

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday, June 9**

*3rd Sunday After Pentecost*

### Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave  
Rev. Sarah Varnell

**Monday, June 10**

### Community Worship

No Service

Community Worship  
Hospitality Hosts

June 10: No Service  
June 17: Cornerstone  
June 24: Singles

**Wednesday, June 12**

### Midweek Worship & Communion

No Service This Week Due to  
Annual Conference

### Please Note

Due to summer scheduling  
there will be no WNAF on  
Wednesday, June 26.

Register now for

## Camp Hogwarts August 6-7

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

## Youth Choir to Sing Sunday



The Church Street Youth Choir will return from Choir Tour later this week. Fifty-four youth and adults traveled to Philadelphia for the annual Parish Youth Choir Tour. The choir sang Sunday, June 2, at America's oldest Methodist church building, St. George's UMC, in downtown Philadelphia.

The choir sang at many other locations throughout their trip and explored Philadelphia and New York City as well. The group was housed at Eastern University for each of the six nights. This Sunday, June 9, they will present the music from their tour at both services. Please join us for this special time of music as the choir showcases their talents.

## Summer Elective Series Begins Sunday, June 16

Dr. Phillip Sherman will present a summer adult elective series on the **Dead Sea Scrolls** on Sundays, June 16, 23 and 30 in Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour. The series will explore the history of the discovery and delayed publication of the Scrolls, as well as explore what the Scrolls have to teach us about ancient Judaism, the origins of Christianity and the history of the text of the Bible. Dr. Phillip Sherman is Assistant Professor of Religion at Maryville College and a member of Church Street. The summer elective series will continue on July 7 with Grant Standefer, Executive Director of Compassion Coalition, to speak on "Hope Blossoms When We Claim Our Role as Salt & Light in Our Community." Then on July 14, Jim Harb, a native of Knoxville with a Christian Palestinian heritage who has been active in efforts toward peace in the Middle East for 40 years, will speak on, "Hope Springs Eternal in the Land of Milk and Honey." Classes or individuals may choose to come to part or all of the sessions from June 16 through July 14.

## There's Still Time to Register for VBS

VBS is just a few weeks away, but there's still time to register your child. Log on to [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org) to sign up today! VBS runs 9:15 - noon each day from June 17-20. This year's theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair." There will be a special closing celebration on Thursday evening. We hope your child will be able to join us for this special week! For more information, contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or [sisbell@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:sisbell@churchstreetumc.org).



# Thank You, Church Street

—Marc Gamble

I was 19 years old when White Oak United Methodist Church took a chance on me and hired me as their youth director 25 years ago. Just a week or so after hiring me a church member let me borrow their conversion van and we loaded up several youth, their luggage, and a few volunteers and headed to Resurrection. It is hard to believe that it has been 25 years since my journey as a youth director began.

In 1996 I took a big leap of faith and moved from Chattanooga to Knoxville to become the youth director at Church Street UMC. I have no doubt that it was a decision orchestrated by God from beginning to end. You can ask any of those involved in the interviewing and hiring process and they will agree. I have been at Church Street for almost 17 years and have been blessed far beyond what I deserve in those years.

Two years ago I began a graduate program at the University of Tennessee to study Instructional Technology. The program combined my experience in education and interest in technology. I graduated just a few weeks ago with a Master's Degree. What started out as just an interest began to take on shape, and form a more definite direction for my future. As a result, my plans for the future have shifted.

After much prayer and consideration, I have decided to step aside as youth director at Church Street UMC. This is not an easy decision in any way, shape, or form; yet I believe it is the right decision for me and in the long run will be the best decision for youth ministry at Church Street.

I will be taking a job with South College helping faculty members implement technology in their classrooms and in their coursework. I will also be teaching as adjunct faculty. I am excited about these possibilities, but at the same time very sad about leaving the work that I have loved at Church Street.

