

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday in Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

This Sunday, our Youth, Chorister and Primary Choirs will sing Advent and Christmas music selections at both services.

Monday, December 9

No Community Worship

Upcoming Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

December 9: No Service

December 16: Partners

December 23: No Service

Wednesday, December 11

Midweek Advent

Worship & Communion

11:40 a.m. - Recital Featuring:

Gracie Woodson, piano

Noon - Nave

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch follows the service this week.

RSVP by Monday, December 9

(524-3048) Cost \$6.50

*"And you,
Bethlehem,
... from you shall come
a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel."*

Be A Part of the Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant will be held this Sunday, December 8, from 5:30-7 p.m. We will begin in Parish Hall with a light meal and then progress to the Nave for a unique Christmas Pageant where everyone can participate.

How do I volunteer?

We still need some volunteers to help with various parts of the event. For more information, please contact Sue Piper at 690-5188 or spiper1072@aol.com.

Mitten Tree Ministry

We need your help collecting mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and hats in all sizes. These items will be distributed to our guests at the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 8. There is a collection box for the items located outside room 209 (near the elevator) in the Children's wing. You may also place them on the Christmas trees located on the first floor near the library, on the second floor in the Children's wing and in the Preschool. All contributions are appreciated.

Walk Through Bethlehem Volunteers Needed

Our seventeenth Walk Through Bethlehem is less than two weeks away and volunteers are still needed to make the village come alive for our guests on the afternoon of Sunday, December 15. Wise men and several other positions are still available. Please stop by the chart in the children's hallway and sign up to help with the annual event, or contact Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org for the most current needs.



UMW Christmas Program and Luncheon

This Saturday, December 7, at 11 a.m. in the Nave

Please plan to join us for our UMW Christmas service and luncheon on Saturday, December 7. This is a longstanding tradition that we look forward to each year. On Friday, December 6, Circle members are invited to come to Parish Hall and make their particular Circle table as festive as they wish anytime after 1 p.m. On Saturday, December 7, we will gather at 11 a.m. in the Nave for the service. We are thrilled that Reverend Janet Edwards, one of our own, will give the meditation.

At noon, we will proceed to Parish Hall for lunch catered by Creative Catering. Our menu will be: Divine Chicken Spinach Casserole, tossed salad, and dessert. The cost for this meal is \$10. Reservations may be made by emailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org or by calling the church office at 524-3048. Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, December 4. Please understand that all reservations must be paid even if someone is unable to attend at the last minute because we will have to guarantee a number for our caterer. Membership in a Circle is certainly not necessary to attend this event; all are welcome!

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be on sale Sundays, December 8 and 15, in the hallway outside the Chapel (and through the church office during the week). Help beautify the church this Advent by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant.



Four-Course Fellowship begins in January

Sign-up deadline Sunday, December 22

The next 4-month rotation of Four-Course Fellowship begins in January, and you can be a part of it. In this fellowship opportunity, groups will be established and locations, appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts will rotate monthly within the group.

Here's how it works: You sign up (with a spouse, relative or friend) and are placed in an eight-person group to share a meal and fellowship. Your group gets together once a month (for four months). The days and times of the meals are determined by your group to be convenient for all eight persons. The host pair provides meat, beverage and home; the second pair provides appetizer and vegetable; the third pair provides salad and bread; and the fourth pair provides dessert. Each month a different 2-person team becomes the host pair, and all pairs rotate the portion of the meal for which they are responsible.

Here's how to sign up: To sign up or for more details, please contact Kathy Alexander at 379-5249. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the CLC Hallway, or e-mail kr_alexander@att.net by Sunday, December 22.

Greeters Needed For Christmas Eve

We have the greatest number of visitors at one time on Christmas Eve. This year there will be four Christmas Eve services and the Evangelism Committee needs greeters to be at the primary entrance doors from the parking lots to greet and welcome our guests. If you can help, please indicate which service your family plans to attend and we will assign a location for you at that service. The services on Tuesday, December 24, will be held at noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.. You should try to arrive about 30 minutes prior to the service since we always have larger groups joining our worship. If you can help, please contact Kathy Alexander at 865-379-5429 or kr_alexander@att.net. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our church during this most Holy season. The Evangelism Committee appreciates your commitment to serving this year as greeters, and we hope you can help with this ministry.

Church Street UMC Calendar: December 8-14

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
Midweek Communion Service
Wednesday, noon, Nave
(Music Begins at 11:40 a.m.)
Lunch Follows in Parish Hall

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Music

Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306



Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Christmas Pageant
Sunday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
BodyWorks
Mon. & Thurs., 5:30 pm, Gym
Bridge
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Murphy Builders Christmas Party
Tuesday, noon, CLC 120
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Youth

Girls Basketball Practice
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym
Monday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Middle School Girls Bible Study
Wed., 5:45 pm, Lower CLC
Band Practice
Wed., 6:45 pm, CLC 15

Meetings & Ministry

Grief Support Group
Sunday, 2 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Lower CLC
Capstone Endowment
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202

Walk Through Bethlehem

Set-up
Monday-Friday, Parish Hall

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Disciple 3 Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120
Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Singles

Lunch Bunch: Sunday, noon,
Calhoun's in Bearden
Line Dance: Thurs., 7-9 pm, Gym

The Lectionary READINGS

December 8
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7,18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 15
Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

This has been a year of looking toward the future for Church Street. An exploratory committee worked through much of the year. It began with the idea of updating the Parish Hall – a fairly simple proposition. Along the way, the exploratory committee began to imagine a larger future for this project and, at the same time, a larger future for Church Street.

