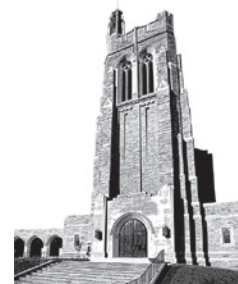


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 13

Baptism of the Lord

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, January 14

Community Worship

6 PM – Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship

Hospitality Hosts

January 14: Explorers

January 21: No service (holiday)

January 28: Murphy Builders and

Potter's Wheel

Wednesday, January 16

Midweek

Worship & Communion

12 noon – Chapel

Rev. Sarah Varnell

Please note: no lunch follows
the service this week.

Welcome Leah Burns

On Sunday, January 6, Church Street welcomed new associate pastor, Leah Burns. She comes to our congregation from Haven's Chapel United Methodist Church in the Oak Ridge District where she has been serving for the last six years. As a part-time associate pastor at Church Street, she will focus on worship, pastoral care and Stephen Ministry.

To learn more about Leah, please read her letter to the congregation on page 3.



Leadership Retreat

On **Saturday, January 12**, all continuing and new chairpersons will gather at House in the Woods on the Maryville College Campus for a half-day of training and planning for the year ahead. New committee chairpersons and leaders should arrive at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. Returning committee chairpersons and leaders should arrive at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and light breakfast will be available. The morning will conclude with a service of worship and Holy Communion at noon. **On Sunday, January 27**, the **Leadership Celebration** will be held in Parish Hall at noon. Our guest speaker will be Ginny Weatherstone from the Volunteer Ministry Center. Look for more information in next week's Messenger.

Sunday Supper

5:15–6 PM in Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

January 13

Taco Bar: Seasoned ground beef and sliced chicken, soft shell tacos, tortilla chips, Mexican rice, refried beans and toppings. Dessert, Tea, Coffee Lemonade and Water

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

Where is God Calling You?

As part of our outreach program, Church Street will be taking a mission team to Willow UMC in Alaska in late June. Fran Lynch is the diaconal minister there and one of the sponsored missionaries through our Community and Global Outreach and Mission committee. While in Alaska the team will help replace some of the roofing on the church building and work with the food pantry, as well as the summer reading and lunch programs. If you would like to learn more about joining the team, please plan to attend an interest meeting with Fran on **Monday, January 14**, at 7 p.m. in room 201-A.



UMW Kicks Off 2013 Meetings

Please ring in the New Year at the first UMW General Meeting on **Tuesday, January 15 at 11 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Wesley House Executive Director **Tim Adams**. Adams will share some exciting happenings at Wesley House and explain how children's lives are enriched and changed for the better on a daily basis there. Please contact your Circle Leader before Friday, January 11, if you would like to join us for lunch at noon. UMW members have volunteered to prepare a simple soup lunch, but we need to know how many people will join us. There is no charge for the meal.

Church Street Members Visit The Holy Land

Twelve "pilgrims" left this week for a 10-day trip to the Holy Land. Hosted by Sue Isbell, the group of Church Street members and friends will get to experience many of the sites related to our Judeo-Christian biblical heritage. The Bible will come alive as they read scripture in the actual places of the Old and New Testaments, walk the streets of the Old City of Jerusalem, cross the Sea of Galilee on a boat and climb the heights of Masada near the Dead Sea. Please be in prayer for them until they return on January 17.



SNL

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

January 13

Taking Medications Safely
6 P.M. - Room 118

Join registered nurse Mary Ellen Cox for valuable information about medication safety. In this session participants will learn how to get the most from medication.

Could you be more at peace with your money?

Plan to attend Financial Peace University (FPU) starting later this month. **Orientations for FPU will be held at 1 p.m. on Sundays, January 20 and 27.** Cost for the 13-week course on how to budget, reduce debt, invest and more is only \$75 for Church Street members and \$100 for non-members. **Questions?** Contact J.R. Hertwig at 384-7049 or by email at jrhertwig01@yahoo.com or visit the FPU website at: www.daveramsey.com/fpu.

This course is designed for you if...

