm, Choir Room

Hunger Helper Market

Sundays mornings
Breezeway • until sold out

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Sunday, 8 to 10 am, CLC 123
Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Lectionary Readings

May 20

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 27

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films
Sunday, 2 pm, CLC 123
Study of Matthew (Wender)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, rm 202
Wed. Book Study (Rasnake)
Wednesday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7:00 pm, rm 201-A

SINGLES

Singles Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120
Singles Yoga
Mon./Thurs., 7 pm, rm 204
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Line Dance - 7 pm - Gym
Yoga - 7 pm - rm 204
Divorce Care - 7 pm - rm 103
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

MEETINGS

Holy Land Trip Meeting
Sunday, 7 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118
Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 204
Wills & Estates Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Church Council
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Chapel
Singles Director Search Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Stephen Min. Peer Supervision
Thursday, 10 am, rm 202
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall

Faith & Film:

Swing Vote (2008 - PG13)

Mother's Day Honor Roll 2012 Kay Senior Care Center

Thank you to all persons who donated to the Kay Center during the Mother's Day observance. These donations will support the Kay Center's Scholarship Fund. Since 1992, this scholarship fund has allowed participants who otherwise are unable to afford the daily fee, to attend the center or attend the center more days per week. Thank you to this year's Honor Roll!

In Honor of	Given By
• JoAnn Armbrister	Matt & Stephanie Strutner
• Ruth Barkley	Bill Barkley & Pat Rule
• Gaye Carmon	Jim & Nancy Carmon
• Zetta Carmon	Jim & Nancy Carmon
• Ann S. Cox	Her daughter & grandchildren
• Patti Harris	David Harris, Jr.
• Polly Anna Harris	David Harris, Jr.
• Polly Anna Harris	Paula & Grainger Morrison
• Marie Hope	Julie & Hope Mirts
• Phyllis Lindsey	David Harris, Jr.
• Betsy Morris	Jim & Nancy Carmon
• Caroline Rowe	Mike & Lynda Faulkner
• Virginia Rule	Bill Barkley & Pat Rule
• Marva Solt	Linda Henderson
• Crystal Smith	Linda Henderson
• Marjorie Siddens	Rick & JoAnn Armbrister
• Jo Terry	Bill , Laura, Elizabeth & Julia Terry
• Agnes Lay	Ed Lay

In Memory of	Given By
• Izzy Armbrister	Rick & JoAnn Armbrister
• Eliza Bastin	Jim & Nancy Carmon
• Mrs. John S. Dempster	Janie & Bill Dempster
• Flossie Donahue	Dwight & Jan Wade
• Elizabeth Eldridge	John & Phyllis Eldridge
• Sara Carmon	Jim & Nancy Carmon
• Jean Carrier	John & Phyllis Eldridge
• Nova Craig	Dave & Betty Craig
• Hazel Grissom	Judy & Dick Grissom
• Mara Georges	Chris Georges, Joy, Patrick & Chris McCabe
• Hazel Johnson	Harold & Sarah Wimberly
• Leona Jordan	Dawn & John von Weisenstein
• Beverly Hope	Julie & Hope Mirts
• Margaret A. Morrison	Paula & Grainger Morrison
• Katie Naff	Her Family
• Lelia Overstreet	LaNoka Rhodes
• Our Mothers	Mary & Bob Carmichael
• Mary Rhodes	LaNoka Rhodes
• Mary Elizabeth Simmons	Jim & Nancy Carmon
• Novella Sorrells	Judy & Dick Grissom
• Minnie Starrett	Dave & Betty Craig
• Catherine von Weisenstein	Dawn & John von Weisenstein
• Kate R. Wade	Dwight & Jan Wade
• Nettie Lee Wimberly	Harold & Sarah Wimberly

Faith & Films ends Spring series with 2 remaining films

Join us at 2 pm in CLC 123 on the specified Sunday as we view and discuss the remaining films that follow the theme, *American Elections*.

- **May 20:** *Swing Vote* – a comedy about a presidential election hinging on the vote of one man.
- **May 27:** *The American President* – a comedy-drama about a widowed U.S. president who falls in love with a lobbyist.

Habitat House Dedication is Sunday, June 10

More details coming soon.

Have you plcked up your parking decal?
Parking decals are available in the church office.

Remember Messenger Deadline

The deadline for submission of items to be considered for publication in the weekly *Messenger* is **noon on the Friday before the Tuesday edition**.

For your item to be considered for publication, contact Teresa Williams at twilliams@churchstreetumc.org or 521-0299. NOTE: There is no guarantee that items received past the deadline will be published.

Join the Children's Ministry Email List

To be part of the Children's Ministry email distribution for news related to Church Street children (class information, volunteer opportunities, family events, etc.), please send an email to Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336



Nathan Malone projected next Knoxville District Superintendent

Bishop James Swanson recently announced the projected appointment of Rev. Nathan Malone as Knoxville District Superintendent replacing Dr. Douglas R. Fairbanks, Jr. Dr. Fairbanks is projected to continue his ministry in the Chattanooga

District as Senior Pastor for First Centenary UMC. All ministerial appointments will be confirmed at the Holston Annual Conference in June.

