

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 9

1st Sunday in Lent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, March 10

Community Worship

6 PM - Chapel

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Upcoming Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

March 10: Youth
March 17: Parables
March 24: Cornerstone

Wednesday, March 12

Community Lenten Service

Noon - Nave

Hosted by the Downtown
Cooperative Ministry

Lunch is served after in
Parish Hall.

Sunday Supper

5–5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$3.50 (children)

Sunday, March 9

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$20.

Menu: Spaghetti with Meat Balls,
Fresh Baked Bread, Vegetables, Garden
Salad, Italian Cream Cake

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

Community Lenten Services

Each Wednesday during Lent, the Downtown Cooperative Ministry hosts a mid-week service. Church Street will host the first one on Wednesday, March 12. Each service begins at noon and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Lunch follows each service and donations are appreciated. The schedule for the services is listed below. We hope you will join us for these special services throughout the season of Lent.

Wednesday, March 12 - Church Street

Wednesday, March 19 - Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, March 26 - St. John's Cathedral

Wednesday, April 2 - First Presbyterian

Wednesday, April 9 - First Baptist

A Season of Service Kickoff Event

You are invited to attend a special presentation about our newest outreach, Beacon of Hope, during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, March 9, in Parish Hall. Cinnamon rolls and coffee will be served as Richard Ginn, Program Director for Beacon of Hope, and Pastor Darryll share about this exciting ministry based at Vestal UMC.

This program is a way to kick off our Lenten focus, *A Season of Service*. Remember to pick up your Lenten Devotion book, located in baskets outside the Nave and the Chapel. In the book you will find weekly devotions for the season of Lent, as well as service opportunities in our community. Use the book to find your place of service as we are Living Christ in Our Community.



Lenten Bible Study

This Lenten Season join the Pastors as they lead a Bible study focusing on *A Season of Service*. Opportunities to join in this study are: Sundays at 9:40 a.m. in the Christian Perspectives Class, Wednesdays (beginning March 5) at 11 a.m. in room 204 led by Rev. Darryll Rasnake, and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in room 201-A led by Rev. Andy Ferguson. For Sunday School Classes wishing to use this study, you may download it at the Church Street Website or request a PDF via e-mail by contacting clamar@churchstreetumc.org.

Master Arts Series Presents Organ Recital

Join us on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave for a Lenten Organ Recital featuring organist Edie Johnson. This concert for the Lenten Season will include works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Herbert Howells, Louis Vierne, Charles-Marie Widor and Craig Phillips.

Book of Tributes

Church Street's Book of Tributes reflects a tribute to the love, loyalty and dedication of church members now deceased. To nominate a deceased member of our church for the inclusion in the Book of Tributes, please obtain an application from the church office. To be included in this publication the nominee must have been a member or former member of Church Street UMC at the time of death and the person must have made a meaningful contribution to the church by his or her participation and actions. The Books of Tributes are located in the church library - in red binders on the desk to the right as you enter the library.

Holy Land Trip Planned for 2015

Rick & Sue Isbell are planning to host another trip to the Holy Land departing on January 6, 2015. Since 1997, the Isbells have taken six trips to Israel with 84 Church Street members and friends. Each trip has been a life changing event for everyone. On Sunday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in CLC 120, Rick and Sue will hold a meeting for those interested in going to the Holy Land in 2015 and/or want more information. We will share detailed information about the tour company, costs, itinerary, departure date, etc. If you are interested in going to the land where Jesus walked and taught, now is the time for you to begin that journey. If you have further questions, contact Rick or Sue Isbell at risbell@churchstreetumc.org or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

UMW Call to Prayer

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, March 11, for the UMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service. We are looking forward to a time of inspiration and encouragement as our speaker shows us the ways in which our UMW financial contributions are used to transform many lives in our region and around the world. Jettie Hess, the Vice President of the Holston Conference United Methodist Women, will join us as we meet in the Chapel at 11 a.m.

