

M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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

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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King Sunday

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, November 26

Community Worship

6:00 PM – Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

November 26: Parables

December 3: No service

(Madrigal Dinners)

Wednesday, November 28

Midweek

Worship & Communion

12 noon – Chapel

Rev. Sarah Varnell

Please note: no lunch follows
the service this week.

Advent Crafts Festival is this Sunday

We need many, many volunteers to help with the Festival—can you help?

To kick off the Advent season, Church Street is hosting its annual Advent crafts festival. The festival consists of a variety of activities ranging from old favorites, like peanut butter pine cones, to some new and exciting crafts, such as snow globe making, origami art, and advent wreaths. **The festival is this Sunday, November 25, from 5:30–7:00 PM in Parish Hall.** We ask that all participants bring finger foods to share with everyone that evening. The kitchen will provide punch, hot chocolate and apple cider. Also, if you have any extra baby food, pimento, or mushroom jars with lids, please bring them prior to the festival to Sue Isbell's office. **Volunteers are needed to help in each center where specific instructions are provided.** Contact Frances Nichols if you can help at 805-9616 or by email: fnichol1@yahoo.com.

Sign-Up Now for Walk Through Bethlehem 2012

Our annual Walk Through Bethlehem is on the calendar for **December 16 from 1 to 6 p.m.** and many, many volunteers are needed to make it all happen. To sign up to help the day of the event, please stop by the sign-up chart in the children's hallway to see what spots are available. Currently, we need shopkeepers, soldiers, wise men, grape stompers and all other villagers to make the day complete.

If you would like to help from home, we can give you the recipe to make Bethlehem Bread for our food shop or you can supply our work crews with soup & sandwiches for lunch during set-up week. We also need snack goodies for the break room on December 16.

A looming need this year is for more volunteers to help with set-up days, primarily **December 12, 13 and 14.** Laying the floor and setting up shops must be completed on December 12 before wood chips are delivered on December 13. Many able bodies are needed on that Thursday to move in the chips and spread them around Parish Hall. Work days begin around 9 a.m. and usually wind down around 6 p.m. If there are any classes or groups who would like to come as a group to work any evening, please let Sue Isbell know and special arrangements will be made. There is always lots to do to prepare for this event! Contact Sue Isbell at the church with questions sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Madrigal Dinner Servers Needed: Youth and Adults

If you would like to be a table server for the Madrigal Dinners this year on Dec. 1, 2 or 3, please contact Terri Ward at terri_ward@webbschool.org or call her office at 291-3856. You will need to be able to commit to about 3 hours from 5:30–8:30 on either of the dates and wear dark pants and a white shirt. If you are a student, Terri can sign for you to get service learning hours. Thanks for considering!

QUICK NEWS

- While Chef Bobby is on leave, Wednesday lunches will not be held.
- The November Church Council Meeting is cancelled. Any business will be conducted at the December 4th Charge Conference.
- Poinsettias will be on sale Sundays, Dec. 2 and 9. Help beautify the Nave and Chapel by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$10 per plant.
- The Altar Guild will decorate the church on Friday, November 30. Your help is welcome; come join the fun on Friday.

The SERRV Market

Every year we have the opportunity to purchase exotic gifts all while helping artisans from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. You are invited to shop SERRV's unique and handcrafted fair trade items from around the world. Fill your home and kitchen with authentic décor, handmade dishware, and stunning handcrafted baskets. Adorn yourself with gorgeous fair trade jewelry, scarves, and bags. Indulge in delicious Divine Chocolate and gourmet coffee. Give special fair trade gifts that improve the lives of artisans and farmers worldwide. This year our annual SERRV Market will be open in Parish Hall on these Sundays:

- November 25th (morning and evening)
- December 9th (morning only)

All proceeds are returned to SERRV participating artisans. For more information, please visit www.serrv.org.

Youth Return from Fall Retreat

Over the weekend of November 9–11, 42 of our youth and adult volunteers enjoyed a near perfect weekend at Gracepoint Camp in Kingston, TN.

Jenny Darden, our youth intern, was our teacher and leader for the weekend.

