

M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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

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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 10

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, February 11

Community Worship

6 PM – Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

February 11: Discovery

February 18: Crossroads

February 25: Parables

Wednesday, February 13

Ash Wednesday Services

7 a.m. – Nave

12 noon – Nave

6:30 p.m. – Nave

Labyrinth Walk open from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Supper

5:15–6 PM in Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

February 10

Pancakes (Blueberry, Chocolate Chip, Plain) with syrup and toppings, Crepes, Fruit, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs

Reservations needed by noon on Thursdays; call 524-3048 or e-mail reservations@churchstreetumc.org

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.

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.



Lent



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. **Sundays** (beginning Feb. 17) Christian Perspectives Class- 9:40 a.m., Room 204 - 6 p.m. **Wednesdays** (beginning Feb. 20) Pastor's Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Room 201-A



Ash Wednesday Services

7 a.m.

Noon

6:30 p.m.

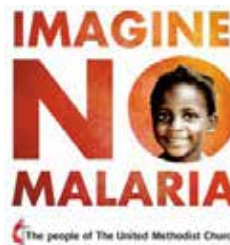
The 7 a.m. service is new this year, and is designed as a "drop-in" time from 7-8 a.m. where you can receive the ashes and have a moment of prayer at the altar--our hope is that members will make this service a part of their morning commute if it is difficult to attend the later services. The 6:30 p.m. service will include a Moments with All God's Children. We urge everyone to mark the beginning of Lent with prayer and fasting, and the reminder that we need Jesus, the Savior who begins a journey toward the cross and an eternity for all of us at Easter.

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. Read more in the Messenger insert. Thanks to WUOT for their continued support of the *Master Art Series* here at Church Street. We appreciate their generosity in making these concerts possible.



Join Our "Swat" Team

The children of Church Street need your help! Join them on **Sunday, February 24** in Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service for a special fund raising lunch for Imagine No Malaria. The Children's Choirs and Drama Troupe will perform as we learn more about this important mission to save lives. You can make reservations this Sunday at the Welcome Center in the CLC. Cost is \$10 per person. Please join us for lunch and help swat malaria away for good. If you are unable to participate in the lunch, donations are welcome. Remember, just \$10 can save a life!



FAQ's About the New Publication

What will happen to *The Messenger* in its current format? Beginning in mid-March, *The Messenger* will move to an e-mail only format. It will be e-mailed on Tuesdays. Please make sure the church office has your e-mail!

Will I still be able to receive *The Messenger* by mail? Yes, if you notify the church office, you will still receive a printed copy of *The Messenger* each week.

Why is it called *The Mountain*? *The Mountain* not only invokes the beautiful Smoky Mountains that we are blessed to have in our backyard, but also the call to "Go Tell It On The Mountain." As a congregation we are called to tell The Story each and every day in every corner of our lives. This new publication will allow our church to tell our story in a new, exciting way. It will be a celebration of all our missions and ministries.

What is the format of *The Mountain*? It will be an 8-page full-color magazine printed on glossy paper and mailed to every member. Some seasons (Advent, Lent) may include up to 12 pages.

What if I want to publish something in *The Mountain*? Content for the magazine is due on the first day of the month. For the first issue, please send all photographs and articles to communications@churchstreetumc.org by **Friday, March 1**.

Church Street UMC Calendar: February 10-16

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
Ash Wednesday Services
Wed., 7 a.m., noon, 6:30 pm,
Nave

Sunday School-9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
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

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Stephen Min. Training
Sun., 1:30 pm, rm 201-A
Board of Trustees
Wed., 5 pm, rm 202
Stephen Min. Peer Supervision
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

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

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, 3:30 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
CPR/AED Training
Mon., 6 pm, CLC 120
Labyrinth Walk
Wed., 8 am-5:30 pm,
Chapel
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, 9 am, CLC 124
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Shrove Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Parish Hall
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

UMW

Circle #4
Tues., 10 am, rm 103
Circle #7
Tues., 10 am, rm 204
Circle #10
Tues., 10 am, CLC 14
Circle #8
Tues., 1:15 pm, rm 204
Mary & Martha Circle
Wed., 7 pm, rm 103

Children

Winter Carnival
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym

The Lectionary READINGS

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

February 17
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Lent is just around the corner, so it is a good time to plan. How can we observe Lent with a tradition that makes this time more meaningful? Often people will ask, “What are you giving up for Lent?” Sadly, this question is understood to ask, “What are you going to deprive yourself of for the next six weeks?” That is not exactly an uplifting spiritual approach. I would like to suggest a different question. “What spiritual disciplines will we keep in Lent?” Let me suggest:

