



THE MESSENGER

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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 21

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Wednesday, September 24

Midweek

Worship & Communion

Noon - Room 204

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch is served after in
Parish Hall. Call 524-3048 to make
reservations.

Thursday, September 25

Community Worship

Noon - Room 204

Rev. Matt Hampton

Sunday Supper

5-5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, September 21

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25.

Menu: Pulled Pork, Mashed potatoes,
Greens, Fresh broccoli, Salad
Homemade rolls and Banana pudding

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

WNAF Features Laura Still

Join us for Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship as Laura Still shares with us all the unique stories of Knoxville's history as her walking tour business has expanded from just one tour to now eight different tours of downtown Knoxville. Her tours attract guests from all over the world as well as Knoxville residents. These tours have also inspired her latest book, *A Haunted History of Knoxville*, to be released in the next few weeks.



Don't miss the opportunity to hear Laura as she shares all the unique things about Knoxville's colorful past on Wednesday, September 24, at 12:30 p.m. Make your luncheon reservations by calling the church, 524-3048 or by e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org by Monday, September 22.

Discover Church Street

If you are not a member, but have been attending Church Street and want to find out more about our congregation, then you are invited to the next Discover Church Street class on Sunday, September 28, from 4-7 p.m. in room CLC 120. This time together with the clergy staff will include a complimentary dinner; a building tour; and information about the beliefs and practices of United Methodism and the mission and ministry of Church Street. It is a great time to meet fellow Church Streeters, as well as our clergy staff, and find out more about this congregation. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, at 521-0266 or risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, September 28, we will continue the Church Street tradition of Blessing of the Animals. Everyone is invited to bring their pets to this unique service of worship where we thank God for our furry, fuzzy, feathered and/or scaly friends. The service begins at 3 p.m. in the Courtyard and pets receive a blessing by the Church Street clergy. This service is open to the community. Pets should be on a leash or in a cage if appropriate, and should be well-mannered. You will be responsible for cleaning up after your pet should the need arise. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our faithful companions in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and his great love for all God's creatures.



UMCOR Channels Ebola-Fighting Assistance

As the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa accelerates, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) continues to channel medical supplies, equipment and protective gear to the affected regions.

To date, UMCOR has sent nearly \$400,000 in grants to Sierra Leone and Liberia. Funds support the construction of holding units and the purchase of tents, personal protective equipment, training for health staff, public messaging about Ebola, and safe handling of deceased bodies.

Whenever possible, funds are sent to United Methodist health boards to purchase healthcare and other supplies locally. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), in a September 4 report, the total number of probable, confirmed and suspected cases is 3,707, with 1,848 deaths, in five countries, mainly Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

UMCOR asks donors who want to help fight the Ebola outbreak to please give through the International Disaster Response Advance, #982450, to ensure "the appropriateness, timeliness and quality" of the materials. You can donate now online at www.umcor.org.

Location Change for Evensong

Due to work on the floors in the Nave, the Evensong service scheduled for Sunday, October 5, at 6 p.m. has been moved to St. John's Cathedral located at 413 Cumberland Ave. Evensong is a prayer service that is predominantly sung or chanted, and the service will include a setting of the



Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by English composer Charles Wood. We hope you will join us for this special evening of music and worship with the Parish Adult Choir.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

Did you know the Soup Ministry at Church Street is funded solely by your designated donations? This weekly ministry serves hundreds of guests a hot meal each and every Thursday morning in Parish Hall. Please consider a donation to the Soup Kitchen! You may place a designated check in the offering plate on Sunday or give any time on the church website, www.churchstreetumc.org, by clicking on "Online Giving." We truly appreciate our volunteers and donors who have helped the Soup Kitchen thrive for 30 years.

Church Street UMC Calendar: September 21-27

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Midweek Communion Service
Wednesday, Noon, rm 204
Community Worship
Thursday, Noon, rm 204

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
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
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Meetings & Ministry

Financial Peace Class
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 202
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Food Services Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 118
Church Council Dinner
Tuesday, 5:45 pm, Parish Hall
Church Council
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Evangelism Committee
Wed., 7 pm, Off-site
Stephen Ministry
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Stephen Ministry
Thursday, 5 pm, rm 201-A

Youth

NightLife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5 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

Children

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

Lectionary READINGS

September 21
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Jesus in the Gospels
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 201-C
Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Singles

Line Dance Lessons
Thursday 6:30–8:30 pm, Gym

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall

September 28
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Called to Share the Story

-Rev. Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship

Several years ago our Education Committee provided tote bags for all of our Sunday School teachers that had a picture of the "Teaching Christ" statue and the wording "Called to Share the Story" on it. It was but one way we could say thank you to all our teachers and provide a tangible expression of appreciation. In reflecting on that small gift and the wording, I am reminded that those who are called to teach and lead in our Christian education ministries are called to share the story of Jesus Christ in so many ways with so many persons.