Our theme in youth ministry for all of the 2012–2013 school year is *Reach*. Jenny did a great job at making that theme come alive as she helped us all focus on **reaching**

up in worship, **reaching in** through prayer and meditation, and **reaching out** to serve and love others. We ended Saturday evening with Communion under a beautiful starry sky and spent time warming in the glow of our campfire. It was a wonderful weekend. We are very blessed to enjoy a church that values youth ministry and provides such great opportunities for growth and reflection.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Support the Kay Center when you buy groceries for the upcoming holiday dinners! How? On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, you may purchase gift cards to Kroger and/or Food City at the Welcome Center in the CLC. Cards are available for \$50 and \$100. The stores donate 5% with each card purchased. We all have to buy groceries, and the donated money is used to support the daily activities of the Kay Senior Center.

Be a part of the Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant, formerly Community Christmas, will be held on **Sunday, December 9**, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. We will begin in Parish Hall with a light meal and then progress to the Nave for a unique Christmas pageant where everyone can participate.

How do I volunteer? This Sunday, November 25, each adult Sunday School class will receive sign-up sheets for the needed tasks. Note: Please return the sign-up sheets to the church office by Sunday, December 2. Sign-up sheets will be available on the large bulletin board outside the main office. You may also contact Sue Piper at 690-5188 or spiper1072@aol.com.



Church Street UMC Calendar: November 25–December 1

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
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
Primary Choir (1st–2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 306
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:50 pm, rm 304
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306
Madrigal Dinner
Saturday, 6 pm, Parish Hall

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Advent Crafts Festival
Sun., 5:30–7 pm, Parish Hall
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Children

Advent Crafts Festival
Sun., 5:30–7 pm, Parish Hall

Youth

Advent Crafts Festival
Sun., 5:30–7 pm, Parish Hall
High School Bible Study
Tuesday, 8:30 pm, off-site
Middle School Girls Bible Study
Wednesday, 5 pm, off-site
Youth Band Practice
Wed., 6:30 pm, CLC 15
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
CollegeLife Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, Parlor
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, rm 202
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, rm 118

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

Meetings & Ministry

SERRV Market
Sunday, 9 am, Parish Hall
Sunday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12–4 pm, CLC 124
Family Promise Coordinators Mtg.
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Wills & Estates Meeting
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202

The Lectionary READINGS

November 25

2 Samuel 23:1–7
Psalm 132:1–12
Revelation 1:4b–8
John 18:33–37

December 2

Jeremiah 33:14–16
Psalm 25:1–10
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13
Luke 21:25–36

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

I want to remind you, as we approach the close of the Stewardship Campaign and the close of the year, how crucial our stewardship is.

Last Sunday, we hosted lectures by Dr. Jim Fleming on *Barriers the Early Church Faced*. As we crowded into the gym on Sunday morning, I was reminded of the unique work that this church is doing. Nowhere else in the course of our weeks and months is the Bible taught with both conviction and a critical eye.

The riches of the Christian faith require an informed congregation.

A couple of Sundays ago, I saw children carrying a craft they had made in Sunday School. It was a simple bit of artwork made of paper and glue and colors. But, as the children met their parents, they held up their artwork and told in their own words what it meant. Station yourself near the children's wing on any Sunday after Sunday School to watch the children telling their parents the stories of Jesus. **Teaching our children is one of the great tasks of the church; you see, the next generations depend on it.**

On Friday, I dropped by the office. A needy person was there looking for help. Doris had stopped her work to help him get connected with our Benevolence Team. **The church, you see, is in the business of helping people.**

This church is about helping people. Needy people. Child-sized people who are growing up and are ready to be taught. People who are stirred to worship. People who come for prayer. The work of this church is not like any secular or commercial institution. There are people hungry to hear. **God must be glorified.** These are the reasons our stewardship is crucial.

Four Course Fellowship begins in January

Sign-up deadline is Sunday, December 16.

The next 4-month rotation of *Four Course Fellowship* begins in January, and you can sign up now to take part!

In this fun "dinner club" fellowship opportunity, groups of eight are established and locations, appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts rotate monthly within the group.

This is a great way for new members to meet other Church Streeters in a fun, social, in-home setting.

To sign up or for more info, please contact Julia Kelley by Sunday, Dec. 16, at 228-0554 or by email at: jkelly2306@bellsouth.net.

Parking

Throughout this year, this church has made improvements in parking. The Magnolia Lot has been the main parking for persons who need a level, close location. Recently, the upper row of parking in the Upper Hill Avenue Lot has been marked for handicapped and special needs parking. Also, when you invite friends to church anytime Sunday, please tell them that parking is free for anyone attending Sunday services or activities at the church.

