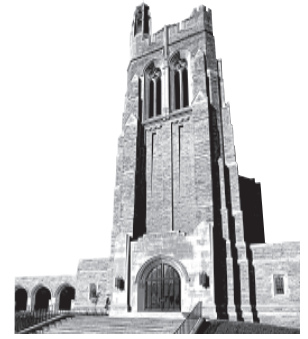


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



14th Sunday after Pentecost

**• Sunday, September 2**

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

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**• Monday, September 3**

Note: No Community Worship...The Church Is closed on Sept. 3 due to Labor Day.

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**• Wednesday, September 5**

**Midweek Worship & Communion**  
12 Noon – Chapel – Rev. Sarah Varnell

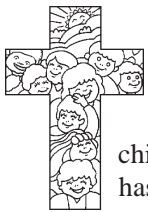
**Have you picked up your parking decal?**

Parking decals are available in the church office.



**Check out the Fall Activities insert in this edition of The Messenger!**

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## Is Your Spirit Ready for Adventure?

Our rotation Sunday school for elementary children was launched ten years ago. Our goal was to help our kids become more biblically literate and to re-energize Sunday school, which is the cornerstone of our children's ministry. The kids named it "**Spirit Adventure**" and the result has definitely been an adventure of the spirit for each child who participates and each adult who is willing to teach them.

Rotation Sunday school allows children to change topics every five weeks. During a five week unit, each child experiences the same Bible teaching through five different learning styles: art, drama, movies, computers, and our Rabbi's Retreat which may engage them in cooking, games, or intense Bible study.

Here is the beauty of *Spirit Adventure*: you agree to teach one lesson five times and then your commitment is over. If you like crafty things, you can teach the art room; if you like to lead games, we can use you in Rabbi's Retreat; if you play games on your iPhone, iPad or home computer, we can use you in the computer room. You teach short term – very short term – and teach from your own gifts and strengths. Lessons are simple to follow, all the supplies are gathered for you, and a shepherd will be with you to help with the class.

For more information,  
contact Sue Isbell  
at 521-0282 or  
[sisbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:sisbell@churchstreetumc.org).

*Spirit Adventure* has relied on parents as the core of our teaching force, and each parent with a child in Sunday school needs to help in some way. But we want to widen our scope and invite anyone with an interest in enriching your own life by spending a few weeks with children to commit for this short term teaching opportunity.

## Welcoming Service for Bishop Taylor to be held Sept. 9

The Church Street congregation is invited to celebrate the beginning of Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor's leadership in the Holston Conference at **3 pm on Sunday, Sept. 9** at **Concord UMC**. Bishop Taylor will preach, and music will be provided by the Concord Chancel Choir.

A reception will follow. Concord UMC is located at 11020 Roane Drive, Knoxville, 37932.

## BOOMSDAY activities coming Sunday, Sept. 2

- 4 to 8 pm ..... Carnival Games (2 to 4 tickets) .. Gym ..... 25 cents per ticket
- 4 to 8 pm ..... Bounce House (6 tickets) ..... Gym ..... 25 cents per ticket
- 4 to 8 pm ..... Snack Bar ..... Breezeway ..... \$1 per item
- 4 to 8 pm ..... Free Activities/Games ..... CLC hallway ... FREE
- 4:30 pm ..... Gospel Magic Show ..... CLC 120 ..... FREE
- 5:30 to 7 pm ... Supper (hamburger/hotdog) ..... Parish Hall ..... \$5 & \$3
- 7 pm ..... Movie, "Planet 51" ..... CLC 120 ..... FREE



**NOTE: Park prior to 6 pm to guarantee a spot / Buildings close at 9 pm.**

## Church Street's Youth are celebrating REACH 2012 on Sept. 9

This year's youth ministry theme is REACH, as we reach out to touch and grow in all the areas of our vision statement.


The Youth Ministry would like to invite all youth, friends and families of youth, and all interested Church Streeters to REACH 2012, our kickoff celebration.

At this event youth and parents will receive information about all the programs, events, trips, and new curriculum. Volunteer opportunities for parents and other church members interested in serving in the youth ministry will be displayed. Youth will be able to make deposits and sign up for planned events throughout the year such as retreats and Resurrection with a fun drawing for a chance to win a free event.

**REACH 2012** will be held in the gym on **Sunday, Sept. 9**, from **5 to 7 pm**. The cost of dinner is \$5 per person and can be paid at the door. **Please call the church office at 524-3048 no later than Sept. 2 to make your reservations.**

**Sterchi Lodge Work Weekend is coming  
Sept. 28-30**

## We're collecting eye glasses!

The Murphy Builders Sunday School Class is  collecting eyeglasses for the East Tennessee Lions Club Eye Bank. The Lions Eye Bank provides glasses, eye surgery, and optical care for the needy of East Tennessee. As a project of the Community and Global Outreach Committee, the class has placed a collection box in their classroom (room 204). Please bring your old glasses, contacts, or other eyewear to the box.

