

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 1

15th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, September 2

No Community Worship

Upcoming Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

September 2: No Service/Holiday

September 9: Partners

September 16: Cornerstone

Wednesday, September 4

Midweek

Worship & Communion

12 noon - Chapel

Rev. Ashley Helton

Please note: there will be no lunch
served following the service.

Sunday Supper

5–5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, September 8

Buddy's BBQ, cole slaw, potato salad,
and a cookie

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade and Water

(Children 3 & under are free)



Reservations needed by noon
on Thursday; call 524-3048.

Sunday Night Live Features Local Radio Hosts



Join us for the fall kick off of Sunday Night Live on Sunday, September 8. Our program will be provided by Mickey Dearstone and Heather Harrington from The Sports Animal 99.1 FM. Mickey is an East Tennessee native and has been the “Voice of the Lady Vols” for the last 23 years. Heather is a 2006 UT graduate and joined the Sports Animal Morning Show in 2007. They will talk about the upcoming Vols Football season and share stories from their time covering sports in East Tennessee. Please join us for this fun evening of fellowship.

Dinner Information: Dinner begins at 5 p.m. The menu is Buddy's BBQ (chicken & pork), cole slaw, potato salad, cookie and a beverage. Cost is \$7 per adult and \$4 per child with a family maximum of \$20. Children three and under are free. **Reservations are required.** Please make reservations by calling the church office at 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org by Thursday,

September 5, at noon. If you pay for your meal in advance, either online or in the church office, you will receive a 50 cent discount per person.

Join us for the BOOMSDAY Carnival

There's still time to buy your tickets for the BOOMSDAY Carnival from 4-9 p.m. on Sunday, September 1.

Pre-purchased tickets are needed if you plan to join us for dinner. Tickets for dinner will be on sale in the breezeway on Sunday, September 1, or church office during the week. The supper will be served in Parish Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. during the Boomsday festivities. Cost is \$6 per person and includes: hot dog, coleslaw, chips, a cookie, and lemonade, tea or water. Parking-only tickets are available this year. If you plan to park at Church Street and eat elsewhere, a \$10 ticket guarantees a parking space, **if you arrive prior to 6 p.m.** Parking after 6 p.m. will also be \$10 a car, if spaces are available.

Family-friendly activities include movies for kids and for adults; board games; carnival inflatables; face painting; a magic show, silent auction and craft table. Silent auction items include: Copper Cellar gift cards, Ruby Tuesday gift cards, Green Mountain Coffee Basket, Admission for 2 to Wonderworks, Admission for 2 to Titanic Museum, Pilot gift cards, and more.

We hope to see you there! The proceeds benefit the Church Street Preschool and the Kay Senior Care Center.

A New Family By Friday

Sooner or later every parent wishes they could totally reprogram their family in just a few days. While having a new family in a week may not be completely possible, Dr. Kevin Leman can provide workable, down-to-earth tips that can begin to transform every family in just a few days. "Have a New Family by Friday" is the title of Dr. Leman's latest parenting series and will be offered at Church Street on Sunday evenings for six weeks, beginning September 15. Classes will meet each week from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in room 204 and will be facilitated by Sue Isbell. There is no charge for this class.

Through this series, parents will discover that having a healthy family does not just mean having children who obey, but rather parents, grandparents, and a spiritual foundation through which children learn the values and value of a Christian home. Each lesson offers participants five-day action plans each week based on input from Dr. Leman's DVD presentations, group discussion, and Bible study.

We all need help being great parents. Regardless of the ages of your children, you will find something in this class you can build on. For more information contact Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Financial Peace University Begins Soon

Could you be more at peace with your money? Make plans to attend the next Financial Peace University (FPU) at Church Street that begins in September. FPU is a nine-week program on personal finance designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. The material is Biblically based and taught via video by Dave Ramsey.

Choose one orientation session to attend: Sunday, September 8, or Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m. in CLC 120. The nine-week class begins Sunday, September 22. Materials fee discount is available for Church Street members. Contact: Julia Kelley at jkelley2306@bellsouth.net or 228-0554 for more information.

UMW General Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, September 10, at 6 p.m. in Parish Hall for the next UMW General Meeting. This month we will focus on human trafficking, a major issue affecting the treatment of individuals around the world. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner in Parish Hall, followed by the program at 6:45 p.m. A nursery will be provided.

