

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 13

5th Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, July 14

Community Worship

6 PM - Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Upcoming Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

July 14: Parables

July 21: Followers

July 28: Discovery

Wednesday, July 16

Midweek

Worship & Communion

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch will follow in Parish Hall. Call
524-3048 to make
reservations.

**Camp Hogwarts
is Coming!**

August 5-6

Register now at

www.churchstreetumc.org

Church Street Summer Picnic

We hope you will join us for the Party in the Parking Lot on Sunday, July 20. The event will start with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a performance from local jazz ensemble, the Marble City 5. After the entertainment, we



will show the movie "Frozen."

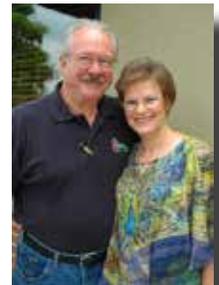
Dinner will be chicken, green beans, macaroni & cheese, fruit salad and an ice cream bar for dessert. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 10 & under). Please

make your reservations by Thursday, July 17, by calling 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs or blankets. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside to Parish Hall. We hope to see you there!

South Sudan Missionaries to Speak Sunday

Fred and Libby Dearing, Holston Conference Missionaries, will speak about their work in Yei, South Sudan, during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, July 13, in the Parish Hall. Fred, a UMC pastor and District Superintendent and his wife Libby, were called to Sudan after Fred took an exploratory trip in 2006. Their work includes pastor and teacher training, agriculture, micro finances and orphan ministry through GRACE Home and Green Land Home. Church Street United Methodist Church helps support the Dearing's work through Missions Committee funds, partnership in the Logos Church and other funding resources. We hope you will come hear them speak about the many ways God is at work in South Sudan.



UMW Picnic Features Jack Neely

Please join us in Parish Hall on Tuesday, July 15, for the UMW Potluck Picnic and "An Evening with Jack Neely" as the local author, historian and Metro Pulse Associate Editor shares insights and stories from his latest book, *Knoxville: Green by Nature*. Neely feels that our city is emerging as one of the country's more interesting and livable urban environments and that it has become a magnet to the intellectual capital necessary to grow a sustainable future. His account celebrates the heroic individuals, corporations and institutions whose combined insight and actions are shaping the community's ongoing renaissance.

The picnic is always a fun evening for UMW participants and their families as well as friends from the larger church and Knoxville communities. Our potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall, and Mr. Neely will begin speaking around 7:30 p.m. (Please bring your favorite potluck dish to room 118 by 6:20 p.m.)

Camp Hogwarts Returns August 5 & 6

The magic returns August 5 and 6 as kids with a love of the books, movies, or the world of Harry Potter are invited to attend our third annual Camp Hogwarts. The day camp extends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and includes assembly in the Great Hall, Hogwarts-inspired classes, a magical lunch, and afternoon activities of crafts, music and recreation. The camp is recommended for children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade and are Harry Potter fans.

The cost of the camp is \$25 per child, with a maximum of \$70 per family. If a parent volunteers to be a leader in the camp their child may attend for a reduced rate. Fees are due by August 1 and cover two lunches, two snacks, and all materials and supplies. Register now on our church website. Be sure to include your mailing address so your student may receive his/her acceptance letter. Several volunteers are still needed. Contact Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org if you wish to help.

Youth Participate in MAD in The City

This week the Church Street Youth Group is participating in MAD (Making a Difference) in the City. For more than 20 years, our youth have invested valuable time in the lives of the children at Wesley House. This year, the youth will spend time at the Wesley House in the mornings and join in fellowship together as a group in the evenings all around Knoxville. We ask that you be in prayer for those participating, specifically that they will continue to cultivate meaningful relationships at the Wesley House and with each other while being intentional about sharing the love of Christ.

Thank You!

The Preschool would like to thank Zola Morris for her donation of a children's Bible for Miss Lynette's class. The preschoolers often make decorations for the library's bulletin board. To show her appreciation Zola surprised the preschool with a new Bible for our devotion time.

