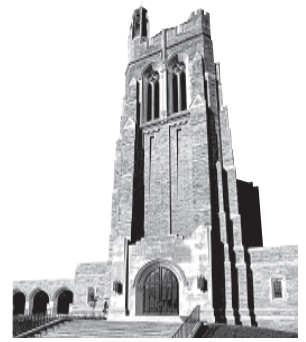


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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



Trinity Sunday  
1st Sunday after  
Pentecost

## • Sunday, June 3

### Worship

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

## • Monday, June 4

### Community Worship

6 pm – Chapel – Rev. Darryll Rasnake  
Community Worship Hospitality Hosts  
June 4: Parables  
June 11: Partners

## • Wednesday, June 6

### Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel – Rev. Sarah Varnell

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## Attention Adults! Special Summer Sunday School class begins June 10

This summer's elective Sunday School class for adults, sponsored by the Education Committee, will be held on Sundays, June 10, 17, 24 & July 1. Individuals and classes are cordially invited to participate. Each class will begin promptly at 9:45 am in Parish Hall. Following is a list of the weekly topics and leaders.

- **June 10:** *Anita Henderlight*, Executive Director of Africa Education Leadership Initiative (ELI), will share first-hand experience in what is happening in South Sudan and what her organization is doing. Please note: Anita works and lives in South Sudan for much of the year.
- **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." 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.

Note: If your class will be attending, please notify Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, at 521-0266 or [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org).

## Graduating from college? Let us hear from you!



We're looking for recent (or soon-to-be) college graduates from Church Street. The good news will be announced in next week's June 5th edition of *The Messenger*. Please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org) with details (name, college/university & degree).

**Deadline: 12 Noon, Monday, June 4.**



## Name tags are ready for pickup

The Church Street name tags that were ordered in May will be ready for pickup in the main office this Sunday, June 3. The name tags will be in the same envelope used for ordering.

NOTE: Some name tags ordered earlier this year are still waiting to be picked up.

Once you have your name tag, be sure and wear it each Sunday and for other special events.

## Bible-Olympics VBS coming June 18-21

### Registration is under way!

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

VBS dates and times are **June 18-21**, 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.

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

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

## Beth Moore summer study begins June 11

A summer Beth Moore Bible study will be held on Monday evenings beginning June 11, at 6:30 pm.

Led by Mae Swanner and Mary Lewis, this study is entitled *Mercy Triumphs* and is based on the Book of James. The cost of the study book is \$15.

To join this study or if you need more details, please call Mary Lewis at 414-5390.

### 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.

## Hike to Mt. LeConte in August

The Adult Council is sponsoring the annual hike and overnight to Mt. LeConte on Aug. 17-18. The cost is \$121 per person and includes 2 meals and overnight in a lodge on Mt. LeConte.

A limited number of reservations are available, and full payment to the church office reserves your place. Reservations are limited to Church Street members until August 1.

If you need more information, please contact Jonathan or Lisa Cooper at 689-9060.



### What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a system through which members of Church Street are trained and organized to help provide Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This will multiply the amount of caring ministry Church Street can provide by giving us a whole team of skilled caregivers who are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis, or experiencing other stressors in life.

For more details about Stephen Ministry, please contact a member of our clergy staff.

## Habitat House Dedication is Sunday, June 10

The dedication for the Habitat House will be at **2 pm** on **Sunday, June 10**. Church Streeters are invited to celebrate the completion of this new home, built with lots of hard work and Christian witness.



The completion of this home represents a new life ahead for Innocent, Vestine and their family. Note: This family arrived in

Knoxville 5 years ago as refugees from war-torn Burundi (Africa) and have worked hard to get jobs, learn English, support their family, and now assist in building a home of their own. At the dedication, we will hear from the family about their experience and how much this home means to them.

The address is **1327 W. Baxter Avenue**.

**Directions:** Take I-275 or Central Street North to W. Baxter Ave. Turn left (west). When the road dead-ends, turn right onto Mercer Street. Turn left immediately to continue onto W. Baxter Ave. The home will be on the right. Note: Parking will be limited so please carpool, if possible, and do not block driveways.

### Parking Reminders...



### Parking

The contract with Republic Parking System provides that anyone, member or visitor, who comes to worship or for any church purpose, is not expected to pay. Republic *does* expect payment from anyone who uses our lots for non-church purposes.

Parking decals for church members and regular visitors are available in the church office on Sundays and during the week. Note: Sunday mornings are reserved for Church Street services so members and visitors can park anywhere in our lots. At ALL other times, either a decal or payment is required.

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

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: JUNE 3-9

### 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 Canadian Tour  
...Through Friday, June 8

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Lunch  
Wednesday, 12:30pm, Parish Hall  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30pm, Gym

### Lectionary Readings

#### June 3

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

#### June 10

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

### PERSONAL &

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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 Advisory Team  
Monday, 6 pm, rm E-03  
Bridge: Mon., 6 pm, CLC 120  
Yoga: Mon., 7 pm, rm 204  
SinglesLineDance  
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym  
Divorce Care  
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 103  
Friday Games Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

### MEETINGS

Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 noon, rm 118  
Properties Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202  
Lay Leadership Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 122  
Food Services Committee  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 118

**Hunger Helper Market**  
Sunday mornings  
Breezeway • until sold out

## "Reflections...on Annual Conference"

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

The very United Methodist ritual called "annual conference" is coming up soon — beginning June 10. Other institutions make their biggest decisions at Board meetings or elections or such. United Methodists make their biggest decisions at "conferences." So, this is, like every session of the Annual Conference, important.