Unfortunately, our original speaker had to cancel, but Jerry Redman, Managing Senior Partner with Second Life of Chattanooga, has agreed to be with us. Since its inception in 2007, Second Life of Chattanooga has provided individuals, groups, and organizations with the basic knowledge of the issue of human trafficking and exploitation so they could become part of the solution to this terrible crime.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 1

The Chancel & Chapel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Jean Armstrong Ferguson by the Ferguson Family.

Church Street UMC Calendar: September 1-7

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)

No Community Worship
Due to Labor Day Holiday
Midweek Communion Service
Wednesday, noon, Chapel

Sunday School-9:40 AM

Music

Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

**Church Office
Will Be Closed
Monday,
September 1**

Meetings & Ministry

Hunger Helper Market
Sunday, 8-noon, Breezeway
Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Singles Ministry Council
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 120
Properties Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, rm 202
Lay Leadership Committee
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Food Services Committee
Thurs., 5:30 pm, Parish Hall

Youth

Band Practice
Wed., 5:45 pm, CLC 15

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

BOOMSDAY Carnival
Sunday, 4-9 pm, Parish Hall
Bridge
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

UMW

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202
Lydia Circle
Friday, noon, rm 119

Singles

Line Dance: Thurs., 7-9 pm, Gym
Friday Fun Night: 7-11 pm, Gym

The Lectionary READINGS

September 1
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Watching the news across the summer, I have often wondered: What can we do to ease the suffering of people displaced by the civil war in Syria? The number of refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey is staggering. Many more are displaced within Syria but unable to work or stay at home. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, nearly 2 million people have become refugees across the region. Can anything be done?

As it turns out, our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has been at work among the refugees in and around Syria. Working with partner organizations, UMCOR has provided birthing kits and layette kits; newborn babies and their mothers are among the most vulnerable of refugees. In addition, they have provided health kits for families and school kits for children. Over 70,000 such kits have been delivered to refugees.

The news of poison gas attacks and talk of international military action continue to keep the tragedy of this region on center stage. Of course, we have no idea what action will be taken. International military action may begin by the time you read this edition of *The Messenger*. What I am relieved to learn is that United Methodists have already been at work to ease the suffering of the most vulnerable in that region.

You are invited to give so that this work among Syrian refugees can continue. Gifts may be made through the church, marked for UMCOR or International Disaster Response.

Boomsday is a gift to receive and to give

On Boomsday, 100,000 people will gather on the front porch of the church to watch the fireworks that mark the end of summer. We have decided to treat this flood of happy humanity as our opportunity to throw the best block party in the city.

From 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. (just before the fireworks), we will welcome all these people to the church yard for activities of all kinds. This is the gift we give to the community on Boomsday.

At the same time, we provide Church Streeters a familiar place to rest on that swirl of humanity. Church restrooms are open; supper will be served in Parish Hall rain or shine. This is the part we receive on Boomsday.

I invite you to come to Church on Boomsday. It is the best block party in town!

New Sunday School Class Begins Soon

The Education Committee is starting a brand new class for young couples, with or without children, in room 309 on the third floor of the education building. The class will begin on Sunday, September 15. Robert & Amy Cathey along with Jim & Diane Crook will be sponsors for this class. Both couples are active leaders in our church and participants in their own Sunday School classes. They are excited about the potential of this new class for young couples and will work with the class as it gets started. The coffee maker will be ready with a variety to choose from, sponsors will roll out the welcome mat and the planning team will be ready. Now, all we need is you to come on Sunday, Sept. 15, 9:45 am, room 309, for everything to be complete.

Safe Sanctuary Training

There is nothing more important than the safety of our children. To protect the children in our church and those adults who work with them, every United Methodist Church must have a Safe Sanctuaries Policy in place within its congregation. Ours was written back in 2006 and has recently been revised.

Under the new policy, everyone must be re-trained every three years or if the policy is updated. This means many of our volunteers are up for renewal.

On Sunday, September 8, we will have a luncheon in Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. worship service, followed by a 45-minute training. Our goal is to reach as many people as possible who work with our children and youth. This will not be the only time the training will be offered, but we encourage you to come for lunch if you can and not put off this important session.