Sunday School Teachers & Shepherds Needed

It is that unusual time of year when everyone is on vacation but we begin the most important work we do in our children's Sunday school: recruit leaders for fall. Church Street has preschool classes that need teachers who will love, guide, and build lasting relationships with our young children. Our combined three & four-year-old class needs a team of four adults who will commit to leadership for one year. Four teachers on a team allows each team member time off to occasionally return to their own class throughout the year.

Spirit Adventure, our rotation Sunday school for first – fifth graders needs shepherds for each grade level. This commitment is also for one year and team shepherding is encouraged. Shepherds take attendance, welcome children, help with snacks, and accompany the students to their classes each week where other adults handle the teaching responsibilities.

Sunday school is the cornerstone of our Children's Ministry. Please consider making a difference in the lives of our children this year by being a teacher or shepherd. Contact Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org to volunteer.

Church Street UMC Calendar: July 13-19

Worship

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

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Singles

Lunch Bunch
Sunday, 12:15 pm, Mimi's Cafe
Line Dance: Thurs., 7-9 pm, Gym
Game Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Missions Committee
Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Records & History
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-B
Staff-Parish Relations
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-A

UMW

Picnic
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Book Review
Wed., 1:30 pm, rm 104

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Contemplative Prayer Group
Sunday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-C
Women's Bible Study
Monday, 6:30 pm, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Hunger Helper Market
Sunday, 8 am, Breezeway
Bridge
Monday, 6:30 pm, rm 118
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Lectionary READINGS

July 13
Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

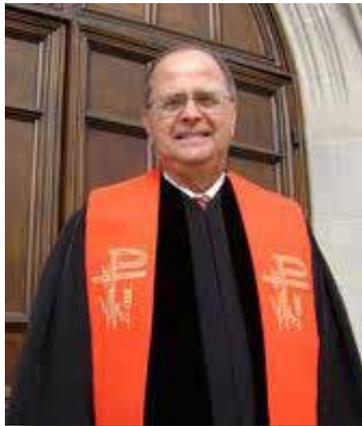
July 20
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Dear Friends,

What's next? Over the past three weeks, Phillip Sherman has addressed the Assembly Sunday School on the subject of the Bible and Human Sexuality. Specifically, he addressed the way the Bible speaks on homosexuality. Of course, this is a timely subject. Cases involving gay marriage are being heard in federal courts all around Tennessee. While I do not know where such a Tennessee case might be, I assume one is either contemplated or in process. Now, three weeks later, we know more clearly how the Bible addresses this subject. What can we expect to happen now?



Several possibilities stand before us.

First, what about Church Street? I was visiting one of our shut-ins last week. He asked if the church is making any change in what we do regarding gay marriage. The answer is, “No.” While we had an important conversation over the past three weeks, we did not and cannot take a vote that would change what this church does about gay marriage. As the Bishops across the years have often said at Annual Conference, “We cannot vote on the Book of Discipline.” The statements and law in the Book of Discipline remain in place. As a United Methodist Church, we have made a covenant to keep the Book of Discipline. The appointed pastors of this church have made a similar, binding covenant.

So, what did we accomplish? We began a necessary conversation. We need to think through these matters so that we are ready to respond. Being prepared to make a measured, informed response is important to this church's leadership in the coming years.

A federal case involving the Tennessee statutes on gay marriage may affect the law in this state. Taking these weeks to examine these issues will better prepare us to respond as individuals about such a court case. Again, the civil courts cannot dictate to the United Methodist Church what church practice should be.

In April 2016, General Conference will meet (every four years). General Conference does have the power to debate and change the Book of Discipline. We can address the General Conference by offering candidates for election as delegates. We can make sure we are familiar with all the issues that will be addressed by General Conference. The elected delegates to General Conference take a year to get ready for the conference session; we probably need as much time.

