

M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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

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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 27

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, January 28

Community Worship

6 PM – Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship

Hospitality Hosts

January 28: Murphy Builders &
Potter's Wheel

February 4: Followers

February 11: Discovery

Wednesday, January 30

Midweek

Worship & Communion

12 noon – Chapel

Rev. Sarah Varnell

Please note there is no lunch following
the service this week.

Sunday Supper

5:15–6 PM in Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

January 27

Pizza, salad with trimmings
and dessert

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade and Water

Kid's choice: Pizza

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

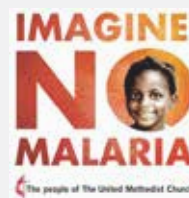


UMW Sunday

This Sunday, January 27, Church Street will celebrate UMW Sunday. The United Methodist Women of Church Street are women of all ages and backgrounds. Together these women share a purpose to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. They are developing a creative, supportive fellowship and expanding concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. The Church Street UMW budget reflects annual giving of more than \$15,000. They support missions such as the Wesley House Community Center, Montgomery Village Ministries, Church Street Preschool, Africa ELI, UMCOR and more. There is a place for you in the United Methodist Women. **For membership information, call the church office at 524-3048 or UMW Membership Coordinator Dawn von Weisenstein at 244-6649.**

Imagine No Malaria

Malaria kills millions of children each and every year. Every 60 seconds, another child is lost to this preventable disease. Malaria is bleeding a continent, draining the lifeblood of a people and its future. Entire nations are slipping away - slipping through life's precious net. But not if we hear the buzzing inside of us, if we feel the call to act, to get involved, to imagine a world without malaria, and then make it happen.



This year the Holston Conference has pledged to save 100,000 lives as part of the Imagine No Malaria initiative. Just \$10 saves a life. On Sunday, January 27, the UMW will explain more about how you can get involved in this important global mission. Together we can save lives and make a difference. The Church Street youth group has already begun fund-raising. Last weekend at Resurrection they helped raise \$32,000 to save 3,200 lives from malaria. Imagine what we as a congregation can accomplish when we share our blessings and offer hope to God's children all over the world.

God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. -Ephesians 3:20

Do You Have Your Tickets?

The Vienna Boys Choir is coming to Church Street on **Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.** Contact Tim Ward for more information, 521-0276.

Tickets are available for purchase in the main office during regular business hours and from Tim Ward on Sundays. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students. You can buy tickets online at www.churchstreetumc.org.



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.

Eyeglasses Needed

The Murphy Builders class and the Community and Global Concerns committee are collecting used glasses and eye wear for the East Tennessee Lions Club Eye Bank. The Lions provide glasses and eye surgery for the needy in our area.

There is a Lions collection box in the Murphy Builders' classroom. Please bring your unneeded eye wear to help those in need. For more information, contact Dan Kelley at 385-1187.



January 27

Gardening & Landscaping, Pt. 1

4 P.M.-Room 122

Join master gardener David Craig for tips on getting your yard and garden ready for spring.

Taking Medications Safely, Pt. 2

6 P.M.-Room 118

Join registered pharmacist Mary Ellen Cox for valuable information about medication safety.



UMW Book Review

Join us on **Wednesday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Cox Parlor for the UMW Book Review. Pat Hunter will review *God Chose a Woman*.

Church Street UMC Calendar: January 27– February 2

Worship

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

Sunday School–9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 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
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
Sun., 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
Girls' Basketball Practice
Sun., 6 pm, Gym

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Financial Peace Orientation
Sunday, 1 pm, rm 118
Christian Believer Class
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Gardening & Landscaping Pt. 1
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 122
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
SNL: Medication Safety
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 118
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, CLC 124
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Meetings & Ministry

Leadership Celebration
Sun., 12:15 pm, Parish Hall
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Stephen Min. Training
Sun., 1:30 pm, rm201-A
Stephen Min. Peer Supervision
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Singles

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

UMW

Book Review
Wed., 1:30 pm, rm 103
Lydia Circle
Fri., noon, rm 119

The Lectionary READINGS

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

February 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

The newly elected United States government is now installed in office. Earlier in January, the members of Congress were sworn in; this past Sunday/Monday, the President was inaugurated. The ceremonial aspects of government being complete, it is time to get down to the business of government. While they may be out of sight in Washington, they are not beyond our concern and better interests.

