

# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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

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## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 17

*First Sunday in Lent*

**Worship Times**

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, February 18

**No Community Worship**

**This Week**

Upcoming

Community Worship

Hospitality Hosts

February 25: Parables

March 4: Youth

Wednesday, February 20

**Noon Lenten Service**

Hosted by the Downtown

Cooperative Ministry

**Church Street UMC**

Noon - Nave

## Sunday Supper

**5:15–6 PM in Parish Hall**

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

February 17

Shepherd's Pie, sauteed vegetables, garden

salad, homemade desserts

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade and Water

Kid's choice: Chicken tenders, Mac & Cheese

Reservations needed by noon

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



There is a wonderful tradition of ecumenical partnering in the heart of Downtown Knoxville. Several churches, some with steeples, some that meet in unique settings downtown are involved in a monthly meeting of senior pastors that enjoy fellowship and common experience of downtown life. Out of these meetings opportunities have emerged to worship together and share our common faith. One tradition for over a decade is to journey through Lent together during Wednesday Noon Worship. We travel to each steeple church for a 30 minute service of worship that begins at Noon, followed by a donation-based lunch in the fellowship hall of each setting. This is a great way to worship with other Christians in the city, discover commonalities across denominations, and to see the inside of the beautiful old steeple churches of Downtown Knoxville. Parking is limited at some of the churches, so if you are able, we encourage you to park at Church Street and enjoy a brisk walk to our neighboring churches. The schedule for this year is:

February 20-Church Street UMC

February 27-First Baptist Church

March 6-St. John's Episcopal

March 13-First Presbyterian

March 20-Immaculate Conception

**Services are held on  
Wednesdays at Noon and  
are followed by lunch.  
Donations are appreciated.**

## Lenten Study

A Lenten Bible Study will be offered each Wednesday evening beginning Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in Room 201-A. We will study Kenneth Bailey's book, *The Cross and the Prodigal*. Bailey spent most of his working career in the Middle East, teaching in the Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon and teaching literacy in rural villages of Egypt. Through these experiences with the illiterate poor, he gained insight into the culture of the Middle East – insight that informed his reading of the culture of the Bible. The result is an interpretation of the Biblical story that makes it come alive in new ways. This study will also be offered on Sundays beginning on Feb. 17 at 9:40 a.m. in the Christian Perspectives Class.



## Lenten Devotion Books Available

Remember to pick up a copy of *The Sanctuary for Lent*, a daily devotional for the seven weeks of Lent. In this book, Robert V. Dodd explores the life, teachings and miracles of Jesus as described in the Gospels as well as their meaning for today's world. We thank the Congregational Care Committee for making this resource available. Regular and large print booklets are available outside the Nave.

# Join Our Swat Team!

Sunday  
February 24  
12:15 p.m.

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 fundraising lunch for Imagine No Malaria. The Children's Choirs and Drama Troupe will perform. You can make reservations by stopping by the Welcome Center in the CLC on Sunday, calling the church office at 524-3048, or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org. Cost is \$10 per person. Please join us for lunch and help swat malaria away for good.

## We Need Your E-Mail Address

Beginning in mid-March, *The Messenger* will move to an e-mail only format. To ensure that you still receive the newsletter and other important communications from the church, please be sure the office has your current e-mail address. You can send your e-mail address to Doris Lively at dlively@churchstreetumc.org. Help us be good stewards of our resources by saving paper and money with online communications.

## Bishop Lecture Series Coming in March

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 about what we mean when we pray The Lord's Prayer. 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." Schedule of events: **March 9** a.m.-noon. **March 10** - 9:40-10:40 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Reservations for dinner required. Call 524-3048 or e-mail reservations@churchstreetumc.org.



## Get Ready to Run for the Kay Center

The Heels and Wheels Duathlon raises funds for 15 different community nonprofit organizations including the Kay Senior Care Center. Each organization is responsible for getting a team of at least 20 people. Each person on the team is asked to raise at least \$100 and be a part of the event on **Saturday, April 13**. All money that is raised by team members will support the Kay Senior Care Center. So if you like to run, bike, walk, or volunteer; the Heels and Wheels Duathlon is for you. To join the team call Judith at 521-0293 or visit heelsandwheels.org for more information.



## Church Street UMC Calendar: February 17-23

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)  
Wednesday Lenten Service  
Wed., noon, Nave

### Sunday School-9:40 AM

### Music

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  
Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
Sunday, 6:50 pm, rm 304  
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

### Children

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

### 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  
Discover Church Street  
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120  
Men's Bible Study  
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201-A  
Bible Study Fellowship  
Mon., 5:30 pm, room 201-A  
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9 am, CLC 124  
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

### Singles

Bridge: Mon., 6 pm, CLC 120  
Line Dance: Thurs., 7-9 pm, Gym  
Friday Fun Night  
Friday, 7 pm, Gym/CLC

### Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team  
Monday, noon, CLC 127  
Finance Committee  
Tues., 6 pm, rm 204  
Community & Global Missions  
Tues., 6:30 pm, room 201-A  
Adult Council  
Wed., 6 pm, room 202  
Staff-Parish Relations  
Thurs., 5:30 pm, room 201-A  
Records & History Committee  
Thurs., 5:30 pm, 201-B  
Stephen Min. Peer Supervision  
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

### 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

### UMW

Sarah's Circle  
Mon., 6:30 pm offsite  
Izzy's Girls  
Thurs., 7 pm, offsite

### The Lectionary READINGS

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

**February 24**  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

## Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

### Lenten Discipline #1

This has been a busy morning already. The newspaper Tuesday morning says that Tennessee preachers can carry guns in the pulpits. (Really?) A friend at the gym this morning, who was also at church last Sunday, declared that our early hour in the gym was his mountaintop experience. You know the kind of morning; you're having one, too.