- You struggle with gaps in your financial knowledge.
- You feel as if money has control over you.
- You struggle in your marriage due to financial problems.
- You live paycheck to paycheck.
- You think or say to yourself, "I can't afford this program."



Church Street UMC Calendar: January 13-19

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 a.m.,
Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 a.m. (WVLT2)
Community Worship
Monday, 6 p.m., Chapel
Meal follows in Parish Hall
Midweek Communion Service
Wed., Noon, Chapel

Sunday School – 9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 p.m., rm 306
Primary Choir
Sunday, 5:45 p.m., rm 308
Chorister Choir
Sunday, 5:45 p.m., rm 306
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:50 p.m., rm 304
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 p.m., rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 p.m., Parish Hall
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Gym

Children

God's Gang (1st-2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:45 p.m., CLC 213
Twizzlers (3rd-5th grades)
Sunday, 4:45 p.m., CLC 213

Singles

Bridge: Mon., 6 p.m., CLC 120
Yoga: Mon., 7 p.m., rm 204
Line & Couples Dance Lessons:
Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Gym

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Christian Believer Class
Sunday, 4 p.m., rm 202
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
SNL: "Medication Safety"
Sun., 6 p.m., rm 118
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 p.m., rm 201-A
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 a.m., CLC 124
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wed., 7 p.m., rm 201-A

Youth

NightLife
Sun., 5:45 p.m., Lower CLC
Girls Basketball
Mon. & Thur., 6 p.m., Gym
High School Bible Study
Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., offsite

Meetings & Ministry

Stephen Ministry Team
Sun., 1:30 p.m., rm 201 A
Benevolence Team
Mon., Noon., CLC 124
Alaska Mission Trip Meeting
Monday, 7 p.m., rm 201-A
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 p.m., rm 204
Soup Kitchen
Thur., 11 a.m., Parish Hall
Staff-Parish Relations
Thur., 5:30 p.m., rm 201-A

UMW

Circle #4
Tuesday, 10 a.m., rm 103
Circle #7
Tuesday, 10 a.m., rm 204
Circle #10
Tuesday, 10 a.m., CLC 14
UMW General Meeting & Lunch
Tuesday, 11 a.m., rm 116/
Parish Hall

From Our New Associate Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of Church Street UMC:

It is with humility but also with great joy that I take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the newest member of the Church Street ministry team. I am a licensed local pastor and will be serving as a part-time Associate Pastor with a variety of duties including serving with the Stephen Ministry. In my prior assignments at Haven Chapel UMC and Second UMC, and indeed in all my projects and assignments in the Holston Conference, I have been blessed with tremendous opportunities to serve God's people in ways that I could never have imagined.

As an only child I was raised in the sheltered and protected environment of Shaker Heights, Ohio, a tree-lined suburb of Cleveland known for its excellent schools and uniquely diverse population. My paternal grandfather and great grandfather were both preachers in the AME Church, so my Wesleyan roots go back generations. My mother and grandmother were very accomplished, strong, faithful ladies in their own right and they raised me to be like them... independent, hard-working, accomplished and able to deal with life. Academic excellence and the importance of education were key values in my family. And my mom also instilled in me a love of music (she studied the piano and organ at Oberlin College) and so I studied the cello and piano for as long as I can remember, it seems.

After spending the first two decades of my life in my home state of Ohio, my college education and career choices have taken me to 5 other states and abroad to two other countries – Wisconsin, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, and Tennessee; I lived in Spain and later worked for more than a year in Colombia, South America. I have pursued a career working in Marketing and Management first at AT&T and now for the past 11 years at College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR).

At an early age, my Christian faith aroused in me a keen interest and involvement in issues of peace and justice. I worked with inner city children, youth and senior citizens, cooked and served meals for homeless people. Then when I joined First and Summerfield United Methodist Church (FSUMC) in New Haven, CT, the seeds of my being called into the ministry were sown. I found this church to be steeped in the awesome worship traditions of the early Wesleyan Methodism. The congregation was passionate about mission and service to the poor as the embodiment of the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Membership in this congregation was a life-changing experience for me. The pastor influenced me in profound ways. He displayed special qualities of humility and charity. This was a magnet and showed me how humanity and vulnerability can be excellent vehicles for God's power. I was hooked.

