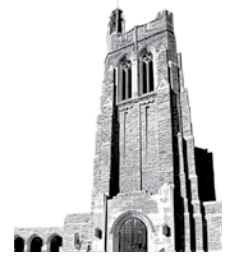


# M THE CHURCH STREET MESSENGER



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

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, March 10**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**Worship Times**

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

**Monday, March 11**

**Community Worship**

6 PM - Chapel

Community Worship

Hospitality Hosts

March 11: Crossroads

March 18: Partners

March 25: Cornerstone

**Wednesday, March 13**

**Midweek Lenten Service**

Hosted by the Downtown

Cooperative Ministry

**First Presbyterian**

Noon

Light lunch follows the service.

## Sunday Supper

**5:15–6 PM in Parish Hall**

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

**March 10**

Oven Fried Chicken with white gravy,

Peas and Carrots, Idaho Smashed Potatoes

Fresh Baked Bread, Chef's choice of dessert

Kids: Chicken fingers, mixed fruit bowls

Reservations needed by noon

➔ on Thursdays; call 524-3048 or  
e-mail: [reservations@church-streetumc.org](mailto:reservations@church-streetumc.org)

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## UMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service



United  
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Women  
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Please join us on **Tuesday, March 12**, at 11 a.m. for United Methodist Women's Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service and luncheon.

Joyce Shoudy and Anne Umbach from Family Promise of Knoxville will speak about their organization's efforts to provide food, shelter, and support services for homeless families in our area.

Most of the families in this program are facing homelessness for the first time due to job loss, medical conditions, and financial problems. The cornerstone of Family Promise of Knoxville is the interfaith network of 16 local "host" churches, which actually house and serve homeless families within their places of worship. Church Street is part of the Family Promise network, serving as one of 26 local "support" churches that provide supplies and volunteer support. Lunch follows at noon in Parish Hall. Pre-paid reservations are due to Circle leaders by Thursday, March 7.

Since this is a District event, several other UMW members from other churches will be joining us. Please help us welcome them as we come together for fellowship and to learn about the important work of organizations such as Family Promise.

## Parish Hall Renovations—We Need Your Input

The Parish Hall Renovation Committee has created a survey about the future of Parish Hall. You will find copies of the survey outside the Communications Director Office (Room 209, near the elevator), in the church office and online. The link to the survey can be found on the church blog and on Facebook. If you have a smartphone, you can scan the code to the right to be taken directly to the survey. Your input about the future of Parish Hall will help our congregation renovate the space and make it a vital part of our ministry and our missions.



## College Scholarship Forms Now Available

Each year Church Street gives out two scholarships to support our students in higher education. The Carrie Ellis Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has been highly involved in the life of our church and youth group. The Frankie Sherman Rasnake Scholarship is available for graduating seniors, current college students, and graduate students who demonstrate financial need and high achievement. Applications are available now in the church office and on the church website. Please turn in all applications to Rick Isbell no later than April 14, or e-mail them to [risbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:risbell@churchstreetumc.org). The recipients of each scholarship will be announced on Senior Sunday, May 12. Our prayers and well wishes are with each of you as you make such important decisions about your educational future.

## Reflections on Youth One-Day Retreat

—Grady Beach

The half-day retreat at CSUMC brought the attendees into realization of what makes us a fellowship. We began with sitting down and sharing current events, and then it slowly transformed into discussing what we believe in and how love is seen in each of our eyes. With the help of the latest technology such as iPads, laptops, and smartphones, we individually researched a segment of the Apostles Creed. Together we shared and dug deep into the small details and meanings within each creed. We broke with lunch and all headed out to support the Night Furies vs. the Protestant Princesses (CSUMC's girl teams) in the most intense game of the year. The Princesses won, but the Night Furies hustled and worked up a well-deserved sweat. Coming together and fitting a whole retreat into half a day was exhausting, but it also showed us that in the small time we have together, we can make memories and recognize the people of CSUMC that God has put in our lives to help direct our paths.

## Docent Training

Church Street is looking for additional docents to help share the rich legacy of our church. On **Sundays, March 10 and 17,**



Dale Pool will be conducting two tours (architecture/history and stained glass windows) for the Cornerstone Class. It would be a great opportunity for those interested to learn more about the church and become greatly needed docents. To sign up or for

more information, call Dale Pool at 584-6747.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 10,** we will collect a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering benefits The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) located at the General Board of Global Ministries. With this offering, The United Methodist Church rebuilds lives and communities around the world by helping the United Methodist Committee on Relief keep its promise that 100% of your designated gift goes to specific causes. Please give generously. For more information on One Great Hour of sharing, log on to [www.churchstreetumcblog.com](http://www.churchstreetumcblog.com).