Oddly enough, there is the quieter voice that keeps whispering through the noise of the morning: "Listen." Just that; one word: "Listen."

I remember that when Jesus was transfigured on the mountaintop, God the Father spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son; listen to him." Listening as a Lenten discipline is the listening of the heart.

We spend so much of our time talking or keeping the TV on just for the covering noise it makes. All this noise makes it hard to listen. We spend so much of our time planning our next job or writing the next sermon (whether you're a preacher or not) or what we are going to say at the afternoon meeting. All this noise makes it hard to listen. Listening is stopping all our noise and turning off the other noises that fill our day.

Listening is waiting. Sometimes we have to wait in an attitude of listening for God to speak. God will rarely shout over our busy sounds. Something about conversation with God will not compete with any other voices. So, we wait with quieted mouths and hearts for the coming of the God who speaks. I must warn you, however, that sometimes God comes but chooses to sit with us quietly – as old friends can sit and inhale a silence together.

For this first week of Lenten Discipline, I recommend spiritual listening. Still the noise within and without, and wait upon the Lord. Set aside a time for listening – five minutes or fifty. And do just that.

*8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.*

*9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.*

*10 "Be still, and know that I am God!*

*I am exalted among the nations,*

*I am exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:8-10)*



## Next Discover Church Street Class is Feb. 17

If you have been visiting Church Street and want to know how you can become a member of this congregation, then please join us for the next *Discover Church Street* class on **Sunday, February 17 from 4-7 p.m.** This one-time class is led by Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, and other clergy staff.

The class explores the history, beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church, the mission and ministry of Church Street as well as an understanding of the membership vows at Church Street. Please contact Rick Isbell at 521-0266 or [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org) for more information on the class.

## YOUTH news

Join us February 23 for our first ever One Day Retreat. The theme for the day is Manifesto and we will work through our personal beliefs, some of what the UMC believes, and also beliefs that the Christian church as a whole hold true. Marc will be the speaker for the day. Our music will be provided by Stereo Radio. Registration is due this Sunday, but appreciated earlier.

## MUSIC news

Mark your calendar for a Master Arts recital on **Monday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.** The recital will feature Edie Johnson, organist with Cathy Leach, trumpet and a special guest appearance by Doc Severinsen. The original trumpeter for this recital had to cancel due to medical problems and we are delighted that Cathy Leach is able to join Edie for this event. The renowned Doc Severinsen will join Edie and Cathy for a performance of 'Balm in Gilead' for the recital finale. Cathy Leach is professor of Trumpet at the University of Tennessee and Principal Trumpet for Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. Doc Severinsen is best known as the band leader for The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson which ruled night TV air for 30 years. The recital is free and open to the public.

## UMW news

Service Circle is asking for donations of mens' gently used T-shirts (all colors, logos OK, sizes medium, large, XL). Place them in the bag on the bulletin board in the hall outside the kitchen or in the bag in the church office. Service Circle will turn them into boys' shorts to be sent to Africa.

## 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.

**Domestic Violence Helpline**  
**(865) 521-6336**

# THE MESSENGER



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## 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: John Horton  
Parkwest: Marion Bloomer

#### Home from the hospital:

James Ellison

#### Christian Sympathy To:

**Tom Howell** on the death of his brother-in-law, James Bradley Mankin, Jr. on Feb. 4.  
**Ginny Hill** on the death of her father, John Schaeffer on Feb. 11.

### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	791
Sunday School	473
Weekly Worship Services	70

### Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$ 68,121.88
Other	\$ 7,198.75

## Memorials

*In Memory of:*

- **Matthew Bates**  
*Matthew Bates Counseling Fund:* Keven & Karen Bowdle
- **Matthew Bates**  
*Matthew Bates Counseling Fund:* Renee & Timothy Stone
- **Nancy J. Dennis**  
*Memorial:* Kristian Dennis
- **Reuben Hunter**  
*Pastor's Discretionary Fund:* Jim & Bertha Lees
- **Their Parents**  
*Garden Fund:* Bill & Sandra Roberts

## Honorariums

*In Honor of:*

- **Church Street Pastors**  
*Imagine No Malaria:* Pat Hunter
- **Brooks Eli Hennessey**  
*Children's Ministry:* Hugh & Janice Hixson
- **Miller David Landreth**  
*Children's Ministry:* Hugh & Janice Hixson

### Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 17

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in memory of Jama McDonald Hollingsworth by John, Cindy and Sarah Grace Hollingsworth.



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

## 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](http://www.churchstreetumc.org)

Watch *Rejoice!* streamed on our web site.  
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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

## Blog Business

This week on the Church Street blog you will find a special *Imagine No Malaria* Lenten Devotional. Each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter we will be posting a devotion tied to our efforts to raise funds for *Imagine No Malaria*. There's something new posted almost every day on the blog so check back often. If you have photos or a blog to share, please e-mail [communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org). Scan this code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the blog, or log on to [www.churchstreetumcblog.com](http://www.churchstreetumcblog.com).