Jenny Darden, our youth intern of three years, has been named interim youth director and will begin in that role right away. It is also vital that parents and volunteers continue in the same committed fashion that they always have, if not more. We have the best volunteers in all of United Methodism, and Church Street will need you more now than ever before. Just so you know, all summer programming will go on as planned.

Finally, I want to make it perfectly clear that I am not leaving the position of youth director because I am unhappy in any way. I love the youth of Church Street very much. I work with the best volunteers there are. I have incredibly willing parents. The pastors at Church Street are very supportive. The staff is a joy to work with and the congregation has consistently shown through word and deed that youth ministry is a priority for the church as a whole. My decision to leave is solely a personal one based on the direction of the second half of my professional career.

After almost 17 years as youth director at Church Street UMC, I am leaving with enough memories and relationships to last me a lifetime. I am truly blessed. Thank you.



## Church Street UMC Calendar: June 9-15

### Worship

Morning Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)  
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)  
Midweek Communion Service  
**No service on 6/12 due to Annual Conference**

### Sunday School—9:40 AM



### Meetings & Ministry

Hunger Helper Market  
Sunday, 8-noon, Breezeway  
Kay Center Board  
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

### Singles

Lunch Bunch: Sunday, noon  
Mimi's Cafe in Turkey Creek  
Yoga: Mon. 7 pm, rm 204  
Line Dance: Thurs., 7-9 pm, Gym

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Bridge  
Monday, CLC 120  
Men's Basketball  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

### Personal & Spiritual Growth

Beth Moore Bible Study  
Monday, 6:30 pm, rm 201-A  
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

### The Lectionary READINGS

**June 9**  
1 Kings 17:8-24  
Psalm 146  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17

**June 16**  
1 Kings 21:1-21a  
Psalm 5:1-8  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

## Reflections

—Rev. Sarah Varnell

After five years of service, my last Sunday at Church Street will be June 9. I am projected to be appointed the lead Pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Fountain City starting June 30. I am excited about this next placement for ministry, but find that it is bittersweet because it means I will be leaving you. I knew I would leave Church Street eventually, after all it is the Methodist way; I just didn't know how hard it would be to say "Goodbye."

I have wept with you as we buried your loved ones that became my sisters and brothers. I am honored to hold your babies when they are just a few hours old and to be the first to say words of blessing over their lives. I am encouraged by the dialogue of our youth who deepen my understanding with their commitment to hands-on service. I am inspired by our children who respond with bright eyes to the acts of worship that feel so adult, and yet they see God's majesty in places I do not know to look. I am overwhelmed by the music of our various choirs that literally give me a connection to the holy. I am indebted to the staff that have supported and challenged me and made things happen around here on a regular basis.

On a very personal note, I am grateful for the generosity you have shown to me and my family during our marriage and the birth of our beautiful daughter Grace. I'm told that at least one legacy I leave is that I am the first pastor in Church Street history to birth a baby during my time serving the church—ha! We are blessed by your kindness to us, from the bottom of my heart—thank you!!!

You will always be the first place I served, the location of our wedding, and the congregation that took the vows when my daughter was baptized. I will remember you and cherish my "Church Street stories" throughout my ministry in the Holston Conference. My dear sisters and brothers, may God continue to bless you, and may you always be a community where all are welcome in grace and love.

### **Beth Moore Bible Study to Begin Next Week**

A summer Beth Moore Bible Study will be held on Monday evenings beginning on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in room 201-A. Led by Mae Swanner and Mary Lewis, this 10-week study is entitled *Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith* and is based on Isaiah 43:10. If God is who he says he is and can indeed do what he says he can do, why are so many Christians living mediocre lives? Beth Moore thinks that there is a simple answer to this question: unbelief. Therefore, in *Believing God* she challenges us to take God at his word, believe his promises and, as a result, live fuller lives. Don't be afraid to set aside your unbelief and experience the great blessings of God's promises. The cost of the study book is \$15. To join the study or for more details, please call Mary Lewis at 414-5390.