If you plan to attend the luncheon and training, please e-mail Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org by Thursday, September 5. You may also sign up in the hallway outside the Gathering Place Sunday morning. If you need childcare during the training please let Sue know as well.

Grief Support Group

A new grief support group is forming at Church Street. Through this group you will find strength and encouragement as you navigate your grief, especially during the upcoming holiday season. The support group will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. in room 201-A. For more information, please contact one of the pastors.

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:

Patricia Neal: Polly Anna Harris

Ft. Sanders: Zurma Caldwell

NHC Cavett Hill from Parkwest:

David Alley

Christian Sympathy to:

Elizabeth Reagon on the death of her aunt, Elizabeth Speltz Gibson, on August 23.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	655
Sunday School	417
Weekday Worship	73

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$52,478.88
Other	\$2,355.44
Hunger Helper	\$159.50

Our Church Family

New Members:

- **Bill & Jennifer Crosland** joined on Sunday, August 25, at the 11 a.m. service. Jennifer joined by baptism and professional of faith. Bill joined by transfer of membership from Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville.

Wedding:

- **Jennifer Allee & Joshua Bradley** were married on Saturday, August 24, with Rev. Andy Ferguson officiating.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Tom Grayson**
Parish Hall Renovation: Discovery Class

Parking at Church Street

Weekday Parking: Republic is no longer managing the church parking lots, but you still need a Church Street permit to park during the week. In addition, if you visit the church during the week, you need to park in the Magnolia Lot, in the visitor spots by the dumpster or in Hill Avenue lot. All other lots are used by the University of Tennessee during the hours of 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Game Day Parking: Church Street will continue to offer game day parking. Parking is \$30 per regular space. We charge for the number of spaces you take up, including tailgating. Parking is first come first serve. The main entrance for parking is located on Cumberland Avenue and will open first. Other lots will open as needed. Please do not park in any lot until a parking attendant is on duty. Lots open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, and at 7 a.m. on Saturday, September 7.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Esther Bare**
Memorial: Willard & Joanie Sitton
Rejoice!: Murphy Builders
- **Scott Collins**
Soup Kitchen: Dottie Winfrey
- **Carolyn Foster**
Soup Kitchen: Mary Cartwright & Bill Stoess
Soup Kitchen: Ann Benton
Soup Kitchen: Warren & Margaret Foster
Soup Kitchen: Michele & Pat Carney
Soup Kitchen: Dottie Winfrey
Soup Kitchen: Wilbur & Ann Warwick
Soup Kitchen: Murphy Builders Class
Soup Kitchen: Jim & Lyla Boehms
Soup Kitchen: Elizabeth Reagon
Soup Kitchen: Takeshi Egami
Soup Kitchen: Beverly Rogers, John & Margaret Reynolds, Scott Rogers
Soup Kitchen: Kathryn McCormick
Soup Kitchen: Ann Sturdivant
Soup Kitchen: David & Sugar Adcock
Soup Kitchen: Larry & Patricia Winters
Soup Kitchen: Allen & Linda Bass
Soup Kitchen: Jack & Betty Dotson
Soup Kitchen: Frank & Elaine Ralston
Soup Kitchen: Velma & Thomas Howell
Soup Kitchen: Clarence & Mary Jane Elmore
Soup Kitchen: Dottie Winfrey
- **Mac Sprouse**
Memorial: Harry & Susan Thayer
Memorial: Frank Dunn Co.
Memorial: Rhea McGhee
Memorial: Velma & Thomas Howell
Memorial: David & Sugar Adcock
Memorial: Willard & Joanie Sitton
Memorial: Ann & Wilbur Warwick
Memorial: Dottie Winfrey
Memorial: Murphy Builders
Memorial: Jim & Lyla Boehms
Memorial: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Sandra Murphy**
Choir Anthem: The Rotton Family

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

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Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson–260
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake–279
Associate Pastor	Ashley Helton–263
Associate Pastor	Nicole Krewson–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
Interim Youth Director	Jenny Darden–287
College Intern	Merry Reid Sheffer–548-7979
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–259
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

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Mae Swanner**
Children's Ministry: Monday Evening Beth Moore Bible Study Group
- **CB Sells**
Parish Hall Renovations: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Claire Shepherd**
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