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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

“Promised”

Jeremiah 33:14–16; 1 Thess. 3:9–13

Monday, December 3

**No Community Worship
this week**

Upcoming Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

December 10: Partners

December 17: Cornerstone

Wednesday, December 5

**Midweek Advent
Worship & Communion**

11:40 a.m. – Recital featuring:

Darla Orr, Soprano

Edie Johnson, Organ

12 noon – Service in the Nave

Rev. Sarah Varnell

“Life Changes—Mary”

Luke 1:26–38

Lunch follows the service this week.

RSVP (524-3048). Cost: \$6.50

Additional Sale Day Added for 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.

Due to popularity, an extra order was placed with new merchandise requiring an additional sale day. Come shop with us on:

- December 2 (morning) in the CLC Hallway (near the Welcome Center)
- December 9 (morning) in the Parish Hall

All proceeds are returned to SERRV participating artisans. For more information, please visit www.serrv.org and see the *Fair Trade* article in the UMW News insert.

Charge Conference set for December 4

The Church Council Meeting and Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 4, in the Chapel. Regular business will be conducted at Church Council beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Charge Conference at 7:30 p.m. Please note the change in time.

Advent Devotional Books Available

The Congregational Care Committee is again providing Advent devotional books for the congregation. These booklets in both regular and large print are available around the church in literature racks and other places. Based on the format of *The Upper Room*, these booklets have a daily devotional for the Advent season that includes a scripture reading, a devotional article and concluding prayer. The Advent devotional booklet is written by the Rev. Robert Dodd, a United Methodist minister and author of 17 other books and booklets. He is a member of the Western NC Conference. The Congregational Care Committee asks that each family take only one booklet so there will be enough for everyone.

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? Adult Sunday School classes received sign-up sheets for the needed tasks last week. Note: Please return the sign-up sheets to the church office by this Sunday, December 2. Sign-up sheets are also available on the large bulletin board outside the main office. And, you may contact Sue Piper at 690-5188 or spiper1072@aol.com for more information and to volunteer.



Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be on sale **Sundays, Dec. 2 and 9**, in the hallway outside the Chapel (and through the office during the week). Help beautify the church by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$10 per plant.

The Nativity Pageant of Knoxville, Inc.

will be held the following:

- Sunday, Dec. 2, 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.

at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum. Admission is free!

Christmas Day Dinner 2012

Central United Methodist Church invites you and your family to help people who are alone at Christmas time. For 30 years, with the help of other churches, they have provided transportation from more than 10 low-income and assisted living facilities to their church for a delicious meal, gifts, music, singing and sharing God's word. On average, 250-300 people, many whom are disabled, elderly, or near-elderly, attend. You can help by volunteering to serve at the Christmas Dinner (a sign-up list is on the bulletin board near the office) or by purchasing a gift and delivering it to Central UMC the week of Christmas. More information/gift suggestions can be found on the bulletin board.

Mitten Tree Ministry

Mitten Trees are set up around the church and ready to be "decorated" with mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and hats in all sizes. **These items will be distributed to our guests at the Christmas Pageant on December 9.** Trees are located on the first floor next to the library, on the second floor in the Children's wing and in the Day Care. All contributions are appreciated!



Meet the New Communications Director

After a careful search, we will introduce **Caroline Lamar** as our new Communications Director at Church Street. The search began with a new definition of the work of communications. The world offers more ways to connect with people inside and outside the church than ever before. Our communicators should be fluent in all of them; it seems that each of us has chosen a favorite.

Caroline (pronounced "Carolyn") will be introduced at worship this Sunday, December 2. Her first official day will be Monday, December 3. Welcome, Caroline!

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.



Church Street UMC Calendar: December 2-8

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)
No Community Worship
Midweek Advent Service
Wed., 11:40 am, Nave

Sunday School - 9:40 AM

Music

Madrigal Dinners (ticketed event)
Sat.-Mon., Dec. 1-3
6 pm, Parish Hall
Adult Choir Lunch & Rehearsal
Sunday, 12:15 pm, CLC 11
Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir (1st-2nd grades)
Sunday, 5 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir (3rd-5th grades)
Sunday, 5 pm, rm 306
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Murphy Builders Christmas Party
Tuesday, Noon, Parish Hall
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Wednesday Fellowship Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Youth

Basketball Practice
Monday, 6 pm, Gym
High School Bible Study
Tuesday, 8:30 pm, off-site
Middle School Girls Bible Study
Wednesday, 5 pm, off-site
Basketball Practice
Thursday, 6 pm, Gym

UMW

Christmas Program & Lunch
Sat., 12/8, 11 am, Nave

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

Singles

Bridge: Mon., 6 pm, CLC 124
Yoga: Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Line Dance: Thurs., 7-9 pm, Gym
Friday Fun Night Dance
Friday, 7 pm, Gym/CLC

Meetings & Ministry

SERRV Market
Sunday, 9 am, CLC Hall
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12-4 pm, CLC 124
Singles Advisory Team
Monday, 6 pm, E-03
Church Cncl/Charge Conference
Tuesday, 7 pm, Chapel
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Food Service Committee
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 118
Holy Land Trip Meeting
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

The Lectionary READINGS

December 2
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

December 9
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

In the 1997 movie, *As Good as It Gets*, Jack Nicholson, playing Melvin Udall, spoke one of his best lines. Storming into a waiting room filled with depressed psychiatric patients he snarled, “What if this is as good as it gets?” He did not wait for an answer; he stormed out of the room without waiting for an answer.