### REMINDER

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend. Daylight saving time begins **Sunday, March 10.**

## Church Street UMC Calendar: March 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  
Monday, 6pm, Chapel  
Wednesday Lenten Service  
Wed., Noon, First  
Presbyterian Church

### Sunday School—9:40 AM

### Music

Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
Sunday, 2:30 pm, rm 304  
UT Chamber Concert  
Sunday, 3 p.m., Nave  
Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306  
Children's Choirs at Shannondale  
Sunday, 5:40 p.m.  
Kinder Choir  
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 212  
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

### Singles

Lunch Bunch: Sun., 12:15 pm,  
Sweet P's BBQ  
Bridge: Mon., 6 pm, CLC 120  
Line Dance: Thurs., 7–9 pm, Gym

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Financial Peace University  
Sunday, 3:30 pm, E-01  
Christian Believer Class  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202  
Youth Parent Study  
Sun., 6 pm, Kay Center  
Men's Bible Study  
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201-A  
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9 am, CLC 124  
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A  
Bishop Lecture Series  
Sun., 9:40-10:40 am, Parish  
Hall & 4-7 pm, CLC 120

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Parish Hall  
Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, room 204  
Young Men's Basketball  
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

### UMW

Circle #4  
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 103  
Circle #7  
Tuesday, 10 am, CLC 14  
Circle #10  
Tuesday, 10 am, off-site  
Prayer Service  
Tuesday, 11 am, Nave  
Lunch  
Tuesday, noon, Parish Hall  
Circle #8  
Tuesday, 1:15 pm, rm 204  
Book Review  
Wed., 1:30 pm, rm 103  
Circle #11  
Wed., 7 pm, rm 103

### Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team  
Monday, noon, CLC 127  
Congregational Care Committee  
Tues., 6:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Board of Trustees  
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202  
Kay Senior Care Ctr. Board  
Wed. 5:30 pm, CLC 122  
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

### The Lectionary READINGS

**March 10**  
Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**March 17**  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

# Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Last week the Pope resigned and he has now gone off into retirement. My first reaction is that allowing the Pope to retire at 85 makes a lot of sense—but then, I am an outsider to the Roman Catholic Church.

A recent edition of USA Today outlined the challenges faced by the Cardinals who will gather to select the next Pope. The list (sadly) includes scandals around the world and within the Vatican itself. It includes questions about the handling of money and various sexual improprieties. Such scandals are reported because information flows more freely than it has in generations past. Even in a world-wide church it is simply harder to hide such things with distance or inattention.

In addition, temptations are offered at every turn. Society (not just the Roman Catholic Church) is surrounded by the same come-ons that tempt all prominent people and institutions. At the same time, the machinery to discover and punish transgressions is very good at its job. Empowering all this is society's appetite for all things scandalous.

Do not think that the challenges outlined above belong only to the Roman Catholic Church. It is merely an especially easy target. Every religious organization, every government body and every secular institution is living in today's high-pressure environment. (I used to complain that my job had lots of stress until I realized that every job has lots of stress.) Unfortunately, there is no going back to the good old days (if ever there were such). Unfortunately, there is no one who stands above or immune to the perils of modern life.

For the most part, I see people who lead our organizations and institutions doing a heroic job against great expectations and brutal intolerance for failure. (Yes, I'm the idealist who still appreciates the work of politics and politicians.)

Let us pray for our Catholic brothers and sisters as they choose the next Pope. (Is a Pope-to-be allowed to refuse the honor?) Let us pray for all who lead the governments and organization and institutions that make our society strong. Let us walk through Lent, aware that we could have joined the happy crowd on Palm Sunday AND shouted "Crucify" on Good Friday—like those in Jerusalem long ago. Life in the second decade of the 21st Century is not for sissies.

## Bishop Lecture Series

Join **Dr. J. Warren Smith** from Duke University Divinity School on **March 9-10** at Church Street for the annual Bishop Lecture Series. This year it is an invitation to explore more deeply what we mean when we pray the familiar words of the Lord's Prayer.

**March 9**

9 a.m.- noon

**March 10**

9:40-10:40 a.m.