The following is an excerpt from a recent edition of "The Call":

Rev. Malone has served at Burks in the Chattanooga District for five years. His previous appointments include: Middlebrook Pike

(2001-2007); Concord, associate (1997-2001); First Hillsville (1992-1997); Hardins Chapel (1989-1992); Greeneville Circuit (1988-1989); and Ducktown-Crofts Chapel (1985-1988). He graduated from Candler School of Theology in 1988.

"I know there are many signs of vitality already evident throughout this district on behalf of our Lord Jesus Christ." Malone said. "I will seek to celebrate those ministries and share those stories so as to inform and encourage other congregations."

"My first goal is to simply get to know the people who are the churches of the Knoxville District, along with each of the pastors and their families. I will seek a balance of support and accountability for both pastors and congregations. We all need someone who cares enough about us to both encourage us and challenge us."

"Most of all, I will invite all of us as Christians to be diligent in nurturing our relationship with the Holy Spirit who is God. As Jesus taught us, if we will really learn to love God with everything we are and learn to love people as he showed us, our vitality will cease to be an issue."

Rev. Malone and his wife Vicki will reside in the district parsonage in Fountain City. They have two adult children. Matthew is 24 and is a drummer for the Christian band "On the Bright Side" in Knoxville. Becca is 21 and is a third-year nursing student at UTK.

Remaining Thursday evening sessions look at Substance Abuse and Mental Illness

The TNT (Thursday Night Together) series on Social Concerns, sponsored by the **Singles Ministry** and the **Community & Global Outreach Missions Committee**, continues on the remaining Thursdays in May. The program begins at 7 pm in room 109 (Chiles Room). **FYI:** Dinner is served at 6:15 pm in Parish Hall. Meal reservations are needed and can be made by calling 524-3048. Cost is \$7 per person.

• May 24....*Substance Abuse and Addictions: Wasted Money and Wasted Lives*

Speaker: Bill Lee – Program specialist and interventionist at Cornerstone of Recovery; recovering addict

• May 31....*Mental Illness: From Discovery to Recovery*

Speaker: Sheryl McCormick – Peninsula Coordinator, Peer Support/Recovery Training (Covenant Health Services); secretary of the Mayor's Council on Disability Issues; mental health consumer/advocate

Thanks offered...

• The **Properties Committee** would like to thank Stanley's Plant Farm for the plants they donated for the recent landscaping.

• The **Preschool** wants to thank the Gilbert family for their donations of books and gently-used toys.

Free Line Dance Lessons continue

Free line dance lessons are held in the gym on Thursday nights and will continue throughout the summer. Doors open at 6:30 pm for warmups and socializing. Lessons are from 7 to 7:30 pm. These lessons are for **experienced** dancers. (Note: If you know Electric Slide, you are an experienced dancer.)

For more information, contact dancingfriendstn@yahoo.com.

CHILD CARE REMINDER! Attention Parents!

If **YOU** requested child care for a meeting or rehearsal and decide you don't need it, please remember to call 521-0290 and cancel your child care need.

Register your child for summer camp!



Now is the time to register for summer camp! The nearest United Methodist camp is Wesley Woods Camp in Townsend, TN. It offers a full array of camping options for elementary children and youth.

Full camp booklets can be found in the children's hallway as well as in the youth area in the lower CLC. For more details and to register, please visit www.campwesleywoods.com.

Note: Some scholarships are available. For information, please contact Sue Isbell, children's ministry director, at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

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



“Reflections...”

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

I am increasingly aware that the work of Christ’s Church is different from the work of the world. The world must tend to the work of business with its focus on profit and loss. The world must tend to the work of politics, each party carefully defining itself lest the opposing party define it. The work of the world defines it even as it invites us to make our lives in the world of work and politics.

The Church is defined by the Table of Jesus Christ. It is defined by the Lord who served at the Table.

The Lord stands at the table inviting people, good, bad and indifferent, to join him in holy meal. American Christians have too long assumed that there are people Jesus has given up on: people of enemy nations, people of other religions, people of other races, people who come here illegally, people with mean-looking tattoos. We forget that this is the Jesus who was criticized for sharing meals with

tax collectors and prostitutes. Jesus is anxious to invite all people to this table.

The Lord stands at the table serving everyone who willingly came to the meal. During Lent, I was reminded that on the night Jesus was betrayed, he served Judas

who betrayed him, Peter who denied him, and all the rest who ran to save themselves. We expect

Jesus would serve those who are loyal, who are brave, who are ready to serve with him. But, Jesus served even those who would turn away from him. We have something to learn about the character of serving from him.