For more details, please contact Dan Kelley at 385-1187.

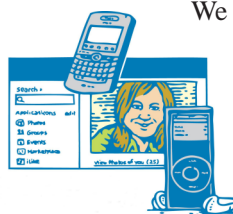
## Sept. 9 is Christian Education Sunday

Join us for this special time when all leaders in our Christian Education Ministry are recognized. Our Third Graders will also receive Bibles from the church.

## Have You Talked To God Today?

### Let's look at Social Media at Church Street

Communication with any large group of people can definitely be difficult. Within such a diverse group of people like our congregation, finding one common way to disseminate information effectively is next to impossible.



We realize that different age groups prefer to receive information in different ways. Church Street has had a presence on *Facebook* and *Twitter* for a while now, but we have not pushed the potential of either. We would like to now!

Over the next many months we will make a concerted effort to communicate announcements, reminders, celebrations, and uplifting thoughts through *Facebook* and *Twitter*. If you already follow us in these digital spaces, do us a favor and share or retweet the posts. If you are not connected with us in these ways, please find us on *Facebook* by searching for "csumcknoxville" and on *Twitter* at "@churchstreetUMC".

For those of you not interested in social media, please do not be alarmed; we will continue to disseminate information by traditional means. However, if you are interested in learning more about the social media outlets, please contact Marc Gamble at 521-0287 or [mgamble@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:mgamble@churchstreetumc.org).

## CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 2-8

### WORSHIP

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!*  
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)  
Midweek Communion Service  
Wed., 12 noon, Chapel

**Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.**

### MUSIC

Adult Choir Practice  
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

### LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Boomsday Activities  
Sunday, 4 to 9 pm, CLC & Parish Hall  
Wednesday Lunch  
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

### PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Wednesday Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9 am, rm 202  
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)  
Wednesday, 7:00 pm, rm 201-A

### MEETINGS

Stewardship Committee  
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Congregational Care Committee  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 202  
Education Committee  
Tuesday, 7 pm, offsite  
Properties Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202  
Lay Leadership Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 122  
Food Service Committee  
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 118  
Preschool Board Mtg  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 202

### Hunger Helper Market

Sundays • Breezeway  
9 a.m. until sold out

### SINGLES

Line Dance: Thurs., 7 pm, Gym  
Friday Fun Night Dance  
Friday, 8 pm, Gym

### UMW

Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204

### Lectionary Readings

September 2	September 9
Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalms 72	Psalms 19
James 1:17-27	James 3:1-12
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 8:27-38



**Church is closed on Labor Day,  
Monday, September 3**



## “Reflections...”

—Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

For many years, **Teresa Williams** has served as Communications Director for us at Church Street. This means that she has written and produced a thousand (and more) issues of *The Messenger* and served as producer for hundreds of episodes of *Rejoice!* In addition, countless brochures and ads and publicity announcements have come from her desk.

Now she is moving on; Friday, September 14, will be our last day with Teresa. To provide a day for members and staff to thank her for her years of service, we will have a luncheon in her honor on Tuesday, September 4. This luncheon at noon is sponsored by those committees that have worked most closely with her along with the staff. All church members are welcome and invited to join in this day of recognition for Teresa.

More than most areas of the church’s life, communications has undergone great changes across these years. While

maintaining the familiar look and feel of *The Messenger*, Teresa has overseen a complete rewrite of the church website, updating it visually and providing more opportunities for interaction. Digital photography has gone from limited to available on every cellphone (smartphone or not-so-smart).

Still, communications remains a very personal work: having a sense of what story should be told and what medium to use to tell it requires a personal touch. Then, there is the necessary follow-through. Many ideas pop up, but someone must follow those ideas through to completion.

This has remained Teresa’s contribution – seeing that the Church Street story is told each week, via the right medium, in the words and images that speak to all kinds of people. So, we say, “Thank you,” to Teresa Williams. We wish you the best in all that comes next.



### Sign up for the “Gotta Know Knoxville” class

#### Free afternoon class to be held in September

The Adult Council is sponsoring a fun afternoon class in collaboration with the Knoxville Convention and Visitor Bureau. A free “Gotta Know Knoxville” class will be held on **Wednesday, Sept. 19**, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Participants will meet at noon at the Knoxville Visitors Center for an in-classroom presentation (with a complimentary lunch). The group will then enjoy a 2-hour walking tour of downtown Knoxville and a 1-hour bus tour.

