

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 17

26th Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, November 18

Community Worship

6 PM – Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Upcoming Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

November 18: Crossroads

November 25: No Service

December 2: Parables

Wednesday, November 20

Midweek

Worship & Communion

12 noon - Chapel

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. in
Parish Hall. Reservations required.

Sunday Supper

5–5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$3.50 (children)

Sunday, November 17

Soup, grilled cheese, salad bar and cookies

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$20. 50 cent discount per
person if paid in advance.

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

Donations Needed For Thanksgiving Baskets

It's not too late to contribute to this year's Thanksgiving Baskets. Church Street is blessed to be able to provide 85 baskets as our expression of love to this community and the community of Willow, Alaska. But in order to make this possible, we need your donations! A donation of \$50 will provide enough food for a family to enjoy a bountiful feast and other meals in the days to follow. Please consider this gift as you make preparations for your own celebrations.

We also need people to help assemble baskets for our area by coming to the gym on Thursday, November 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A pizza snack will be provided. You may also help by delivering the baskets on Sunday, November 24. Come to the gym following Sunday School or 11 a.m. Worship to pick up a basket for a family near your home to be delivered on that afternoon.

Discover Church Street

The next *Discover Church Street* class for new and prospective members will take place this Sunday, November 17, from 4-7 p.m. in room 120 of the Church Life Center. This one-time class is designed to help you get to know more about The United Methodist Church and the mission and ministry of Church Street. Led by our clergy staff, the class will include a complimentary dinner and a full building tour. There will also be time to ask questions about the church. If you are interested in attending the group or have questions, please contact Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship at risbell@churchstreetumc.org or 521-0266.

Crafts Festival Kicks Off Advent Season

Sunday, December 1, is the first Sunday in Advent. Our annual Advent Crafts Festival will be held that evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in Parish Hall. Multiple activity centers based on this year's theme, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," will be set up for you to create your own special holiday craft. There will be something available for all ages. There will even be a center for you to send your holiday greetings to our homebound members. Many volunteers are needed to help with the craft centers. Even though all materials and instructions are provided, volunteers are needed in each craft center to help others. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Frances Nichols who is coordinating this year's event at fnichol1@yahoo.com.



Food Services Director Selected

The Food Services Director Search Committee has selected Mike Weatherly as our next Food Services Director. Mike comes to Church Street with varied Food Service experiences from the U.S. Navy to his most recent position as Director of Cedarmore Christian Camp in Kentucky, where up to 2,100 meals per day were served. Mike lives in Loudon, TN, with his wife and their seven children ranging in age from 3 to 21. Please welcome and support Mike as he shares his talents and gifts while serving our congregation and our community in the ministry of Food Services.

UMCOR Relief in the Philippines

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is mobilizing for disaster relief in the Philippines in the wake of the devastating typhoon there. To contribute to UMCOR's efforts in the Philippines, log on to www.umcor.org. You may also put a check in the offering plate and mark it UMCOR. The advance number for this disaster is #982450. One-hundred percent of your donation goes to the relief efforts which include providing the residents there with emergency food, water and water purification tablets.

WNAF Features Will Skelton

We hope you will join us for the next Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship on Wednesday, November 20, at 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be Will Skelton as he speaks on Knoxville's Greenways: Past, Present and Future. Skelton was the Chairman of the Knoxville Greenways Commission from its establishment in 1992 until 2008 and was actively involved in the development of Knoxville's greenways during that period. He is currently a board member of the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, Harvey Broome Group of Sierra Club, Tennessee Parks & Greenways Foundation, Knoxville Track Club, and Legacy Parks Foundation.



Menu: Smoked Turkey breast, Southern cornbread dressing with gravy, green bean casserole and chocolate cobbler. Make reservations for lunch by calling 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

Church Street UMC Calendar: November 17-23

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, Parish Hall
Midweek Communion Service
Wednesday, noon, Chapel

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Music

Kinder Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Primary Choir (1st–2nd grades)
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 304
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall
BodyWorks
Mon. & Thurs., 5:30 pm, Gym
Bridge
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
WNAF
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Singles

FOCUS
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 120



Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Kay Center Support Group
Monday, 3 pm, rm 201-A
Memorials Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 204
Program Council
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 118
Church Council
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Chapel
Stephen Ministry Peer Group
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Staff Parish Relations
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A
Thanksgiving Basket Assembly
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

The Lectionary READINGS

November 17
Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Financial Peace University
Sunday, 3pm, rm 202
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Disciple 3 Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 118
Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Children

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
God's Gang & Twizzlers
Sunday, 4:30 pm, Gym

Youth

Spiritual Life Advance Retreat
Friday-Sunday
Middle School Girls Bible Study
Wed., 5:45 pm, Lower CLC
Band Practice
Wed., 6:45 pm, CLC 15

November 24
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Sometimes sermons reveal more about the preacher than the preacher realizes. Or, maybe the sermon just did not get finished in one preaching. Last Sunday was one of those sermons.

In the sermon on the Wicked Tenants, I referred to the two wars in recent memory. The first, “The Gulf War” as it was called, was fought after Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait under President George H.W. Bush; the second was the continuing Afghan War following the attack on the World Trade Center. My point was that the only tool society held to address the challenge presented by Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Osama bin Laden was through armed force. While there were a few who objected to the military response, most Americans, including me, supported the military response. No other response met the challenge presented.