Ms. Hess's presentation is entitled "An Everlasting Legacy of Love," and she says, "In a world filled with texting, tweeting and emailing, let us pause to think about the dynamic legacy we've inherited, and the one we will leave behind."

Lunch will follow in Parish Hall at noon. Please call the church office at 524-3048 by Friday, March 7, with your reservation.

Church Street UMC Calendar: March 9 - 15

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Gym
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Community Worship
Monday, 6 pm, Chapel
Community Lenten Service
Wednesday, noon, Nave

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir (1st-2nd grades)
Sunday, 5:30 pm, meet at Shannondale
Chorister Choir (3rd-5th grades)
Sunday, 5:30 pm, meet at Shannondale
Master Arts Organ Recital
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Nave
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Children

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
God's Gang & Twizzlers
Sunday, 4:45 pm, Gym

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall
BodyWorks
Monday, 5:30 pm, Gym
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Wednesday Lunch
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Tai Chi Class
Thurs., 12:30 pm, CLC 11
BodyWorks
Thurs., 5:30 pm, Gym

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Contemplative Prayer Group
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 201-C
Disciple 3 Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 118
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Lenten Bible Study
Wednesday, 11 am, rm 204
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Meetings & Ministry

Financial Peace
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Food Services Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 118
Congregational Care Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Kay Center Board
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122
Hunger Helper Committee
Wed., 6 pm, rm 204
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Singles

Line Dance: Thurs., 7-9 pm, Gym

UMW

Circle #7
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204
Circle #10
Tuesday, 10 am, CLC 14
Circle #4
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 103
Call to Prayer Service
Tuesday, 11 am, Chapel
Circle #12
Tuesday, 12:45 pm, rm 202
Circle #8
Tuesday, 1:15 pm, rm 204
Circle #11
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 103

Youth

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

The Lectionary READINGS

March 9

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 16

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

I looked out on my yard early this morning. I was delighted to see the crocuses Celia had been telling me about. The winter jasmine is finally in bloom after hiding through the harsh cold of January. Bright yellow flowers stand out against the brown, winter-rest lawn. Bright yellow flowers assure me of God's grace standing out against the brown of the stress-worn world.

Walking to the end of the driveway, I was surprised to see that God's crocuses of grace have come to my neighbors' yards, too. The neighbors up the hill go to another church, not ours; well, crocuses of grace dot their yard as they do mine. The neighbors over on the other side go to a very different church, and sure enough, there are crocuses in their yard as in mine. Why, there were crocuses along the road where anyone can travel, offering a feast from the grace of God for anyone at all. I stood at the end of the drive trying to figure it out. Do crocuses and grace observe any dignities at all?

The calendar reminds me that Lent has caught up with us. Lent is that season reserved for returning to God in faith and commitment -- returning to God with repentance and sorrow for sin. Lent is also reserved for those who are ready to commit to its discipline -- a giving up of some pleasure, for scrupulous church attendance, and a repentant heart.

But maybe Lent is not reserved at all. The calendar turns for saints and sinners alike. The crocuses of God's grace offer their color with unbridled abandon. Spring comes even for those around us who do not deserve its warmth.

Maybe Lent is a gift of God's grace just as every other grace God's offers. Instead of wandering through this season looking for more effective ways to make ourselves sick with responsibility, we can skip through this season feasting on the gift of spring. Maybe we can receive the gift of Lent as a season of refreshment and renewal. Instead of bearing down, we can lighten up. Instead of gloom, we can lift the shades, unleashing the sun.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. I hope the smudge of ashes in the shape of the cross on your forehead draws a few smirks and even a few questions. "What the...?" from someone walking down the hallway might be our opportunity to tell of the goodness and the extravagant grace of God.

Lent comes because God is good. It comes to all -- the saint and the sinner alike. God has that much grace.

College Scholarship Applications 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 Rev. Darryll Rasnake no later than April 13, or e-mail them to drasnake@churchstreetumc.org. The recipients of each scholarship will be announced on Senior Sunday, May 11. Our prayers and well wishes are with each of you as you make such important decisions about your educational future.