Since that experience, I have discovered effective ways to be faithful to that call. It has not been an easy path nor has it been a very direct route. Throughout my journey, the Word of God has been my life's anchor...the most important sustaining and nurturing force. I have felt the security of the Word throughout my life...especially in those times when I experience a little shaking in my shoes from the uncertainty and paradox of life. I know that the journey that began in my childhood is an ever-unfolding reality. Only God can call a quiet, behind-the-scenes kind of person like me and raise her up to be a voice in the church. I know unequivocally that God is inclusive, and opens doors and makes ways for lives like mine that are surrendered to God.

I have always been a trail blazer my entire life, but lately and more appropriately, I have come to think of myself as traveling the trails that God blazes for me. And now the trail brings me to this wonderful community of Church Street United Methodist Church! It is with excitement and some anxiety that I present myself to you. I know that God has even greater things in store for us all. I only ask that we open our hearts together to the Holy Spirit so that we may know His will and follow Him with generous hearts.

-Rev. Leah Burns



Memorials

In Memory of:

Matthew Bates

Matthew Bates Counseling Fund: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Matthew Bates Counseling Fund: Martin & Lynn Bates

Dorothy Bedwell

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Calvin Campbell

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Calvin & Lavada Campbell

Soup Kitchen: Henry & Deborah Guigou

Wallace Chandler

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Patricia Ann Connelly

Gardens: Bryan & Mary Jo Biss

Jane Dudley

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Thomas Fonville, Sr.

Memorial: Lynne & Allan Roney

Lee Ford

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Kathleen Goff

Children's Ministry: The Cornerstone Class

Rose Mary Harper

Memorial: Alvin Harper

David Harris, Sr.

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Memorial: Nancy & James Richardson

Memorial: Margaret & Clifford Rodgers

Memorial: Willard & Joanie Sitton

James Hung

Soup Kitchen: May W. Huang

Reuben Hunter

Memorial: David & Betty Craig

Soup Kitchen: Hugh & Janice Hixson

Memorial: Elizabeth Reagon

Carl & Katherine Motley

Memorial: Betty Wilson

Clay Patton

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Joanne Harrison Stone

Gardens: Bryan & Mary Jo Biss

Memorials

In Memory of:

Edna & Ralph Vola

Memorial: Alvin Harper

Lynn Weigel

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Edith Woodson

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

George Zirkle

Capstone Endowment: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Honorarium

In Honor of:

Rick & Sue Isbell

Walk Thru Bethlehem: Laura Still

Powell Richardson

Accessibility Fund: Ed & Valerie Nicholson

Camille Smith

Gardens: Mary Cartwright

Lisa Stanley

Gardens: Mary Cartwright

Mae Swanner

Children's Ministry: Agnes Lay

Children's Ministry: John & Leanne Smalling

Dorothy Vola

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Donnie & Kendra Toney

Dr. & Mrs. Horace Yarberry

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Rick & Jo Ann Armbrister

In Memoriam

Reuben Hunter

Joined: 4/13/1975 Died: 12/29/2012

In Memoriam

Charles Richmond

Joined: 7/27/1997 Died: 1/3/2013

In Memoriam

Mary Alma Denton

Joined: 6/14/1964 Died: 1/5/2013



KAY CENTER news

This Sunday, remember to purchase Kroger and/or Food City gift cards to benefit the Kay Center. \$50 and \$100 increments will be available. The Kay Center earns 5% on every gift card sold. Cards can be bought this Sunday in the CLC breezeway. This small action can have a big impact!



WNAF Welcomes Harold A. Black

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, our special guest for our luncheon program will be **Dr. Harold A. Black, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Finance at the University of Tennessee.** He will be presenting information on how last November's election is affecting seniors and the economy. Luncheon reservations need to be made by Sunday, Jan. 20, by calling the church office, 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org.