There is no cost for the class or for Visitors Center parking; however, you must register through the church office by Tuesday, Sept. 4. New participants only!

If you have additional questions about this informative opportunity please contact Church Streeter, Judy Grubb, at 573-8826 or [grubb2@hotmail.com](mailto:grubb2@hotmail.com).



### Favorite Hymns sung this summer!

We asked and you provided us with lists and lists of your favorite hymns. We’re happy to report that we have used at least one favorite and sometimes three favorites every Sunday this summer.

We tried our best to use as many as possible when they supported the morning liturgy. Below are some that we have used.

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*  
*This is My Song*  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
*Come, We That Love the Lord*  
*Lift High the Cross*

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
*Balm in Gilead (solo)*  
*How Firm a Foundation*  
*It is Well With My Soul*  
*He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*This is the Day of New Beginnings*  
*Amazing Grace (choral)*

## Volunteer **HOT** List!

- We still need **BOOMSDAY** volunteers! Help out on Sept. 2 & get free parking. Contact Beth Libby at 524-3511.
- **New Member Shepherds** are needed 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 [cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net](mailto:cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net).
- Train as a **Benevolence Team** member to interview & assist clients, every Monday, 12 to 4 pm. Contact [boxster44@comcast.net](mailto:boxster44@comcast.net).

## Children’s News

- If you are the parent of a 3rd grader, make sure that Sue Isbell knows the name your child wants on his or her Bible. Call and leave a message with Sue at 521-0282.

## Youth News

- You have received an invitation to our kick-off “Reach” event on Sept. 9. Please mark that date on your calendar and call the church office at 524-3048 to make reservations for your family.

## CollegeLife News

- **College Sunday School** is now meeting after the 11 am service for lunch out. Email Merry-Reid at [mrsheffer@comcast.net](mailto:mrsheffer@comcast.net) for more info.

## Singles News

- **Friday Fun Night Dance**  
*Friday, Sept. 7 - 8 pm in the Gym*  
Admission: \$7 (includes snacks, soft drinks, special dessert). Doors open at 7:15 pm. Dance begins at 8 pm. Singles & couples are invited.

## 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

### Now’s the time to join a choir!

For details, contact Tim Ward at 521-0276 or [tward@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:tward@churchstreetumc.org) or Edie Johnson at 521-0277 or [ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org).



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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:

U.T.: Richard Sterchi, A. B. Fuller

#### Home from hospital:

Frank Ralston, Chris McCabe

#### Christian Sympathy to:

**Polly Anna Harris and family** in the death of her husband, David Harris, on Aug. 23.

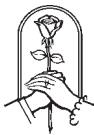
### Our Presence

• Sunday Worship	642
• Weekday Worship	51
• Sunday School	442

### Our Gifts

• Received toward budget	\$45,622
• Hunger Helper Market	\$208
• Other Contributions	\$6,795

## Wedding



• **Danielle Leigh Dimond and Tommy Stanley Dorsey, Jr.** were married August 25, with Rev. Sarah Varnell officiating.

**Hunger Helper Market will close the season on Sunday, Sept. 16.**



## Memorials

in memory of

- **Jane Dudley**  
*Altar Guild:* Larry & Loretta Best, Judge Harold & Sarah Wimberly, Billy & Sandra Roberts, Agnes Lay, Lou & George McNutt, Joe & Kane McAfee, Dorothy Vola; *Music Ministry:* Fay Adams; *Kay Center:* C. B. Sells
- **Nelle Kroll**  
*Pastor's Discretionary Fund:* Evelyn Kent

## Honoraria

in honor of

- **Mae Swanner**  
*Children's Ministry:* Monday Evening Beth Moore Bible Study

## In Memoriam

**David Joseph Harris, Sr.**

Joined: 09-02-1962 Died: 08-23-2012

## 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.

## Altar Flowers for Sunday, Sept. 2

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are in loving memory of David Harris, Sr., and in honor of David and Polly Anna being members of Church Street UMC for 50 years. The flowers are given by their children, David, Frank and Paula and their families.
- **The Chapel Altar Flowers** are in loving memory of Jean Armstrong Ferguson given by the Ferguson family.

## 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	Marc Gamble-287
Communications Director	Teresa Williams-299
Preschool Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Judith Winters-293
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Church Administrator	Kate Bledsoe-268
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Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
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Secretary	Julie Hill-278
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Head Custodian	Mike Plyler-274
Custodians	Brandon Amburn, Matt Newberry, Nita O'Dell, Leo Thibeault

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

**Church Office:** (865) 524-3048

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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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