Our New Members...Let's get acquainted!

The Congregational Care Committee wants to thank all of our new members who have participated in interviews for our New Member inserts in *The Messenger*. If you have recently joined our church and have not been contacted for a story, please call Nancy Carmon at 689-5511 or ncyandjim@comcast.net.



Welcome...Tommy Dorsey

Tommy was born in Warren, Michigan and grew up in Beaverton, Michigan. He has lived in Knoxville for 13 years and is an on-line training developer.

Tommy will marry Church Streeter, **Danielle** Dimond, this August. He hasn't joined a Sunday School class yet and wants to look into various ministry opportunities. His hobbies include hockey, fishing, wakeboarding and running.

Welcome...Joanne Rice

Joanne grew up in the Fountain City area of Knoxville. She attended Central High School and Vanderbilt University. She has lived in California also. Joanne is a single mom to **Dean** (a sophomore at Bearden High School) and **Laura** (an 8th grader at Hardin Valley Middle School). Joanne is a nurse anesthetist in a private office.

Three things attracted her to Church Street: the friendliness of the members, the beauty of the sanctuary/nave and the preaching of Andy Ferguson. She isn't currently in a Sunday School class. Her hobbies include boating and water skiing. She likes snow skiing also!





Welcome...Chris and Lauren Herbstritt

Lauren was raised in Knoxville as was **Chris** even though he was born in Denver, Colorado. Lauren is the Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs at the UT College of Law. Chris is a landscape designer and is employed by Creekside Nursery. They married at Church Street, but then moved to Mississippi.

Upon their return to Knoxville about 4 years ago, they felt that Church Street was where they should be. They especially enjoy the traditional worship experience and are members of the Covenant Sunday School class. Lauren has also joined the new UMW Sarah Circle. For hobbies, Lauren likes to run and read. She and Chris also like to hike and travel.

Welcome...Gerard Ellis

Gerard grew up in Dyersburg, TN. He lived in Knoxville while his dad was in graduate school and then moved back to west Tennessee. He has lived in Knoxville for 8 years. Gerard is single and works with Scripps Interactive, doing websites and video. His parents are Church Streeters, John and Patsy Ellis.

Gerard hasn't joined a Sunday School class yet and wants to explore volunteer opportunities at Church Street. His hobbies include the Sierra Club, hiking in the Smokies, and photography.



Welcome...Chuck & Janie Powell

Chuck grew up in Knoxville, lived in Texas for a while, and then moved back to Knoxville. **Janie** grew up in West Paducah, KY. She attended the University of Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY. Chuck sells architectural products (windows, etc.) Janie is a



chaplain at Ft. Sanders Hospital. Both are ministers in the Baptist faith and are working on their candidacy for ordination in the United Methodist Church. Chuck and Janie have been married for 6 years and have a 2-1/2 year old daughter, **Zoe**.

As for finding Church Street, they had chosen 5 or 6 churches that they were going to visit. They visited Church Street first and never went anywhere else. They appreciate the tradition, the choir, and they say that Church Street "just felt right!" Chuck is a musician, enjoying guitar, piano and singing. He also likes books and movies. Janie loves to read books concerning theology and also the Victorian period.

Welcome...Kimberlee & Isabella Kazmier

Kim is a busy mom, wife, and homemaker, and **Isabella** is a rising junior at Farragut High School who recently received the Girl Scout Gold Award. (Note: The family also includes husband Tim and two other children, Matthew who is a recent Georgia Tech graduate working in Atlanta, and Kaitlin, a student at the University of South Carolina.)

Born and raised in Atlanta, GA, Kim has lived in Knoxville for 20 years. Isabella was born here. They live in west Knoxville. Kim isn't in a Sunday School class yet, but has joined UMW Circle #10.



Kim's first exposure to Church Street was during "Walk Through Bethlehem." After visiting a few other churches, she was attracted to Church Street by the warm "feeling of home." She especially enjoys Andy's sermons, the music, the architecture and the children's sermons. Kim's hobbies include gardening, playing tennis, watercolor painting and stained glass.



Welcome...Al Thompson

Even though **Al** grew up in South Knoxville and attended Young High School, he lived in Los Angeles for a few years before returning home to Tennessee and Knoxville. He is retired from the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Al has been married to long-time Church Streeter, Cynthia Thompson, for 25 years. Cynthia's daughter Deborah lives in Knoxville and has 3 children.

Al enjoys playing computer games and emailing friends daily. When he can't attend, Al stays connected to Church Street by watching REJOICE! each Sunday morning.

We're so glad you have joined the Church Street family!