When the formal proposal was brought to Church Council in November, it recommended that a Master Plan be prepared encompassing the Parish Hall, entry and greeting areas of the church, expanding to throughout the first floor of the original building. That recommendation was approved by Church Council.

This weekend, December 6-8, architects from Hartman-Cox Architects will be with us to see how we use this building and to imagine the best possibilities for a more useful, beautiful church. They will have conversations with several groups; they will observe the way people enter and leave the building; they will watch to see how we use the existing spaces. They have been asked to go all the way to the edges of our campus, looking for ways to improve the church's presence in the uptown area.

At the same time, the neighborhood around the church is moving in important, new directions. The Henley Street Bridge is almost complete. The Cumberland Avenue Strip will be refashioned into an urban living district. The uptown living environment is moving from Market Square toward Henley Street. The University has expanded in the direction of the church; students already make daily use of our parking. Life in uptown is being re-imagined right on the edges of our campus. We can take advantage of this growth and change.

This project goes far beyond building improvements; it is not merely an exercise in mortar and fresh paint. What I now see is that this church is looking for ways we will make our mission and our witness vital for the coming 50 years in the center of Knoxville. If we do nothing, we may let the future go off and leave us. With the Master Plan beginning, we are able to choose our future and our witness in Knoxville.



SINGLES ministry

- First Friday Dance is this Friday, December 6. Cost for admission is \$7 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m., lessons begin at 7:15 p.m. and the dance begins at 8 p.m. Entertainment provided by Boys' Night Out.
- Lunch Bunch will be held this Sunday, December 8, at Calhoun's in Bearden, just after the 11 a.m. service. We hope you will join us!

SHARING shop

The Sharing Shop has some immediate needs. The UMW says many of the customers they saw the last time the shop was open are sleeping in cars or outside. If you can donate any blankets, adult gloves and socks, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, the Sharing Shop would love to have some old sleeping bags as well. Please bring any donations to the church office or see Pat Bellingrath for more information. We appreciate your continued support of this ministry.

BODY works

BodyWorks, is underway at Church Street. Sponsored by Covenant Health, BodyWorks is a convenient, affordable fitness class that incorporates a variety of exercise options for a complete workout. Each class is taught by a certified instructor from Covenant Health and is appropriate for just about any level of fitness. Below are the specifics about this opportunity at Church Street.

- Every Monday & Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the gym
- \$3/each class, \$2/church members, first class is free
- No membership fees
- No contracts to sign
- Pay as you go, you only pay for the classes you attend
- Bring your mat, weights, water and appropriate shoes

Young Adult Small Group

A new small group for young adults/professionals has started meeting on Sundays. Join them in CLC 124 during the Sunday School hour (9:40-10:40 a.m.) for a devotion time during Advent. The group also meets for an outing on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. See Pastor Ashley for more information. We hope you will join us!

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:

Ft. Sanders: Frances McConnell

Home From The Hospital:

Virginia Milford

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	759
Sunday School	384
Midweek Communion Service	34

Our Church Family

Baptisms:

- **Marion Dempster Roehner**, daughter of Scott & Elizabeth Roehner, was baptized on Sunday, December 1, at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- **William Andrew Morton**, son of Jeff & Jane Morton, was baptized on Sunday, December 1, at the 11 a.m. service.

Births:

- **Connor Michael Hickey**, son of Rebecca Goff & Michael Hickey was born on Thursday, November 28. Maternal grandparents are Jeff & Cathy Goff. Great-grandparents are Bob & Norma Goff and Zoanne Bayer.
- **Reese Foraker**, was born on Wednesday, November 27. Great-grandmother is Nancy Johnson.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, December 8

The Chancel & Chapel Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Bishop & Mrs. Eugene M. Frank by Michael & Gretchen McKee.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Wilbur Warwick**
Memorial: Bill & Brenda Griffith
Memorial: Tom & Brett Doty
Memorial: Juanita Reynolds
Memorial: Mrs. Frank Tucker
Memorial: Thomas & Velma Howell
Memorial: James & Patricia Winters
Memorial: Dr. & Mrs. William Youmans
Memorial: Glada Alexander
Memorial: Robert & Joanne Schaller
Memorial: Don & Emily Dempster
Library: Anonymous
- **Fredrick Boynton**
Memorial: Anonymous
Memorial: Anne Trent
Memorial: Tommye Jordan
Memorial: Ouida Lanier
Memorial: Elizabeth Reagon
Memorial: Thomas & Velma Howell
Memorial: Howard & Doris Jackson, Jr.
Memorial: Mark & Nan Gaylord
Memorial: Carol, Judith, David, Bradley & Judy Hubbs
Rejoice!: Sue Hung
- **Anne Herron**
Memorial: Diana & William Waldrip
Memorial: Gloria Blackwell
Memorial: Greywood Crossing Owners Association
- **Betty Kinder**
Memorial: Anonymous
- **Arthur Bayer**
Rejoice!: Sue Hung
- **Virginia Martin**
Memorial: Ray Martin
- **Scott Collins**
Soup Kitchen: Bill & Brenda Griffith

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Singles Ministry**
Thanksgiving Baskets: Susan Weaver & Chuck Jones
- **Lou McNutt**
Wesley House: Epworth Class

Contact Us

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Staff Directory

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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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