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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 3

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Sarah Varnell

Monday, February 4

Community Worship

6 PM – Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship

Hospitality Hosts

February 4: Followers

February 11: Discovery

February 18: Crossroads

Wednesday, February 6

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)

February 3

Chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli, salad, garlic bread, Chef's choice of dessert

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade and Water

Kid's choice: Buttered noodles, marinara sauce, meatballs

Reservations needed by noon

➔ on Thursdays; call 524-3048 or e-mail reservations@churchstreetumc.org

The Future of Downtown Knoxville

On Sunday, February 3, at 6 p.m. local developer David Dewhirst will present our program for Sunday Night Live. He and his firm, Dewhirst Properties, have been a vital part of renovation and development in downtown Knoxville for the past decade. Learn more about future developments in Downtown Knoxville. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. Make reservations by calling the church office at 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org by Thursday, January 31 at noon.



SNL
SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

What Resurrection Means to Me

–Chloe Beth Armstrong, 10th Grade

Resurrection is one of the big events our youth group does that involves everyone in youth who may or may not usually participate in choir or other activities. I really like how it is an opportunity to be on a trip with people whom I may not get to see every week at choir, Sunday school, youth, or basketball. Although it is cold every year and may require a lot of walking, people love to go to Resurrection because it is a chance to be reborn and refreshed spiritually. The sessions are packed with music, dancing, top-notch performances, and moving speakers.



This past weekend was very enjoyable. The speaker did not follow the “usual” Resurrection speaker style, but helped everyone grow closer to God in a new way. This weekend was also unique by trending #Rez13 on Twitter and Instagram. I found it very interesting to see photos and tweets about everyone’s Resurrection experiences beyond my youth group.

Friendships are also growing during Resurrection because it allows a lot of time to hang out with people. It’s even a chance to meet people in other youth groups. Through the bus rides, the laughs, the tears, the new experiences, I always come home feeling like I grew closer to new people and strengthened bonds I’ve had with older friends.

Other good things about Resurrection include the annual trip to the Pancake Pantry, shopping around and seeing the endless tourist traps and gift shops, and occasionally witnessing one or two brave people take a splash into the outdoor pool.

Overall, Resurrection means a lot to me. It is one of my favorite youth events and every year I know it will be even better than the last.

Winter Carnival Kicks Off Lent

As we move quickly toward Lent our annual Winter Carnival/ Mardi Gras celebration will take place in the gym on **Sunday, Feb. 10 from 4-4:45 p.m.** Children will enjoy simple carnival games with crazy prizes, beads will be worn, and festive music will fill the gym as we enjoy one final afternoon of frivolity before the solemn days of Lent begin.

A dozen or more adults or youth are needed to assist with games so that everyone can have a chance to have fun and play. Please volunteer for this short, fun-filled hour by contacting Sue Isbell at the church.

At 4:45 p.m. we will move to the breezeway where our pastors will lead us in the burning of the palms from last year's Palm Sunday parade. The ashes from the palms will serve as the basis for our Ash Wednesday observance on February 13. Everyone, not just children, is invited to participate.

The festivities will continue at Sunday Supper in Parish Hall. Please make dinner reservations through the church office by calling 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org.



Lenten Study

This Lenten Season join the Pastors as they lead a Bible study focusing on Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. This five-part series is based on the book, *The Cross and the Prodigal* by Kenneth E. Bailey. The study will be presented from 6-7 p.m. beginning on Sunday, Feb. 17 in room 204.

Support the Benevolence Team With This Week's Communion Offering

The Benevolence Team at Church Street relies on generous donations from the congregation to fund its programs. The gifts you bring during communion on Sunday and each first Sunday will make a difference in the lives of many who are served through the Benevolence ministry.

Mark Your Calendar

Bishop Lecture Series

Dr. Warren Smith

March 9-10

Church Street UMC

More details coming next week.

Online Giving Now Available on Church Street Website

Church Street now has a new way to give your tithes and offerings. By visiting the "Online Giving" section of the church's website located under the Members tab, you will be able to contribute to the general fund, the memorials & honorariums fund, Imagine No Malaria, and to Holston Home for Children. You can make a one time donation, a payment, or set up a reoccurring donation. Log on to www.churchstreetumc.org for details.

Church Street UMC Calendar: February 3-9

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

Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 2:30 pm, rm 304
Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 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
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

UMW

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, 9 am, rm 204

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Stephen Min. Training
Sun., 1:30 pm, rm 201-A
Worship Committee
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Properties Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202
Kay Center Board
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 123
Lay Leadership Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122
Stephen Min. Peer Supervision
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Food Services Committee
Thurs., 5 pm, rm 201-A

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

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Financial Peace University
Sunday, 1 pm, E-01
Christian Believer Class
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Men's Bible Study
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
Sunday Night Live:
David Dewhirst, "Future Development in Downtown Knoxville"
Sunday, 6 p.m., Parish Hall
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, CLC 124
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

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

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., 7 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

The Lectionary READINGS

February 3
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71: 1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 10
Exodus 34: 29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

As I write, Celia and I are off to the Governor's State of the State Address in Nashville. Apparently, this is a fairly unusual opportunity for anyone not in government. In my modest survey, I have not found many others who have ever attended the Address (except for our hosts, exactly none). And yet, when the invitation came, I jumped at the chance.

As you know, I love politics as a spectator sport. Sam Venable inspired me to go public with this fascination. He was the one who pointed out that politicians, especially those who assemble in Nashville, provide him an unending supply of material for his column in the paper. Politicians are so "out there," being themselves on all kinds of issues. We have to love them.