What if we believe his point? If this is as good as it gets, then depression is the best we can hope. Our lives are only what we can make of them. The Mayan calendar ends on December 21; they could not imagine December 22. The fiscal cliff looms before the nation; can Congress and the President cooperate enough to craft a solution? Cash in your chips at the end of each day; there is nothing better tomorrow.

But, what if Jack Nicholson is wrong? What if there is hope? And what if hope has a name? Although the world looks today as it looked at the end of yesterday, hope can help us see this day with new eyes. There is, you see, power in hope.

This Sunday, we embark on the journey of Advent. Counting the days until Christmas, we will focus on the impact the promise the Christ has on persons and on society. The scriptures which announce and promise the birth form the context for our worship.

I guess you might say that church is determined to go against the prevailing wind. Yes, there is a Christmas. There is hope. And hope has a name. The name of our hope is Jesus of Nazareth.

Sign-Up Now for Walk Through Bethlehem 2012

Sunday, December 16, from 1 to 6 p.m.

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.



Christmas

AT CHURCH STREET

Family Festivities

Dec. 9: Christmas Pageant

5 p.m. in Parish Hall for supper followed by pageant in the Nave

Dec. 16: Walk Through Bethlehem

1–6 p.m. in Bethlehem (Parish Hall)

Sunday Morning Services

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

Dec. 2: “Promised”

Dec. 9: “Word Spoken”

Youth & Children's Choirs

Dec. 16: “Restored”

Parish Adult Choir
Brasswinds Quintet

Dec. 23: “Blessed”

Dec. 30: Combined Worship

11:00 a.m. service only this day

Wednesday Advent Services

12 noon in the Nave w/ Communion

Dec 5: “Life Changes—Mary”

Recital at 11:40: Darla Orr,
Soprano and Edie Johnson,
Organ

Dec 12: “Life Changes—Joseph”

Recital at 11:40: Don Trentham,
Piano

Dec 19: “Life Changes—Us”

Luke 2:1–18; Rev. Darryll Rasnake
Blue Christmas in the Chapel

Christmas Eve Services

Join us for worship in the Nave with
Candlelight and Communion

Dec. 24: “Fulfilled”

12 noon – Daytime Service
3:00 p.m. – Family Service
5:00 p.m. (music begins)
10:30 p.m. (music begins)

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.

SINGLES news

Mark your calendars! The Atomic Horns will be here for the Singles' First Friday Dance on December 7. All singles invited! Cost for admission/snacks is \$7. Doors open at 7 PM; (dance lessons at 7:15) and the dance begins at 8 PM in the gym.

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.

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

Home from the hospital: Randall Scott

Christian love and sympathy to:

Tammy Myrick on the death of her mother, Patricia Barrows, on Nov. 17 in Vermont.

Henry Russell on the death of his sister, Lucile Sharpe, of Knoxville, on Nov. 22.

Keith Biggers on the death of his sister, Pam Wentz, on Nov. 26, in Greensboro, NC.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	747
Sunday School	329
Community Worship (11/19)	80

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$ 26,211.37
Other	\$ 12,968.00

THANK YOU CHURCH STREET

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave their time and donations toward preparing, assembling and delivering the **Thanksgiving Baskets**. Because of your generosity, 80 baskets full of food were provided to individuals and families in need this Thanksgiving.

Received this week in the mail:

Dear Church Street UMC, Personally, and as a board member of the Volunteer Ministry Center, I thank you very much for the generous gift given by Church Street UMC. Contributions like yours help us fulfill our mission to end and prevent homelessness. With deep gratitude, Elizabeth Freeman

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Living Christ, Teaching Christ,
Offering Christ"

Our Church Family

Baptism:

- **Tyson Anderson Breeding**, son of Janet and Steven Breeding was baptised at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 25.

New Member:

- **Ray Martin**, by transfer from Emerald Avenue UMC, on Sunday, Nov. 25, at the 11 a.m. service.

Memorials in memory of

• Matthew Bates

Matthew Bates Counseling Fund:

Raymond & Debbie Fraley,
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Weeks

• Phyllis Clark

Soup Kitchen: Frank & Elaine Ralston

• Carmen Drewry

Soup Kitchen: Frank & Elaine Ralston

• Loren Hannan

Master Arts Series: Jean Hannan

• Mary Hardin

Gardens: John & Marion Robertson

• Jama McDonald Hollingsworth

Gardens: John & Cindy Hollingsworth

Flowers for Sunday, December 2

The Chancel and Chapel Altar Flowers

are given in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Sr. and
Mr. and Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Jr.
by Paul and Susie Siler.

The Advent Wreaths

The Advent Wreaths are in loving memory
of Dr. Lucian Trent,
Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Loveless and
Mr. Edward Crawford
and in honor of
Kathleen Crawford,
given by Mike and Mary Crawford.

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

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Staff Directory

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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
Communications Director	Caroline Lamar–299
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

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336