Sprucing up for Dogwood Season

Please help us be a spectacular open garden for Dogwood Arts 2013. Having invited all to visit our church grounds during April, we are replanting, replacing and beautifying with dozens of trees and shrubs. We need donations to help us be company-ready by spring.

Lisa Stanley has given us great prices so your gift can make a big impact on our gardens. Volunteers are doing the planting, but we need your help financing the project. This is a chance to tap into the crowds and publicity of Dogwood Arts to draw more people to and publicize our church. Please designate your gift as: "Gardens." Gifts in honor and memory of loved ones will be acknowledged in *The Messenger*. If you have questions, please call Mary Cartwright at 579-5617.

Elevator UPdate

Renovations are complete and the elevator is back in working order! The Properties Committee wishes to extend their appreciation for your patience and flexibility while the elevator was out of service. A special **thank you** to all those who lent a "helping hand" in assisting folks in and out.

Community Worship

Needed for the ministry in 2013:

- Small groups of 5 to 6 people (Sunday school classes, study groups, friends/families) to help fund and/or serve a meal four times a year (\$75 per meal or as able).
- Donations toward Community Worship to help fund meals and offset costs.

Contact Darryll Rasnake if you can help.

CHILDREN'S news

No more Sunday night activities until January. Please come and enjoy all of the family activities during the holidays.

YOUTH news

Hey Youth! We will participate in the Advent Crafts Festival this Sunday. Remember to bring finger foods to share!

COLLEGE LIFE news

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.

MUSIC news

- Vienna Boys Choir Tickets
- Seraphic Fire Tickets
- Parish Choir Duruflé CDs
- Church Street Greeting Cards

On sale in the breezeway each Sunday between worship services.

BENEVOLENCE team

Would you like to help the impoverished in our community by serving on the CSUMC Benevolence Team? Training is provided. If so, contact Darryll Rasnake.

SHARING SHOP news

Needed this week: diapers for any age/any size; drop off in the church office.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

THE MESSENGER



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Return Service Requested

Advent

SERMON SERIES

Sunday Sermon Series

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave

Theme: the impact of the promised birth of Christ on individuals, society, and the world

Dec. 2: "Promised"

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:9-13

Dec. 9: "Word Spoken"

John 3:1-6; Malachi 3:1-4

Dec. 16: "Restored"

Isaiah 43:18-19; Zephaniah 3:14-20

Dec. 23: "Blessed"

Luke 1:39-45; Luke 1:46-55

Dec. 24: "Fulfilled"

Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

Wednesday Sermon Series

12 noon in the Nave

Theme: Life Changes

Dec 5: "Life Changes—Mary"

Luke 1:26-38; Rev. Sarah Varnell
Recital at 11:40: Darla Orr, Soprano
and Edie Johnson, Organ

Dec 12: "Life Changes—Joseph"

Matt. 1:18-25; Rev. Andy Ferguson
Recital at 11:40: Don Trentham,
Piano

Dec 19: "Life Changes—Us"

Luke 2:1-18; Rev. Darryll Rasnake
Blue Christmas

Our Church Family

New Members:

- **Joseph and Shawn Pendergrass**, by transfer from Vestavia Hills UMC, Birmingham, AL, on Sunday, Nov. 18, at the 11 a.m. service. Children, **Sarah, Mary Elizabeth and William** are added to the Preparatory Roll.

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 the hospital: Juanita Reynolds

Our Presence

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| Sunday Worship | 640 |
| Sunday School | 407 |
| Weekday Worship Services | 90 |

Our Gifts

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| Received toward budget | \$ 43,138.54 |
| Other | \$ 3,144.86 |

Memorials

in memory of

- **Tom Fonville**
History Room: Martha Hess
- **Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Hess, Jim Hess, and Miss Mary Hess**
History Room: Martha Hess
- **Wilson Reynolds**
Memorial: Felix Line

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 25

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Florence and Russell W. Hillis by Sherry and Steve Hillis and family.

Contact Us

Church Office (865) 524-3048
Fax number (865) 521-0261
Pastor On-Call Number (865) 236-1518
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

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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
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Church Administrator Kate Bledsoe-268
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Executive Secretary Doris Lively-271
Part-time Secretary Julie Hill-278
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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

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