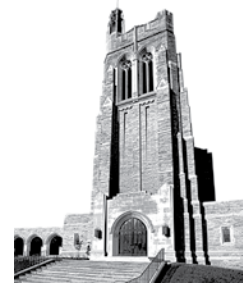


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 4

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Communion & Commitment

Sunday

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Note: Daylight Saving Time Ends

Monday, November 5

Community Worship

6:00 PM – Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship

Hospitality Hosts

November 5: Murphy Builders & Potter's Wheel

November 12: Discover & Seekers

Wednesday, November 7

Midweek

Worship & Communion

12 noon – Chapel

Rev. Sarah Varnell

Sunday Supper

5:15–6 PM in Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

November 4

Sliced Brown Sugar Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Corn (cinnamon-honey glazed carrots for kids), Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Rolls and Dessert

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade and Water

➔ Reservations needed by noon on Thursdays; call 524-3048.

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A Beacon that Lights the Night!

Last Thursday, Church Street was well represented at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk in Circle Park. With nearly 80 Church Streeters and friends signed up to walk on our team, we gathered together beneath a beautiful yellow tree so that we could proudly walk behind the Church Street banner. As many of you have heard, our church, enabled by the leadership of Emily Ehrenschwender, has been raising money and awareness to honor our own Rick Isbell who was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma this past year. Thanks to our volunteer cooks: Doug Spencer, and Dan and Julia Kelley, we enjoyed a wonderful spaghetti meal on Oct. 7 after worship, served by our youth and serenaded by our youth choir. It was a great event that raised approximately \$2,000 to go directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Rick Isbell's honor. Since then, the team has continued to gather donations and our grand total the night of the walk was: \$6,982! This is a wonderful celebration for our Church, and we are so grateful for the vision and passion of Emily as she encouraged us to be in ministry with our community in this profound way. Thanks to all who contributed funds, time, and prayers!

New Member Gathering & Luncheon

Sunday, November 11, 12:15 PM, Parish Hall

The Congregational Care Committee invites all new members who have joined in 2012, and who have not previously attended a new member lunch, to this special luncheon. We want to recognize all our new members this year and give them an opportunity to get to know one another. The luncheon is free, but please RSVP to the church office (524-3048) by Monday, November 5.

November WNAF

Our Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship luncheon program will be one week earlier than usual. We will meet on Nov. 14, at 12:30 PM in Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be John Becker, co-news anchor from WBIR-TV. Be sure to put this date on your calendar now. Detailed information to come next week.

Barriers to Growth and Unity

Discover some of the problems the early church encountered as Dr. Fleming presents, *Growing Pains in the Early Church*, in this year's Fleming Lecture Series, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17–18, in Parish Hall. Perhaps the lessons learned by our pioneers in faith can be applied today, such as: class barriers, language barriers, reinterpreting Scripture for our time, the secular world and philosophy, and barriers arising from barbaric behavior and bad government. Save the dates: Sat., Nov. 17 and Sun., Nov. 18, and look for more details of each lecture in a special mailing and in next week's *Messenger*.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Every year the Singles Ministry of Church Street coordinates the Thanksgiving Baskets Project, which provides the fixings for a delicious meal that some families could not otherwise afford. This year we will prepare baskets for 80 families. For this to happen we need donations to purchase the food items and people to assemble the baskets and deliver the baskets. **Getting involved in this ministry is easy! If you would like to:**

- Provide a monetary donation to buy food items, make checks payable to Church Street UMC and note "Thanksgiving Basket" on your check.
- Assemble baskets, come to the Gym on Thursday, November 15, at 4 p.m.
- Deliver the baskets, call the church office (524-3048) so we can plan our delivery routes; then come to the Gym on Sunday, November 18.

Join us in any or all of the above stages. Your help is needed and very much appreciated!

Your Name is Important

It sure is nice when you can call someone by their name and someone can know your name. At Church Street UMC, your name is important to us and the Evangelism Committee is making it possible for you to get your own permanent name tag to wear when you are at church on Sunday or during the week. It is very simple. Here is what to do:

- Fill out one of the name tag envelopes in the pew racks and place \$6 in it,
- Put the envelope in the collection plate,
- Within a few weeks, pick up your name tag in the church office.

Some persons have already ordered nametags that need to be picked up in the church office. Sooner or later, we will be able to call fellow members by their names and no longer be strangers.

SNL Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Sunday evening, November 11, from 5:45 to 6:45 in the Parlor. Kathryn Freeman will lead the discussion on *The Road From Coorain* by Jill Ker Conway. New members are welcome to join and hopefully will have read the book. Any questions can be asked of Kathryn Freeman at 693-9371.