4-7 p.m.\*

*\*Reservations for dinner required. \$6 per person. Call 524-3048 or e-mail [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org).*

## Imagine No Malaria Fundraising Efforts Continue



The people of The United Methodist Church

Church Street continues to raise money for the Imagine No Malaria initiative going on throughout the Holston Conference. Our church's goal is to save 2,627 lives by June. There are many ways you can support our Imagine No Malaria efforts. Next **Sunday, March 10**, you can stop by the table outside the chapel and drop off your donation with the UMW. You can also donate on the Church Street website. Just \$10 can save a life and will have a huge impact on our brothers and sisters in Africa. Thank

you to all who have contributed so far. Your generosity has helped raise more than \$9,400 for Imagine No Malaria. That's more than 940 lives saved!



Each Wednesday during Lent the Downtown Cooperative Ministry hosts a mid-week service. Each service begins at noon and lasts approximately 30 minutes. A light lunch follows and donations are appreciated. The schedule for the remaining services is below.

**March 13-First Presbyterian**

**March 20-Immaculate Conception**

## MUSIC news

Reminder: On Sunday, March 10 the Children's Choirs will sing at the 8:30 a.m. service. Meet at 8 a.m. to prepare. Then the choirs will sing again for the 6 p.m. Service at Shannondale Retirement Center. Parents, please have your children at Shannondale by 5:40 p.m. We won't be wearing robes at Shannondale, just nice clothes.

## PRESCHOOL news

The Church Street Preschool will be holding an egg hunt later this month. Donations of plastic Easter eggs for the hunt are greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the church office or contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3041. We appreciate your support!

## 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!

## VOLUNTEERS needed

Church Street is hosting groups from Family Promise of Knoxville next week and additional volunteers are needed to assist with the meals on March 11 & 12. If you can help, please contact Linda Henderson at [lhmorrisproperty@comcast.net](mailto:lhmorrisproperty@comcast.net)

## Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 10

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of James A. Newman by his wife Jacqueline T. Newman.

# 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:* Sarah Varnell, Bob Goff

*Parkwest:* Frances McConnell

*Ft. Sanders:* Barbara Paulson

*Blount Memorial:* Gordon Abbott

*Russian Hospital:* Will Andrew Tatcher

**Home from the Hospital:** John Rodgers

#### Christian Sympathy To:

**Tim & Terri Ward** on the death of their sister-in-law, Jeanne C. Ward on Feb. 26.

**Fred Sherrod** on the death of his cousin Mildred Jenkins on Feb. 26.

**Burton West** on the death of his sister and to **Amy Fay Chandler & Abigail Jumper** on the death of their aunt, Isabel West Silverman on Feb. 27.

**Gerry Larkin** on the death of her mother, Evelyn Oliver Hickman Matthews on Feb. 28.

**Jack Brooks** on the death of his sister, Maurine Christopher on Feb. 28.

### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	773
Sunday School	468
Community Worship (2/25)	38

### Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$58,646.25
Other	\$7,198.80

### In Memoriam

## Edgar Thomas Jenkins

Joined: 03/28/1999 Died: 2/24/2013

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

## Our Church Family

### Birth:

- Congratulations to Daniel & Sarah Varnell on the birth of their daughter, **Grace Margaret Varnell** on Sunday, March 3.

## Memorials

### In Memory of:

- **Beverly Dawson**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dolinak  
*Soup Kitchen:* East TN Eye Surgeons Staff  
*Soup Kitchen:* Will & Candy Brownlow  
*Memorial:* David & Betty Craig
- **John Horton**  
*Memorial:* David & Betty Craig  
*Memorial:* The Curtis & Kathryn Shelton Family  
*Memorial:* Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bond and Mrs. Frank DeFrieze  
*Memorial:* Wilbur & Ann Warwick  
*Memorial:* Anonymous  
*Master Arts Series:* Verna McLain & Herman Sain  
*Memorial:* Knoxville Post Office Credit Union  
*Memorial:* The Irwin Family  
*Memorial:* William McDonald  
*Memorial:* Mildred Sterchi  
*Memorial:* Juanita Reynolds  
*Memorial:* Cynthia Thompson  
*Memorial:* Mary Thorn, Frank, Margaret & Sam Adams
- **Buddy Romines, Jr.**  
*Memorial:* David & Betty Craig
- **Frank Viront**  
*Memorial:* David & Betty Craig  
*Imagine No Malaria:* Hugh & Janice Hixson

## Honorariums

### In Honor of:

- **Polly Anna Harris**  
*Rejoice:* Warren & Patricia Coppedge

## Contact Us

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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](http://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, Anita O'Dell, Leo Thibeault