Guest Composer Works With Parish Adult Choir

This Sunday, Church Street will welcome distinguished composer and organist **Craig Phillips** to the 11 a.m. service. His choral and organ music is heard in churches and cathedrals across the United States, and many of his works have been performed in concerts throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Dr. Phillips serves as Director of Music at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills. He is visiting Knoxville to lead a program for the Knoxville American Guild of Organists on Monday, Jan. 14. On Sunday he will work with the Parish Adult Choir and conduct his work, *The Risen Sun*.

The Lectionary READINGS

January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

The Preschool Needs Your Help

The Church Street Preschool enriches the lives of the children in our community on a daily basis. They are in need of the following donations:

- Dress up clothes (Halloween costumes are great!)
- Fitted crib sheets
- Beginning reader chapter stories

If you can provide any of these items, please contact Beth Cooper Libby at 524-3511 or at bclibby@churchstreetumc.org.

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

YOUTH news

Hey youth! Join us for regular Sunday School and Nightlife this week. During Nightlife we will continue our series on temptation. Also be sure and check the youth website for regular updates on events and activities: www.churchstreetyouth.com

COLLEGE LIFE news

Welcome back returning students and good luck in school to our away students! For the latest College Life events, email Merry Reid Sheffer at mrsheffer@comcast.net

CHILDREN'S news

Sunday afternoon activities are back on a regular schedule for January. We hope to see you here!

MUSIC news

REMINDER: The Vienna Boys Choir, is coming to Church Street on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available in the main office during business hours and from Tim Ward on Sundays. Regular tickets \$20; students \$10.

CSUMC blog

Scan this code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the Church Street blog. You will find pictures, videos, notes from the pastors, and much more. It's an easy way to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings at Church Street.



SNOW policy

SUNDAYS: Worship will almost always be held. A change in worship or Sunday School will be announced on Facebook, Twitter and the church's blog. A change in evening activities may be announced on Sunday morning.

WEEKDAYS: If Knox County Schools close, ALL activities and meetings at the church are cancelled, with the exception of Thursday's Soup Kitchen.

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:

Parkwest: Barbara Paulson

Home from the hospital:

Mazel Andrews, John Horton, Henry Russell

Christian Sympathy to:

Joyce Rust in the death of her mother, Linda Posey on Dec. 25.

Charles Sanders in the death of his sister, Mary Sanders on Dec. 26.

Susie Patton in the death of her sister-in-law, Irene Kauffman on Dec. 27.

Harold, Sarah and Chris Wimberly in the death of their cousin, Mary Flowers Tarwater, on Dec. 28.

Our Presence

Blue Christmas	81
December 23	805
Christmas Eve	2,119
December 30	352
January 6	714

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$ 45,419.87
Other	\$ 2,638.66

Pat Hunter and family in the death of her husband, Reuben Hunter on Dec. 29.

Jo Lynch and family in the death of her mother, Jane Parker, on Dec. 29.

Please note: Memorials and Honorariums can be found on page 4.

Our Church Family

Baptisms:

Hannah Marie Herchenrider, daughter of Robert and Jennifer Herchenrider was baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 23.

Catherine "Connelly" Biss, daughter of Bryan and Mary Jo Biss was baptized at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 23.

James Benjamin Jubb, son of Chris and Mary Jubb (nephew of Sarah and Daniel Varnell) was baptized at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 30.

Wedding:

Emily Anne Altshuler and Michael Van Eerd were married on Saturday, Jan. 5. Officiant: Darryll Rasnake.

Altar Flowers

Sunday, December 30-The Chancel Flowers were given in loving memory of Bill Gardner by Vicky and family.

Sunday, January 6-The Chancel and Chapel Flowers were given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. R.M. Murphy, Sr., and Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Murphy, Jr.

Sunday, January 13-The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Rachel Nall Cochran by her five nieces and nephews: Vanda, Phillip, Gretchen, Paul and Andrea.

Contact Us

Church Office (865) 524-3048
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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

Watch *Rejoice!* streamed on our web site.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-236-0951
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Varnell-263
Associate Pastor	Leah Burns-298
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