So, the first bit of self-revealing is that the preacher is no pacifist. The second bit of self-revealing came in the examination of the landowner’s decision to send his son, his heir, to collect the rent from the wicked tenants. It was an unexpected act of humiliation and grace from the owner who did not owe the tenants any kindness. Of course, the connection with Jesus, the Son of God, who was sent to the sinful world, is easy to see. Jesus risked death on the cross for the possibility that the world might “get it.” Jesus’ risk was to offer himself, the Son, in the place of using force to respond their violence.

The realization that takes your breath away is that, in Jesus, God has offered another way to fix the world which individuals can occasionally employ but societies and nations are never able to employ. Thus, the Kingdom of God is the gift which only God can provide. Confident that God is still working in this world, I look for that bright day.

The awkward, present imperfect is that we proclaim a gospel that we cannot live – not completely. We can risk it occasionally. We can see it from a distance. We can certainly yearn for it. However, it is beyond our ability to implement until Christ comes in all his glory.

As the old gospel hymn sings: “I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene.” The bright side of this realization (and there is one) is that Jesus Christ is not merely the best of us writ large. Instead, we proclaim a Christ who offers the world far more than we can conceive.

As the writer of Ephesians said: “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (Eph 3.20f).



Sign Up Now For Walk Through Bethlehem

While there are thousands who come to our annual Walk Through Bethlehem event each year, the event just doesn’t happen. It takes many days and lots of volunteers working behind the scenes before the event, and on the actual day to make everything come together. We need your help in a variety of ways to make this event a success. Look at the volunteer signup board in the children’s hallway to see where the needs are. Setup begins the week of December 9 and continues through December 13. Everyone’s help before, during and after the event makes it all come together. See where you are needed to make this year’s WTB a success.

SERRV market

The SERRV market is returning for another year at Church Street. You’re invited to shop at the market on Sundays, November 17, 24 and December 1. We will be selling the fair-trade merchandise beginning at 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and on Sunday evenings starting at 4:30 p.m. and concluding at 6 p.m. in Parish Hall. Shop early for the best selection, as we have new items in this year. The SERRV market is sponsored by the Community and Global Missions Committee.

PRESCHOOL news

Church Street’s Preschool currently has a few openings in the New Preschool 2 class for ages 2 to 3 and a half who are working on being potty trained but not quite there yet. We are also accepting donations of gently used board books and toys for this age group. For more information, please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 865-524-3511.

YOUTH news

Please be in prayer for our youth & volunteers as they travel to Camp Lookout this weekend for their annual three-day fall retreat. Please note we will not have any youth activities this Sunday night.

KAY CENTER news

The Kay Center’s monthly support for caregivers will meet on Monday, November 18, at 3 p.m. in room 201-A. Please call in advance to ensure there will be staff to care for your loved one during the meeting. For more information, contact Judith Winters at 521-0293.

UMW news

Save the date for the upcoming UMW Bake Sale on Sunday, November 24. There will be pies, cakes, breads and more for sale in the CLC Hallway. See Pat Bellingrath for more information.

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: CB Sells

Home From The Hospital:

Frances Thomas to Fair Park Healthcare, Jason Emert, James Farris, Ellie Rader to Arbor Terrace

Christian Sympathy to:

Jim Ison on the death of his mother, June Ison, on November 6.

Crystal Hertwig on the death of her stepfather, Norman Connaster, on November 9.

Mary Boynton on the death of her son, Fred Boynton, on November 9.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	697
Sunday School	407
Weekday Worship	72

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$42,997.37
Other	\$15,211

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

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 17

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in memory of Florence and Russell W. Hillis by Sherry and Steve Hillis and family.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Gretchen Beal & Michael McKee**
Master Arts: David & Betty Craig
- **Rev. Darryll Rasnake**
Thanksgiving Baskets: Lydia Circle

Our Church Family

New Members:

- **Andy & Erin Bell**, by transfer from Rosemary UMC, Roanoke, NC and Duke Memorial UMC, Durham, NC, on Sunday, November 10, at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- **Kyle and Kelly Kaplan**, by transfer from University UMC, Chapel Hill, NC, on Sunday, November 10, at the 11 a.m. service. Son, Noah, is added to the Preparatory Roll.

Memorials

In Memory of:

• Betty Kinder

Parish Hall Renovations: Bill & Sandra Roberts

Memorial: David & Betty Craig

Memorial: Barbara Collins

• Wilbur Warwick

Soup Kitchen: Frank & Elaine Ralston

Soup Kitchen: Bill Stoess & Mary Cartwright

Capstone Endowment: David & Nancy Goodson

Master Arts: Fay Adams

Master Arts: Verna McLain

Memorial: Tom & Cindy Forrester

Memorial: Dr. & Mrs. James Carroll

Memorial: Sherri Parker Lee

Memorial: Anonymous

Memorial: Baxter & Elizabeth Ragsdale
Memorial: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dolinak and Family

Memorial: Dr. & Mrs. James Acker

Memorial: Anonymous

Memorial: William & Carol Reeves

Memorial: Bobbie Congleton

Memorial: Angeline McCamy & Family

Memorial: Mr. & Mrs. Harold Ernest, Jr.

Memorial: Mr. & Mrs. Don Preston

Memorial: Cynthia McMillian

Memorial: Frank Dunn

Memorial: Mr. & Mrs. James Haslam, II

Memorial: Dr. & Mrs. John Rochester

Memorial: Bob & Lib Neff

Memorial: Lois McVeigh

Memorial: Lucy Dover

Memorial: Steve & Ann Bailey

Memorial: KC Learner

Memorial: Kaley Abernathy

Memorial: Friends from UT Office of Research

Contact Us

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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–270
Food Services	Mike Weatherly–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, Chris Graves



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