The main business of this session of the annual conference is the retirement of our Bishop, James Swanson. Bishop Swanson has served Holston Conference for eight years. Across his years, he has given this conference every ounce of energy he has. We noticed that energy first in his preaching, but it shows up in every other area, too. Often, when I encounter the Bishop at a big event (for me), he is just arriving from another big event (one of several for him). The responsibilities that have rested on his shoulders have been great, and he has carried them with focus, wisdom, and passion for Jesus Christ. We will miss his leadership.

The second item of business that will affect Church Street Church is the reappointment of Rev. Sarah Varnell, Rev.

Darryll Rasnake, Rev. Rick Isbell, and me to serve as the pastors of this church. (Yes, Rev. Cabel Trent is continuing as our Special Needs Pastor. It's just that he is retired from the annual conference and does not serve at Church Street as an "appointment.")

The third item that will have a direct impact on Church Street is that Knoxville District will be receiving a new District Superintendent. Rev. Doug Fairbanks will be appointed to First Centenary in Chattanooga, and Rev. Nathan Malone will be appointed as our new Superintendent. Nathan is a familiar face; he served Middlebrook Pike United Methodist a few years ago.

Other items of necessary business: a budget for the annual conference, the report on General Conference from our Holston Delegation, elections to a long list of annual conference committees. Then, there is the United Methodist family reunion which occurs under the shade trees of the Assembly grounds.

So, we will go on the second Sunday of June to conference together; we are the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## Volunteer **HOT** List!

- Volunteers needed in the **Kay Senior Care Center** to provide companionship (helping with reading, music, crafts, or devotionals). For info, please contact Judith Winters at 521-0293 or [jwinters@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jwinters@churchstreetumc.org).
- Be a **Preschool Sunday school teacher** — teams of 4 volunteers are needed to help with 2, 3 and 4 year old children. Contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or [sisbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:sisbell@churchstreetumc.org).
- **Help UT students move into the dorms** on Aug. 18. Contact [waltonmonty@yahoo.com](mailto:waltonmonty@yahoo.com).

## Children's News

- **Register for Summer Day Camp - Camp Hogwarts is coming Aug. 9-10** and is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration forms are in the children's hallway.

## Youth News

- **Hey Youth!** Online registration for summer activities can be found on the youth website at [www.churchstreetyouth.com](http://www.churchstreetyouth.com).

## 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](mailto:jcshearer2@comcast.net).

## Singles Ministry News

- **Singles Lunch Bunch**  
Sunday, June 10 - 12:30 pm - *Macaroni Grill* (across from West Town Mall). No reservations needed.

## Web News

[www.churchstreetumc.org](http://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](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/stream.php).
- Follow us on TWITTER & FACEBOOK!

## Music News

Upon returning from their Canadian tour, the **Parish Youth Choir** will sing at both morning worship services on **Sunday, June 10.**



### Attention UMW members!

**The date for the summer potluck picnic has been changed! The NEW date is: Tuesday, June 26.....6:30 pm in Parish Hall**

(More details coming in next week's Messenger)

## MESSENGER news!

### • To submit items for *The Messenger*...

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 item consideration, please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org). NOTE: There is no guarantee that items received past the deadline will be published.

### • To receive *The Messenger* via email...

To have an online copy of the weekly *Messenger* emailed to you, contact Teresa Williams at [twilliams@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:twilliams@churchstreetumc.org).

### • To receive *The Messenger* via our website...

To view the weekly *Messenger* on our website, go to [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org). Under the News & Events category, select Newsletters.

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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:

Chloe Rader, Rick Armbrister,  
Lovada Ferguson

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Maria Salmone Warren and family** in the death of her father-in-law, Jerry Warren, on May 24.

**Blake Thatcher and family** in the death of his mother, Lucy Matthews Thatcher, on May 25.

**Kelly Bishop and family** in the death of her mother, Mary Jim Kelly Cogdill, on May 27.

### Our Presence

- Sunday Worship 518
- Sunday School 323

### Our Gifts

- Received toward budget \$24,343
- Hunger Helper Market \$195
- Other Contributions \$4,764

## Our Church Family

### New Arrival



- **Kenna Barkley** was born to Brent and Michelle Barkley in New Bern, NC. Grandparents are Bill Barkley and Pat Rule.

## Altar Flowers for Sunday, June 3

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Joan and Willard Sitton by their children.
- **The Chapel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of David and Pearl Hung by the family.

## Memorials

in memory of

- **Robert Smelcer**  
*Benevolence Fund:* John & Dawn von Weisenstein
- **Russell Willoughby**  
*Music Ministry:* John & Dawn von Weisenstein

## 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.

## Have You Listened To God Today?

### Do you have a favorite hymn in the United Methodist hymnal?

If so, let us know what it is. Our favorite hymns will be included in worship services during the summer months.

Please write your 'favorite' hymn on the attendance registration pad in worship during the next Sundays or email it to Tim Ward at [tward@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:tward@churchstreetumc.org).

## HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Called to Action"  
June 10-13

Lake Junaluska,  
North Carolina



## 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
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Preschool Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
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Custodians	Brandon Amburn, Matt Newberry, Nita O'Dell, Michael Vineyard

**MAIN OFFICE HOURS**  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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**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.

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