- Make a weekly donation to a cause that you care about. Resist the shortcut of figuring out the total and then donating once. Find the cause; figure out how to give; then give each week lifting a prayer for those who will be touched by your gift.
- Related to the item above, we were talking recently about the Imagine No Malaria campaign going on now. Rev. Charles Maynard, District Superintendent over in Maryville, suggested that we “give up malaria for Lent.” Make a donation each week to eliminate malaria in Africa.
- Set aside the time to join the Lenten Bible Study. This means setting aside the time to spend in study with others, the time to read, the time to reflect.
- Some years ago, I remember making the commitment to write my prayer each day through Lent. No stoplight prayers; no “Now I lay me down to sleep,” as I was drifting off. I kept the prayer on the edge of my desk so I would be reminded of it through the day.
- Pick someone in a nursing home and go see that person once a week through Lent. Take a flower from your yard each time you go. Whisper a prayer for them as you enter the facility.
- Maybe you can think of something better than any of these.

What spiritual discipline will you keep? Lent is not about feeling deprived for six weeks. It is about walking closer to God for a season. Ash Wednesday is February 13; that is the day our discipline begins.



Dr. J. Warren Smith

March 9

9 a.m. - noon

March 10

9:40-10:40 a.m.

4-7 p.m. *

**Reservations for dinner required.*

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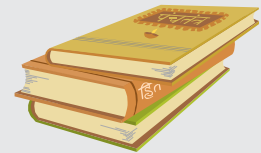
Bishop Lecture Series Coming in March

The Lord’s Prayer is easily the most familiar prayer and likely the most familiar single passage of Scripture among Christians. It is one of the first prayers learned by little children and among the last elements of Christian worship retained by the waning memory of Alzheimer’s patients. In Christian communities where no creed is recited or recognized, there is still the Lord’s Prayer. Yet, because it is so well known and can be recited effortlessly, most Christians acknowledge that all too frequently we say it without thinking. Join **Dr. J. Warren Smith** from Duke University Divinity School on **March 9-10** at Church Street for the annual Bishop Lecture Series. It is an invitation to explore more deeply what we mean when we pray these familiar words. It is also a guide to help us see the Lord’s Prayer as a confession of the New Covenant in Christ that allows us to pray to “our Father.”

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

UMW Book Club

Join us on **Sunday, February 10 at 5:45 p.m.** in the Parlor for the UMW Book Club. We will be discussing *Mighty Be Our Powers* by Leymah Gbowee who told of how women changed Liberia at war. New members are welcomed to join this once-a-month meeting which discusses a different book each month.



Alaska Mission Trip

The dates have been set for the mission trip to Willow, Alaska. The group will depart on **Thursday, June 27** and return on **Friday, July 5**. The cost per person is \$1,500 and that includes airfare, transportation, while in Willow except for one outing, park entrance, mission fees, and VIM insurance. The first team meeting is on **Thursday, February 14**, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201-A. Please plan to attend or let Darryll Rasnake know if you cannot. A deposit of \$500 will be required at that time to hold your place.



What’s New on the Blog?

Right now on the Church Street blog you can read Sue Isbell’s account of the trip to the Holy Land that members of the congregation made earlier this year, including photographs from the trip. You can also learn more about upcoming Lenten activities. There’s something new posted almost every day so check back often. Scan this code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the blog, or log on to www.churchstreetumc.blogspot.com.



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

Home from the hospital:

Julia Landreth, Doug Olsen, C.B. Sells to Holston Health & Rehab, Frances Thomas to Holston Health & Rehab, Nancy Powell to Shannondale

Christian Sympathy To:

Ken Libby and family on the death of his uncle, Maynard Verdoorn, Jr. on Jan. 26.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	503
Sunday School	324
Weekly Worship Services	96

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$ 57,850.45
Other	\$ 4,566.69

CPR Training

You can attend CPR/AED 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.

CSUMC: "A Beacon—Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ"

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Matthew Bates**
Matthew Bates Counseling Fund: Lynn & Marty Bates
- **Charles Burnett**
Memorial: Shannon & Jeffrey Land
- **Gordon & Mary Cowles**
Garden Fund: Juanita & Terry Cowles
- **Reuben Hunter**
Education: Diane S. Richards
- **Ramona Sauter**
Garden Fund: Kent & Janice Sauter
- **Bill Willard**
Imagine No Malaria: Lily Willard
Garden Fund: Lily Willard

Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 10

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Alford by their daughter, Sara Jane Alford Francis.

Help Budding Artists

The Church Street Preschool needs your scratch paper. If your work or business has any paper with one "good" side, no matter the size or shape, we will happily reuse it. The preschool has many busy budding artists and has used up their store of scratch paper. Contact Miss Beth at 524-3511 or leave the paper in the main office.



Contact Us

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Fax number (865) 521-0261
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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

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
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