GARDENING c l a s s

Please join us on Sunday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. for a Container Gardening Workshop, hosted by David Craig and the Hunger Helper Market. Get an early start on your spring and summer planting and learn container gardening skills and tips. Instructions, handouts, tools, seeds, fertilizer, and containers will all be provided. A children's/family container gardening class will be offered on Sunday, March 30, at 4 p.m. Both classes will be held in the Magnolia Parking Lot and adjacent lawn. Please sign up by emailing Kathy Ehrnschwender at Katheaze@gmail.com or calling at 539-9721. All ages welcome!

PRESCHOOL n e w s

The Church Street Preschool has current openings in several classes. Our preschool is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information on openings, please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3511 or bclibby@churchstreetumc.org.

GLASSES n e e d e d

The Murphy Builders are collecting eye glasses, contacts, and eyewear for the East Tennessee Lions Club. The donations will help the Lions support the Kids Watch and Cornea Transplant programs of the East Tennessee Eye Bank. Kid Watch screens young children for eye problems and supplies eye glasses to children in need. The Cornea transplant provides eye surgery to repair the vision of adults in need. Please support this effort by bringing your gently-used glasses to the Murphy Builders classroom. For more information, contact Dan Kelley at 385-1187.

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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:

Fort Sanders: Dr. Robert Chapman

Parkwest: Edna Bell

Commonwealth University Health Hospital

(Richmond, VA): Adrienne Robertson

Christian Sympathy:

To **Hughes Miller** on the death of his grandmother on February 26.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	758
Sunday School	450
Weekday Worship	99

Our Gifts

Contributions toward budget	\$37,404.54
Other	\$3,270.61

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 9

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



Our Church Family

New Member:

- **Deborah Welsch** joined by transfer from Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville, Sunday, March 2, at the 8:30 a.m. service.
- **Rebecca Cobbs** joined by transfer from Munsey Memorial UMC in Johnson City, TN, on Sunday, March 2, at the 11 a.m. service.

Birth:

- **Anna Cecilia Hemel** was born on February 20 to Brian and Katie Hemel. Maternal grandparents are Ed and Valerie Nicholson.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Art Olson**
Rejoice: Steve & Mary Ellis Richardson
Memorial: Gwen Rogers
Memorial: Richard & Mary Stair
Memorial: Sam & Emily Tinsley
Wesley House Building Fund: Hugh & Janice Hixson
Kay Center: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Golden
- **Ellie Rader**
Kay Center: The friends of Beth Rader
- **William Davis**
Memorial: Len & Pat Bellingrath
Wesley House Building Fund: Hugh & Janice Hixson
- **Sara Dickson**
Rejoice: Bob & Lora Jean Johnson
Rejoice: Murphy Builders Class
- **Charles Boyd**
Memorial: Seekers Class
- **Agnes Lay**
Wesley House Building Fund: Hugh & Janice Hixson

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 Spencer–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

Pathfinders Class Plans Bus Trip

During the week of September 15–20, a group of Church Street members, and others, will travel by bus to Gettysburg and Lancaster, PA, and Charlottesville and Williamsburg, VA. The bus will depart Knoxville on Monday, September 15, and drive to Gettysburg. On Tuesday, September 21, the group will tour the battlefields of Gettysburg and other points of interest. On Wednesday, September 22, the group will tour Lancaster County's Amish country and attend the "Moses" play. On Thursday, September 23, the group will journey to Williamsburg, stopping on the way to visit the home of Thomas Jefferson in Charlottesville. Friday, September 24, will have the group touring old historical Williamsburg and returning to Knoxville on Saturday, September 25. All travel will be via a tour bus furnished by Mayes Bus Lines. Cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,200 per couple (double occupancy) plus food. Estimated cost includes bus/driver costs, lodging and all tour/ play ticket costs. Pathfinder's class members and others have already reserved most of the available bus seats with only a few remaining. If you are interested in the trip, please call Bill Roberts at 694-5071.



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