Despite the national frustration with all things political, I remain optimistic and grateful for the political process in our nation. Politics provides the best decision-making process we can imagine. It chooses leaders to speak out, clarifying the issues. It is thoroughly participatory – welcoming the sensible and the impassioned into the conversation. Remember, we did elect them.

It is skewed, of course, by people with more power and money than others. But, is this observation reason to roll over and play dead OR reason to work harder in the next election? Optimism says, "Get to work."

When you consider the wide range of opinions we the people hold on any subject and the many ways we have to express those opinions, politics has the unenviable job of crafting one path that we will all follow. From the relative safety of Knoxville, I believe that anyone who runs for office is either inspired or deluded. Those who walk this line successfully are deserving of our respect – even when we disagree with them.

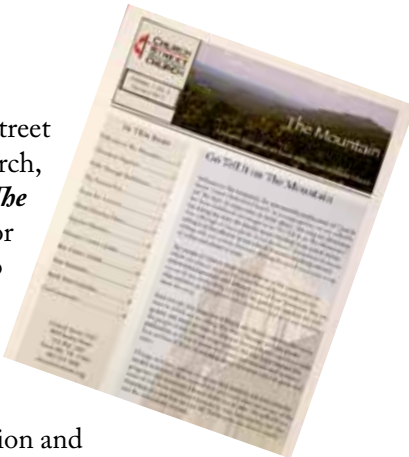
So, I will sit in the chamber tonight to watch and listen with hope. There will be legislators present who have sent me into spasms of disbelief over some of their proposals. There will be legislators who have become legends already.

Mainly, however, this will be one of the best civics lessons I have ever received. And the people we meet along the way will remind me why Paul urged in Philippians 4.6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

New Publication Coming in March

It is an exciting time to be part of Church Street United Methodist Church! Beginning in March, we will print a new publication called *The Mountain*. It will be a monthly, full-color magazine with 8-12 pages. It will allow us to share the story of Church Street in a completely new way. The magazine will include articles and photographs highlighting the ministries of Church Street. We encourage you to think of ways you can contribute to this new publication and share your passions and missions with the entire congregation.

With the addition of *The Mountain*, we will no longer print and mail the Messenger each week. It will move to an e-mail only format by the end of March. For those members without e-mail addresses or access to computers, we will provide printed copies, so rest assured that you will continue to be involved and aware of what's going on at Church Street. Over the next few editions of The Messenger, we will explain more about the new magazine and how you can make sure that you don't miss a moment of the amazing ministries and missions of our church.



Confirmation Retreat

Please be in prayer for this year's Confirmation Class and their parents as they travel to Lake Junaluska this weekend for their annual retreat. 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.



February is American Heart Month and that means it is time for CPR training. You can attend the training on Monday, Feb. 11, from 6-9 p.m. in CLC 120. The cost will be \$20 per person to be paid on the night of the class. Advanced reservations are required, so please contact the church office at 524-3048 to sign-up. Contact John Hollingsworth at 806-4477 with any questions.

UMW Notes

We have two corrections from last week's UMW information in Sunday's bulletin.

Circle 11/Mary and Martha Circle: Meets at the church in the Cox Parlor at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Julie Thornburg is the circle chair.

Lydia Circle—Meets in the Chiles Room on the first Friday of the month from noon until 1 p.m. Elaine Ralston is the chair.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

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:

UT Medical Center: James Atkinson, John Horton

Ft. Sanders: Julia Landreth

Home from the hospital:

Douglas Olson, C.B. Sells to Holston Health & Rehab, Lyla Boehms to Homewood

Christian Sympathy To:

Jamie McKinney and family on the death of her father, Mack McKinney on Jan. 27.

Remonda Alleyne on the death of her uncle, Mack McKinney on Jan. 27.

Susan Weaver Jones on the death of her aunt, Floryne Hobbs on Jan. 23.

Teresa Williams on the death of her uncle, R.W. Irwin, Jr. on Jan. 27.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	736
Sunday School	445
Midweek Worship	56

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$ 27,250.36
Imagine No Malaria offering	\$3,374.64
Other	\$ 4,744.83

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Matthew Bates**
Matthew Bates Memorial Fund: John & Jan Wilkerson
- **Alma Denton**
Memorial: Lou & George McNutt
- **Reuben Hunter**
Memorial: Lou & George McNutt
- **Fred Thorton**
Memorial: David & Betty Craig

Our Church Family

New Members:

- **Adam Smith**, by transfer from Ridgeview Baptist Church Knoxville, on Sunday, Jan. 27, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Alex Thompson**, by re-affirmation of faith on Sunday, Jan. 27, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Megen Sharp**, by transfer from Christ Community Church, Franklin, TN, on Sunday Jan. 27, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Sarah Fox**, by transfer from First UMC, Hendersonville, TN on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the 11 a.m. service.

Birth:

- Congratulations to Julia & Bailey Landreth on the birth of their son, **Miller David Landreth** on Jan. 29. Grandmother is Judy Miller. Great-grandparents are Ann & Wilbur Warlick.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Robert Lay**
Gardens: Ed Lay
- **Cabel Trent**
Pastors Discretionary Fund: Dr. Bennett & Evelyn Horton
- **John Warner**
General Budget: William & Judith Warner

Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 3

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Alan and Linda Fletcher by their daughters.

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given by Bob and Lora Jean Johnson in memory of their son, Jody Johnson and her parents Sam and Frances Hinton, and her sister Nancy Hinton Lang.

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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