



Church Street United Methodist Church presents the 16th Annual

Walk Through BETHLEHEM

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

If you have never attended

“Walk Through Bethlehem” began in 1997 and each year has become the largest assembly of persons gathering at Church Street on any day. Please let this be the year that you experience what the village of Bethlehem might have been like over 2,000 years ago...right in our Parish Hall and surroundings. Visit the shops, listen to the storytellers, learn in the synagogue, talk with the townspeople (fellow Church Streeters who will stay in character as 1st century residents of Bethlehem), taste the local Bethlehem foods, see the animals on the hillside, and try to find the special baby born that night.

A few tidbits for those new to Walk Through Bethlehem

- This is a free event / no reservations needed.
- Visit anytime between 1 and 6 p.m.
- Line forms in Church Life Center hallway.
- We are open rain, snow or shine! All of Walk Through Bethlehem, except the animals in the shepherds' field, is situated indoors. Also, if you have to wait to enter Bethlehem, your wait is indoors (in the Church Life Center).
- This is not a play or a pageant but an interactive event that allows one to interact with characters while visiting different points of interest in our village of Bethlehem.
- Animals (camels, sheep, donkey, etc.) are an exciting part of this event, but our animals are stabled at dusk and in the event of steady rain.

For more information about Walk Through Bethlehem, call 524-3048 or visit our website at www.churchstreetumc.org/wtb.php.

If you haven't attended since the early years

Come back to see the changes, such as the canvas backdrop of the Judean hillside, the interactive shops, the camels, and the nave visits. If you have or have not attended and would like to be one of the hundreds of volunteers, call Sue Isbell at 521-0282 as soon as possible. We NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS prior to the event, during the event and after the event. Check out the volunteer status report in the 2nd column of this page.

Church Street UMC: 900 Henley at Main, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

We need YOUR help!

This year's Walk Through Bethlehem is less than two weeks away and many volunteers are still needed. Groups and classes are welcome during set-up and clean-up days.

You can help during set up days by

- Stopping by anytime between 9 am and early evening **Tuesday through Friday, December 11–14**, and there will be a job for you (stringing lights, setting up and decorating shops, etc.)
- We especially need many helping hands on **Thursday morning, Dec. 13, with shovels and wheelbarrows** to move the wood chips into Parish Hall.

You can help on event day, Dec. 16, by

- Being a costumed character during:
1st shift (1:00–3:30 p.m.) as a ...
 - Storyteller in the Storyteller's Tent (short biblical stories provided to tell)
 - Wise Man
 - Shepherd
- 2nd shift (3:30–6:00 p.m.) as a ...**
 - Storyteller in the Storyteller's Tent (short biblical stories provided to tell)
 - Wise Man
 - Shepherd
 - Medicine Shopkeeper
 - Food Shopkeeper
 - Textile Shopkeeper
 - Jewelry Shopkeeper
 - Innkeeper
- Bring snacks and goodies to the break room for hungry shepherds & keepers!

You can help during clean up days by

- Coming on **December 17 or 18** to help take down shops, store items, and take out the wood chips.

Contact Sue Isbell at the church with questions: sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

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*. More will be forthcoming in the new year. If you have recently joined our church and have not been contacted for a story, please call Nancy Carmon at 689-5511 or ncyellen@gmail.com.

Welcome ... Scott, Patty and Madeline McFarland

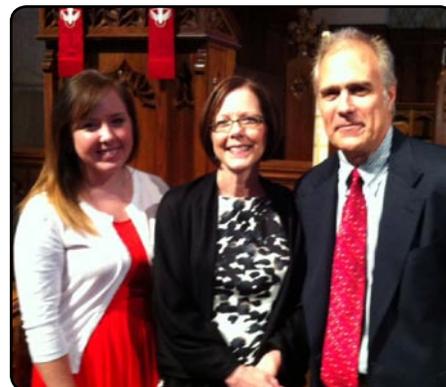
The McFarlands have a son Ian, 26, who is a lawyer, married and also lives in Knoxville. **Madeline**, who joined at the same time as her parents, is 22 and a senior at UT Chattanooga.

Scott is an Electrical Engineer who is Manager of New Technologies at Radio Systems. **Patty** does not work outside the home.

The architecture of the church drew them to Church Street and upon entering the first time, the McFarlands "just felt at home." They first learned about Church Street when their son was a student at UT.

Patty was born in Virginia, and grew up in West Central Illinois. Scott was born and reared in Quincy, Illinois. They have lived in Knoxville about three years, moving here from Quincy.

Patty has begun working in the Soup Kitchen on Thursdays. Her hobbies include reading and handiwork. Scott might be interested in working on the Finance Committee, and enjoys golf and water activities.



Welcome ... John-Michael and Jessica Scott

John-Michael and Jessica have four children: **Farrell** is 11 and in middle school and enjoys playing piano; **Lex** is 10; **Paislee** is 5 and loves to sing (Jessica is really interested in getting her into a young choir!); and **Ella** is 1.

Jessica is a speech pathologist with the Knoxville City Schools and **John** is with Security at Y-12 (and works a crazy schedule!)

What attracted them to CSUMC? Paislee attended the Church Street Preschool. John grew up in Island Home and attended a church there. Jessica was raised in the Catholic tradition, so the traditional service and the emphasis on family were important to them both.

Jessica grew up in Ohio and her family still lives there. She moved to Knoxville in 2001 to attend UT and never left Knoxville. The older boys have been attending Sunday evening activities.

With all her spare time (HA!) Jessica loves to work on the house and travel. John enjoys sports and coaches their sons' football and basketball teams. They both love to read.

Welcome ... Bill and Judy Warner

Bill and Judy have two children: son, John Warner of Indianapolis, Indiana, has three children; and daughter, Alicia Butts, of Clearwater, Florida, has two children.

Bill is retired from the FBI; **Judy** is an R.N. and the Program Director of Concord Adult Day Enrichment Services (CADES) at Concord UMC. The Warners had previously been members and just missed the "feel" of worship at Church Street. They have not become involved in Sunday School or a small group yet due to some extensive travel this summer and fall. Bill works in the Soup Kitchen and Judy is interested in the UMW.

Bill was born and reared in Bryan, Ohio. Judy was born in Mainz, Germany, and grew up in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The Warners have lived in Knoxville for 7 years, moving from Washington, DC.

Bill's hobbies include reading, hiking and yard work; plus, he is a history buff and has written a book of "Faction" (Fiction, based on facts—names changed to protect the innocent!) Judy enjoys Acrylic painting, drawing, needlework, cooking and hiking.