In the meantime, Church Street will continue to stand as a church which welcomes people to our doors. At Soup Kitchen, our primary question is, “Are you hungry?” At Sunday worship, our primary question is, “Have you come to worship Christ Jesus?” These are the important questions. A sign of a great church is our capacity to focus first on the most important questions.

CSUMC: “A Beacon—Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ”

UMW n e w s

Please join us for the next UMW book review. We will gather in Cox Parlor on Wednesday, July 16, at 1:30 p.m. to hear Pat Bellingrath review the book *Year of Plenty* by Craig Goodwin. The book is in the reading category of Social Action and tells of Christians exploring the intersections of faith, environment and everyday life. We hope you will join us. All are welcome and you do not need to have read the book to participate.

PRESCHOOL n e w s

The Church Street Preschool needs your help with an upcoming fundraiser. The Preschool will hold a Silent Auction during the BOOMSDAY festivities on Saturday, August 30, to help continue to pay for music classes for the preschool students.

You can help by donating silent auction items or by monitoring the table during the event. Donations of gently loved small items (stuffed animals, etc.) to be used as prizes in our Children's Carnival are also needed. Please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3511 or bclibby@churchstreetumc.org for more information or to volunteer. Thank you for your continued support of the Preschool.

SERVICE c i r c l e

The Service Circle is in need of men's dress shirts (size large, no white ones please) to make dresses. Please bring donations to the church office.

Sermon Scripture

Sunday, July 13
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Sunday, July 20
Mark 5:21-33

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:

Tennova: Don Penland(SSU)

Tennova Rehab: Jim Lees

Home From the Hospital: John Waddell

Christian Sympathy To:

The family of Patsy Golden on her death on July 1.

The family of Harley Ferguson on his death on July 2.

The family of Mildred Weeks on her death on July 7.

Our Gifts

Contributions toward budget	\$41,318.17
Other	\$33,965.10
Hunger Helper	\$250.35

Historical Trip Available

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 16, the group will tour the battlefields of Gettysburg and other Gettysburg points of interest. On Wednesday, September 17, the group will tour Lancaster County's Amish country and attend the "Moses" play. On Thursday, September 18, the group will journey to Williamsburg, stopping on the way to visit the home of Thomas Jefferson. On Friday, September 19, we will tour historical Williamsburg and return to Knoxville on Saturday, September 20. All travel will be via a very comfortable 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. Only a few available spaces remain and if interested in the trip, please call Bill Roberts at 694-5071 by July 25.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Elizabeth Bates**
Gardens: Employees of East TN Veterans Cemetery
Gardens: John & Sue Griffith
Gardens: Larry & Loretta Best
- **Mary Boynton**
Memorial: Gretchen McKee
- **Mary Lois Godsey**
Memorial: Joseph & Marjorie Roberts
Memorial: Warren & Randy Ferry
Building Fund: Anonymous
Rejoice: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Doris Horner**
Rejoice: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Agnes Lay**
Memorial: Gregory Walters
- **Bill Loudermilk**
Memorial: Jim & Celine Batcher
Memorial: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pascoe
Rejoice: Elizabeth Reagon
Building Fund: Anonymous
- **Fred Sherrod**
Rejoice: Elizabeth Reagon
Building Fund: Anonymous

In Memoriam

Patsy Golden

Joined: 09/15/1968 Died: 7/1/2014

In Memoriam

Harley D. Ferguson, Sr.

Joined: 12/1/1963 Died: 7/2/2014

In Memoriam

Mildred Weeks

Joined: 11/10/1968 Died: 7/7/2014

Flowers Needed For Hunger Helper Market

Is your garden full of summer blooms? Be sure to bring some to the Hunger Helper Market on Sunday, July 13. All the proceeds from this market of goods bought and sold by Church Street members benefit Wesley House Community Center.

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:

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Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-260
Associate Pastor	Matt Hampton-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
Youth Director	Jenny Darden-287
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	Brandon Amburn-274
Custodians:	Matt Newberry, Nita O'Dell, Joe Holmes
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047
Summer Clergy Intern	Rachel Witt



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