November 4th Selections

4:15–5:15 PM

Social Media & Smart Phones

Room 118

This hour of fun and learning with Marc Gamble will explore the basic skills and hot topics surrounding new communication methods.

6:00 PM

Holiday Decorations

CLC, Room 122

Watch and learn as Scott Morrell, Church Street's premier florist, demonstrates how to create two pumpkin centerpieces.

6:15–6:45 PM

Vacation Tips & Tools

CLC, Room 120

Mike Bryan offers useful travel information covering passport requirements, warnings and security, driving permits, dining out, foreign currency and more.

Church Street UMC Calendar: November 4–10

Sunday, November 4:
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Set clocks BACK 1 hour

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)
Community Worship
Monday, 6 pm, Chapel
Supper follows in Parish Hall
Midweek Communion Service
Wed., 12 noon, Chapel

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Kinder Choir
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 212
Primary Choir (1st–2nd grades)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 306
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:50 pm, rm 304
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Parish Hall
Wednesday Fellowship Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Children

God's Gang (1st–2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, CLC 213
Twizzlers (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, CLC 213

Youth

NightLife Volunteers Meeting
Sunday, 4:15 pm, CLC 14
NightLife
Sunday, 5:45 pm, Lower CLC
High School Bible Study
Tuesday, 8:30 pm, offsite
Middle School Girls Bible Study
Wednesday, 5 pm, offsite
Band Practice
Wed., 6:30 pm, CLC 15
Youth Basketball Practice
Thursday, 6 pm, Gym

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Christian Believer Class
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
SNL: Social Media/Smart Phones
Sunday, 4:15 pm, rm 118
SNL: Fall/Holiday Decorations
Sunday, 6 pm, CLC 122
CollegeLife Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Marriage Mentoring
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, Parlor
SNL: Vacation Travel Tips/Tools
Sunday, 6:15 pm, CLC 120
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, rm 202
Wednesday Book Study
Wed., 10 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

UMW

UMW Executive Meeting
Tuesday, 10 AM, rm 204

Meetings

Benevolence Team
Monday, 12–4 pm, CLC 124
Madrigal Dinners Meeting
Mon., 4 pm, W. Parish Hall
Singles Advisory Team
Monday, 6 pm, rm E-03
Worship Committee
Monday, 6:30 pm, rm 202
Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Properties Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202
Lay Leadership Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122

Singles

Bridge: Mon., 6 pm, CLC 120
Yoga: Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Line Dance: Thurs., 7–9 pm, Gym
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym/CLC



Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

The good memory of our recent focus on the stained glass windows lingers. Mainly, I keep thinking about the individuals and families in the past who decided that placing these windows in the church was important. Their names are listed in the history of the church or on the windows themselves.

What conviction led them to make that commitment? I do not believe it was a conviction about their “fair share.” The focus on our fair share leads us to look around to see what others are doing. The commitment of others becomes the limit of ours. Neither do I believe that theirs was a conviction that if they did not act, someone else would step forward. Standing aside is based on the assumption that it does not matter. Clearly, those who gave the windows were convinced that these windows mattered. Neither of these convictions could have led them to make such long-lasting gifts.

This coming Sunday, November 4, is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. As you prepare for this

Sunday, think about what you want to see this Church accomplish. Are you convinced that it is our task to bring up the children “in the fear and admonition of the Lord?” Are you convinced that we must offer Christ and Christian encouragement to the college students who come to worship? Are you convinced that we must teach and articulate this Christian faith clearly and compellingly? We have the opportunity. We have the message.

Do we also have the joyous sense that God has given us the moment to do all this? This opportunity is now our joy; we hold the opportunity to address this corner of the world with the message of Christ.

On Sunday, we gather on Commitment Sunday. Consider the fact that in a generation past, others gathered on a commitment Sunday and decided that they must be the ones... to place a stained glass window... to begin a new direction... to continue a ministry. The next generation will stand in the shadow of what we build.

The Fellowship of Believers This Sunday, many of our members who can no longer come to Church Street for worship will receive the sacrament when Home Communion Teams visit and serve Communion to them and their families in a brief but meaningful mini-service. Thank you to our Home Communion team members for your assistance.

UMW General Meeting

All ladies are invited and welcome to join us for our next UMW General Meeting to be held **Tuesday, November 13, at 11:00 AM in the Chapel.** Our speaker will be **Fran Ansley**, professor emeritus and distinguished professor at UT’s College of Law who will speak on “Welcoming the Stranger.” She will share her expertise on the issues surrounding immigration, the challenges faced by immigrant communities, as well as her legal and political insights concerning the rights of immigrants. She has shared her experiences with many UMW groups within our Conference, and we are looking forward to her time with us.