Whether one teaches on a regular basis in our Sunday School with children, youth or adults or whether one teaches in one of our many small group studies, with our youth Night Life program or anytime during the week, the teacher is one who shares not only in words but also through his/her actions. The teacher is one that others look to for knowledge, wisdom, guidance and example as together we learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I think of the many teachers I have had in my life time from whom I learned a lot. I learned not only knowledge and wisdom for my life, but I learned from their example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I learned how to love in spite of difficult behavior, I learned how to be patient when you don't have the time, I learned how to give from a generous and thankful heart, and I learned what it means to be Christian out in the market place.

Each of us in the community of faith called the Church are called to share the story of Jesus Christ not only in words but also with our actions. We are all teachers one way or another. You would be amazed at how many children, youth and adults are influenced by the words and behavior of their teachers, leaders and those around them. On Christian Education Sunday, September 21, we recognize all those who teach and lead in educational ministries, and give Bibles to our 3rd Grade children. We give thanks for their example of what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and their willingness to share the story in words and actions.

Norman Shawchuck got it right when he wrote this prayer in one of his devotions, "May my faith have feet and hands, a voice and a heart, that it may minister to others ... that the gospel I profess may be seen in my life." That is my prayer for all our teachers this day.



Coupons Needed For Sharing Shop

The Sharing Shop at Vestal UMC is collecting store coupons to hand out to our customers there. We think this could be a great way to help them save money on much needed items and so we are asking that you begin to save your coupons from mailers and the newspapers. There is a large envelope in the UMW box in the church office where you may leave them. We will be primarily collecting food, household goods and toiletry coupons. Thank you for helping with this effort. If someone would like to help with organizing these coupons for this mission, please contact Pat Bellingrath at patbellingrath@gmail.com. This would be a great way to get involved in the Sharing Shop at Vestal!

PARKING n e w s

Please make sure your vehicles have a Church Street parking sticker. We are reaching the time when we begin towing cars, and cars will be towed out of Hill Avenue and other lots if they do not have a sticker. If you do not have a sticker, please stop by the church office on Sundays or during business hours, Monday-Friday.

MUSIC n e w s

Kinder Choir, for children ages four and five, will begin rehearsing Sunday, Oct. 12 from 5:15-6 p.m. in Room 212. Please contact Shirley Smith if you have questions or if your child would like to participate, 865-681-2919 or fcounts@charter.net. Kinder Choir will sing holiday songs for the Advent Craft Festival on Sunday, November 30.

BENEVOLENCE n e w s

Do you know about the Benevolence Team? Do you know what they do and how they do it?

We have a 30-minute slide show that will answer all these questions. Benevolence Team members would love to show you how they help others and answer any additional questions for your Sunday School class or church group. Contact Doug Spencer at 804-4369 or Dan Kelley at 385-1187 to arrange a presentation.

ONLINE g i v i n g

Did you know you can support the programs and ministries of our church by giving online? Log on to www.churchstreetumc.org and click "online giving" on the home page. You can choose a one-time payment or set up a recurring gift.

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

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:

Vanderbilt: Ed Pasley

Ft. Sanders: Ella Mae Hubbard

Home from the Hospital:

Paisley Amburn

Christian Sympathy

To **C.B. Sells** on the death of her brother, Jon Quincy Atkinson, on September 7.

To **the Family of Barbara Williams** on her death on September 8.

To **Dave Holladay** on the death of his father, Don Holladay, on September 10.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	703
Sunday School	436

Our Gifts

Contributions toward budget	\$43,570.97
Other	\$47,223.75
Hunger Helper	\$107.25

Save the Date

**October 19
7:30 p.m.**

**Ghost Walking Tour
of Knoxville with
Laura Still
More details soon!**

Advent Devotion Book

The Congregational Care Committee is planning a book of Advent Devotions written by members of our congregation. If you would like to contribute a short devotion (250 words) to be considered for publication, please contact Caroline Lamar at 521-0299 or clamar@churchstreetumc.org to receive the writing guidelines. All submissions are due by Monday, October 7. Note: all entries will be considered; however, we cannot guarantee that all devotions will be published.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Kevin & Jami Anderson**

Master Arts Series: Jim & Mary Jane Rogers

- **Michael & Gretchen McKee**

Master Arts Series: Jim & Mary Jane Rogers

- **Paul Watkins**

Choral Anthem: Susie Watkins

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Henry Clay Russell**

Memorial: Juanita Morton

- **Irene Stewart**

Memorial: Joseph Trahern

- **Mildred Weeks**

Master Arts Series: Jim & Mary Jane Rogers

Lydia & M Weeks Circles: Frank & Elaine Ralston

Altar Flowers for Sunday, September 21

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Charles & Frances Sterchi by their family.



In Memoriam

Barbara Williams

Joined: 5/18/1997 Died: 9/8/2014

Sermon Scripture

Sunday, September 21

Exodus 16:2-15

Sunday, September 28

Philippians 2:1-13

Men's Small Group

Calling all men 25-40 years old! Would you be interested in being a part of a men's small group that meets several times a month to form community with other men your age? Contact Pastor Ashley at ahelton@churchstreetumc.org for more information.

Contact Us

Church Office (865) 524-3048

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fax number (865) 521-0288

Pastor On-Call Number (865) 320-9100

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	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, Joe Holmes, Jonathan Irwin
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047

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