### **Join the Father's Day Honor Roll**

It's time to join the Kay Center Honor Roll and honor your father by making a donation to the Kay Senior Care Center Scholarship Fund. Visit the tables in the breezeway on Sunday, June 9. Donations should be made to Church Street UMC, memo: KSCC-Scholarship Fund. You may also donate online at [www.churchstreetumc.org](http://www.churchstreetumc.org).

Since 1992 this scholarship fund has allowed participants who otherwise are unable to afford the daily fee, to attend the center or attend the center more days per week.

### **Wesley House Needs Drivers**

Wesley House is in dire need of volunteer van drivers to either drive church vans or Wesley House vans for the Summer Program. All drivers must be 25 years or older, have a clean driving record (no accidents or speeding tickets), and be comfortable driving 15-passenger vans with children and adults as passengers.

Drivers are needed Monday through Friday from 8-8:30 a.m., 1-4 p.m., and 5-6 p.m. for June and July. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kelsey Vaughn, Program Director, at [Kelsey@wesleyhouse.com](mailto:Kelsey@wesleyhouse.com).

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

## 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:* John Dunlap, Barbara Collins

*Tennova:* Lou McNutt

*Parkwest:* David Harmer

**Home from the Hospital:** Betty Sterchi

**Back to Shannondale Retirement from the hospital:** Ellie Rader

#### Christian Sympathy To:

**Jim Rogers and family** on the death of his sister, Frieda Mae Henson on May 25 and his mother, Mildred Hood Rogers on May 31.

**Rhonda Luebke** on the death of her husband, Ross Alexander Ramsey on May 23.

**Mary Ann Gibson** on the death of her mother, Mary Pitt on June 3.

### Our Presence

Sunday Worship	480
Sunday School	313
Weekday Worship Services	39

### Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$ 48,716.88
Other	\$ 12,368.75
Hunger Helper	\$299

## Altar Flowers for Sunday, June 9

The Chancel Altar flowers are from the wedding of Sarah and Andrew Harris on June 8. The flowers are given in loving memory of the bride's maternal grandparents: Lt. Col. John Timothy Brennan and Mrs. Barbara Helen Lambe Brennan, and the groom's grandfathers: David J. Harris, Sr. and Willis C. Lindsey, Jr.

## Our Church Family

### New Members:

- **Mark & Catherine Sheffer**, by transfer of membership from St. James Episcopal, on Sunday, June 2, at the 11 a.m. service.

## Memorials

### In Memory of:

- **Scott Collins**  
*Memorial:* J. Harrison Beal  
*Soup Kitchen:* Bill & Jane Dempster  
*Soup Kitchen:* Pat Hale  
*Wesley House Capital Campaign:* Len & Pat Bellingrath  
*Memorial:* Charles Robinette  
*Soup Kitchen:* Bill & Sandra Roberts
- **Ronald Lynch**  
*Memorial:* Rob & Diane Page
- **Ruth Walker**  
*Wesley House Capital Campaign:* Len & Pat Bellingrath

## Honorariums

### In Honor of:

- **Rick Isbell**  
*Confirmation Class:* Richard Buckner
- **Ginger Hood**  
*Confirmation Class:* Richard Buckner
- **Polly Cowart**  
*Confirmation Class:* Richard Buckner
- **Jeri Strong**  
*Confirmation Class:* Richard Buckner
- **David Rosecrance**  
*Confirmation Class:* Richard Buckner
- **David, Julia & Miller Landreth**  
*Confirmation Class:* Richard Buckner

### In Memoriam

**Marjorie Caldwell**

Joined: 04/14/1963 Died: 06/01/2013

## 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)

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## Staff Directory

### Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-260
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
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
Food Services	-273
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

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# Happy Birthday!



Church Street would like to wish Ruth DeFriesse a very Happy Birthday. The long-time Church Street member will turn 102 on June 9!