Ansley is widely published in the areas of labor rights, race and gender, poverty and workers’ responses to globalization. She served as principal humanities adviser for Anne Lewis’ film *Morristown: In the Air and Sun*, a documentary about the impacts of globalization in East Tennessee. Although she retired from teaching in 2007, she still works with faculty and students from the UT College of Law on projects of mutual interest.

Our meeting will also include a brief recognition and remembrance of our UMW members who have died during this year. If you have been collecting a “Penny and a Prayer” offering, please bring it with you to the meeting. **Lunch will follow at noon.** Please call your Circle Chairperson by Wednesday, November 7, if you would like a lunch reservation.

Elevator UPdate

Renovations continue and there is a possibility the elevator will again be out of service on Sunday, November 4. If this is the case, please use the ramp off of Hill Avenue to access the Nave, Chapel and second floor. The Properties Committee appreciates your patience as the elevator is upgraded to meet current building codes.

Unglued Book Study

Ladies! A new study begins on Wednesday, October 31, featuring the book *Unglued* by Lysa Terkeurst. In this video and workbook study, we will focus on making wise choices in the midst of raw emotions. Join us every Wednesday in room 202 from 9:00–11:00 AM. For more information, contact Juanita Cowles at 712-3262.

Lectionary Readings

November 4

Ruth 1:1–18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

November 11

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

CHILDREN’S n e w s

Sunday afternoons are back on a regular schedule for November—hope to see you here!

YOUTH n e w s

Hey Youth! This week during Sunday school we will have the option of a combined class on Mormonism led by Jeff Sullivan.

Regular schedule for Nightlife with snack supper downstairs: \$5 at 5:15 PM.

If you haven’t registered for SLA, please do so ASAP!

COLLEGELIFE n e w s

College Sunday School meets weekly at the Gourmet’s Market on Kingston Pike in Bearden at 12:15 PM. Email **Merry Reid Sheffer** at mrsheffer@comcast.net for more info.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

THE MESSENGER



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Return Service Requested

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: David Craig
Tennova Phys. Regional: Mildred Weeks
U.T.: Carol Brown, Barbara Collins

Home from the hospital:

John Robertson (to Shannondale Assist. Lvg.)

Christian Sympathy to:

Bruce Goff and children, Taylor, Annika, MacKenzie and Katie, in the death of Kathleen Goff, on October 28.

Margaret Turner in the death of her sister, Stella Kemmer, on October 23, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	698
Sunday School	470
Weekday Worship Services	97

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$34,518.14
Other	\$1,871.00

Our Church Family

We welcome the following new members who joined on October 28 at the 11 a.m. service:

- **Brittany Edwards** by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Scott & Molly Gilbert and children Audrey and Finnian**; Scott and Molly by transfer from Crosswalk Community Church, Knoxville, and Audrey and Finnian are preparatory.
- **Chris Huguenard** by transfer from First UMC, Morristown.
- **Norma Lowe** by transfer from Christ UMC, Knoxville.
- **David & Sherry Millhorn** by reaffirmation of faith and by transfer from Union Grove UMC, Durham, NC, respectively.

Memorials

in memory of

• Matthew Bates

Matthew Bates Counseling Fund:

Davette & Vance Gregory, R.S. & Barbara Reichenborn

• Jane Dudley

Altar Guild: Margaret & Kevin Bell

• David Harris, Sr.

Memorial: Frances Bennett; *Soup Kitchen:*

Jim & Lyla Boehms

• Wilson Reynolds

Memorial: Phil & Julie Reynolds Shultz;

Soup Kitchen: Jim & Lyla Boehms

Honorarium

in honor of

• Darryll Rasnake

Benevolence Ministry: Anonymous

Contact Us

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For emergencies, call the On-Call Number and the pastor on call will answer or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

On the Web:

www.churchstreetumc.org

Watch *Rejoice!* streamed on our web site.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Church Office Hours
8 AM – 4:30 PM

Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

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
Child Care Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director	Marc Gamble-287
Preschool Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Judith Winters-293
Kay Center	Kay Center Staff-289
Church Administrator	Kate Bledsoe-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Food Services Director	Bobby Tolley-273
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Part-time 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

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 4

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Mara Georges by Chris Georges, Patrick, Joy and Chris McCabe.

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Katie and Henry Naff by their family.

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