The Church is defined by the Table where Christ serves us in Holy Communion. Thus, this Church must stand in this city as a Beacon for Christ, set on this hill: Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ. We offer the light of Christ to this world – calling the people of the world to a higher, holier life than business or politics or good intentions can imagine.



Be a part of the Church Street NEWSWIRE

Those members with email addresses have an opportunity to be up-to-date on Church Street news, such as bereavements, etc. and other late-breaking news which occurs during the week.

To join the Newswire, please contact Teresa Williams, 521-0299 or twilliams@churchstreetumc.org.

Camp Hogwarts Coming in August

Church Street’s first summer day camp is on the calendar for **August 9 & 10**, just before many of our children go back to school.

“Camp Hogwarts” will be centered in the fun of the Harry Potter novels but will offer kids the opportunity to explore a lot of different activities from recreation to crafts to outreach opportunities. Each day will include classes, lunch, snacks, and an afternoon of games and movies. This camp is recommended for children who have completed grades Kindergarten through fifth grade. For this first year, registration is open to Church Street families and the friends they invite. The fee for the camp is \$20 per child to cover food and supplies. Register now in the Children’s Hallway.

Although August seems very far away, planning is already underway for this event and many adults and youth helpers are needed. Check your calendar and volunteer now to help full or part time.

For more information about the camp, or to volunteer to be on the Hogwarts staff, contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.



Volunteer **HOT** List!

- We have a desperate need for **Community Worship van drivers** from 5 to 8 pm on **Mondays, July - September**. Flexible & patient volunteers must be over 25 & under 70. Training provided. Contact Darryll Rasnake at 521-0279 or drasnake@churchstreetumc.org.
- Assist *Family Promise* in preparing & serving a meal (salad, vegetable or main dish), once per quarter, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Contact zaynat@yahoo.com.
- Train as a **Benevolence Team member** to interview & assist clients, every Monday, 12 to 4 pm. Contact boxster44@comcast.net.
- Be a **Camp Hogwarts Helper** assisting with crafts & games during this upcoming children’s event, Aug. 9-10, 9 am to 4:30 pm. Contact sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.
- We’re looking for **New Member Shepherds** to help members become acquainted & involved at Church Street, less than 1 hour per week, 1 year commitment. To volunteer or for more info, contact cindymcox@comcast.net.

CHILDREN’S NEWS

- **Have you registered for VBS yet?** Vacation Bible School will be held June 18-21. See page 1 for registration details.

YOUTH NEWS

- **Hey Youth!** May 20 is our end-of-the-year party at the Fergusons. This is a family event, so bring everyone. Please RSVP by calling 521-0287 or emailing mgamble@churchstreetumc.org.

SINGLES MINISTRY NEWS

- **Singles Lunch Bunch**
Sunday, May 20 - 12:30 pm - *Calhoun’s*, Bearden Hill. No reservations needed.

WEB NEWS

www.churchstreetumc.org

- To read *The Messenger* online, go to *News & Events* category and select *Newsletters*.
- Listen to & watch *REJOICE!* streamed on our website at www.churchstreetumc.org/stream.php.
- Follow us on TWITTER & FACEBOOK!

MUSIC NEWS

Youth Choir News...

- **Youth Choir Tour** to Toronto, June 2-8
- Youth Choir sings for both worship services on Sunday, June 10.

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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

Christian Sympathy to:

Margaret Elliott and family in the death of her nephew, A. J. Allendar, on May 3.

Our Presence

• Sunday Worship	783
• Weekday Worship	56
• Sunday School	419

Our Gifts

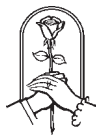
• Received toward budget	\$43,652
• Hunger Helper Market	\$196
• Other Contributions	\$4,945

Our Church Family

New Member – Monday, May 7

- **Crystal O'Connor** joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Wedding



- **Van Thuy Duong and Preston Edward Cloud** were married May 12, with Rev. Andy Ferguson officiating.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 20

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Ruth Brooks, by Jack, Elaine and Jon.

Memorials

in memory of

- **Christine Jones**
Memorial Fund: Tom & Diandra Trotter
- **Russell Willoughby**
Memorial Fund: Ann Sturdivant; *Music Ministry:* Dave & Betty Craig
- **Dr. George Zirkle**
Memorial Fund: Polly & Joe Acker; *General Fund:* Claire Shepherd

Honoraria

in honor of

- **All Church Street Choir Members**
Music Ministry: Sue Hung
- **Edie Johnson**
Music Ministry: Sue Hung
- **Bill & Jo Terry**
Music Ministry: LaNoka Rhodes
- **Tim Ward**
Music Ministry: Sue Hung

Have You Thanked God Today?

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.

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Varnell-263
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Custodians	Brandon Amburn, Matt Newberry, Nita O'Dell, Michael Vineyard

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.

The Messenger to take summer break

The *Messenger* will not be produced on **June 12, July 3, and July 31**. The *Mini-Messenger*, for Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings, will be published if warranted.



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