While some of us expect to speak directly to officials of the government about our concerns, most of us will handle the government from a distance - voting, paying taxes, driving on federally funded highways and such - but never engaging government officials in conversation. So, what are we to do now? Is there anything left for ordinary folks and Christians like us to busy ourselves?

We can (and ought to) pray for those in high office. As Paul said in Romans 13: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God" (Rom 1.1). Paul was no idealist when it comes to government. Governments are capable of great mischief and good alike. Still, he was convinced that governments served at the pleasure and under the watchful eye of God. They still do.

- Pray for the wisdom of those who lead; there are great challenges ahead.
- Pray for strength of character for them; there will always be great temptations.
- Pray for God to give them vision to see a great future for this nation.
- Pray for good will among the members of the several parties; energy lost to squabbling is lost for all of us.

We can live as good citizens. Years ago during the Vietnam War, the comic strip, Pogo, introduced us to a movement called, "Students Wildly Indignant about Nearly Everything." (You can work out the acronym.) It seems that many movements have taken the same approach these days. Indignation might stir up a lot of energy, but it rarely builds anything. Let us be builders in our time; let us make a difference for God and our country.

The new government has been sworn in. In a way, we the citizens of this great nation have been given a new beginning. Let's make the most of it.

The Sharing Shop Needs Donations

United Methodist Women will continue its mission of operating The Sharing Shop on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Since Christmas we are definitely in need of some items and could use the help of the congregation. Items needed at this time are toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, dishwashing liquid, socks, diapers, blankets and larger size coats and pants. You may bring these items to the church office or to the shop on the days it is open.

Church-wide Leadership Celebration features Ginny Weatherstone

On Sunday, January 27, at 12:15 p.m. in Parish Hall there will be a leadership celebration luncheon for all elected committee members and chairpersons. The featured speaker for the luncheon is Ginny Weatherstone, Exec. Director of the Volunteer Ministry Center. Her topic is "Vision & Vitality: Three Vignettes." Following her presentation there will be time for committees to have orientation meetings. Informational materials will also be given out.

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!



CHILDREN'S news

Save the date for the Mardis Gras Carnival on Sunday, Feb. 10. More information to come!

YOUTH news

The Confirmation Class students and their parents will be on their annual retreat to Lake Junaluska on Feb. 2-3. The group will be involved in a variety of small group learning activities plus going to the SEJ Heritage and the World Methodist Museums. Also built into the retreat are plenty of times for fellowship, fun and relaxation. Their time together will close with worship and Holy Communion on Sunday. Please pray for this group as they learn together what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world. Rick Isbell, Darryll Rasnake and Jenny Darden will share in the leadership for the retreat.

BENEVOLENCE news

Do you know about the Benevolence Team? Do you know what they do and how they do it?

We have a 30-minute slide show that will answer all these questions. Benevolence Team members would love to show you how they help others and answer any additional questions for your Sunday School class or church group. Contact Doug Spencer at 804-4369 or Dan Kelley at 385-1187 to arrange a presentation.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

The Messenger



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 900 Henley at Main
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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:

UT Medical Center: CB Sells, James Atkinson

Home from the hospital:

Francess Bennett, Mary Barker, Jim Grubb, Mazel Andrews to Morning View Village

Christian Sympathy To:

Mary Bonyton on the death of her brother, Fred Thornton on Jan. 21.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	739
Sunday School	424
Weekday Worship Services	77

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$ 35,574.04
Other	\$ 3,795

Our Church Family

Birth:

- Congratulations to Ian and Leanne Hennessey on the birth of their son **Brooks Eli Hennessey**, on Jan. 19.

Memorials

- **Reuben Hunter**
Memorial: Ann & Wilbur Warwick

In Memoriam

Kenneth Shaffer

Joined: 3/23/1995 Died: 1/17/2013

Altar Flowers for Sunday, January 27

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of his parents, Frank and Edna Word, by Frank and Clatty Word.

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given by Frank and Clatty Word in loving memory of his grandparents, Roscoe and Janette Reeder Word.

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

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
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Part-time Secretary	Julie Hill-278
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



The CSUMC Preschool would like to thank the Friends In Christ sunday school class for their donation of crib sheets and a lovely set of beginning reader chapter books! They are still collecting dress up clothes, crib sheets and gently loved picture books. Contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3511 for more information.

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