

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 16

Commitment Sunday

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Gym

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Wednesday, November 19

Midweek

Worship & Communion

Noon - Room 204

Rev. Ashley Helton

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

Menu: Cheese Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Brown Sandwich, Salad and Dessert

Thursday, November 20

Community Worship

Noon - Room 204

Rev. Matt Hampton

Sunday Supper

5–5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$7 (12 & up) • \$4 (children)

Sunday, November 16

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$25

Menu: Roasted chicken, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, dinner rolls, salad, desserts

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

Join Us For Thanksgiving Lunch This Sunday

Sunday, November 16, is Commitment Sunday at Church Street. Last week you should have received your estimate of giving card. Please spend time this week prayerfully considering your financial commitment to this church for the coming year.

We will have a Thanksgiving meal after Sunday School and after the 11 a.m. worship service. It will be a time to celebrate Rev. Cabel Trent & Doris for their service to our church. We invite you to make your reservation for this special gathering. The price is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 10 and under), with a family maximum of \$35. Menu: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, rolls, salad, and dessert. Call 524-3048 or e-mail reservations@churchstreetumc.org by Thursday, November 13, to make a reservation.



Knoxville Zoo Comes to WNAF

Our last WNAF program of 2014 will be held on Wednesday, November 19, at 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Lisa New, executive director of the Knoxville Zoo, will be our featured speaker. Lisa has worked at the zoo for more than



two decades. Before being named Executive Director in 2013, she worked as senior director of animal collections and conservation. She has long been active in animal conservation issues, particularly dealing with chimpanzees and gorillas. Her zoo experience also includes managing the zoo staff members who care for the animals, and the park's human resources department. Come and hear what exciting new things

are coming to our zoo. Please make your luncheon reservations no later than Monday, November 17, by calling the church office, 524-3048 or e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

Donations Needed For Thanksgiving Baskets

Feeding the hungry is a task the whole church community needs to address so once again this year Church Street will provide food baskets to local families. We are grateful to so many who have signed up to be part of the "basket blitz" during Sunday school on November 23, but there are two other very important ways that we need your help:

- Donate \$50 to supply one box of 30 items for a family in need. These items include a few traditional holiday foods but also staples that most families need.
- Volunteer to get in your car and deliver at least one box the afternoon of November 23. We will provide addresses and directions. Children's Ministry has committed to 15, Youth Ministry has committed to 15, and we would like to challenge the rest of the congregation to do at least 15 more. Contact Jenny Darden at jdarden@churchstreetumc.org or Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org to add your name to the list for delivering baskets.

Let UMW Take the Stress Out of Your Thanksgiving

Please mark your calendars and plan to stop by the UMW Bake Sale (in the Church Life Center hallway) on Sunday, November 23, to pick up some delicious baked goods and casseroles! We have some of the best bakers in town and we would love to share our talents with you this holiday season! All proceeds will be divided equally among the following:

- Donation in honor of Powell Richardson and family to the Renovation and Renewal Fund at Church Street
- Wesley House capital campaign
- The Sharing Shops

Thank you for supporting us and our missions!

Holston Home Christmas

The children of Holston Home depend, to a great extent, on the generosity of the people of the Holston Conference, including Church Street, for any gifts and goodies they receive at Christmas. As Christmas approaches we plan and shop for gifts for our own children, please remember these kids, as well and give as you are able. Your gifts will make all the difference in the world to them. You may place a designated check in the offering plate on Sunday or give anytime by visiting the Church Street website, www.churchstreetumc.org, and clicking on "Give Online."

Advent Crafts Festival

Before you know it, Advent will be here and all the festivities and events will begin at Church Street. The very first event will be our Advent Crafts Festival on Sunday, November 30, from 5:30-7 p.m. in Parish Hall. This is a fun and festive evening for all ages as we get the opportunity to make some crafts to decorate our home, our tree and to take to others in December. There will be some old favorite crafts and some brand new ones this year. There will be something to spark the creativity in everyone who comes. See examples of some of the crafts on the church's Facebook page. Here are some ways that you can help this year's crafts festival be a success:

- **Volunteer to help at one of the centers (contact Susan Dominick at susanlynnedominick@gmail.com)**
- **Bring finger foods to share at our holiday buffet table**
- **Bring greenery (holly, boxwood or yew) or pine cones to be used at some of the centers**
- **Bring a friend with you!**

Church Street UMC Calendar: November 16 - 22

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Gym
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
Kinder Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Parish Handbell Choir
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 304
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Meetings & Ministry

Discover Church Street
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120
Financial Peace Class
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 202
Staff Parish Relations
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 201-A
Bahamas Mission Trip Meeting
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 118
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Adult Council
Wed., 6 pm, rm 202
Missions Committee
Wed., 6 pm, rm 204
Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
Thursday, 10 am, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Singles

FOCUS
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 120
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm,
Parish Hall

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Thanksgiving Lunch
Sunday, 10:45 & Noon,
Parish Hall
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
WNAF
Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

UMW

Sarah Circle
Monday, 6:30 pm, rm 201-A

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-C
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Youth

Girls' Basketball Practice
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym
Wesley House Buddy Program
Tuesday, 3:45, Wesley House
Middle School Girls Bible Study
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 17
Youth Band Practice
Wed., 6:30 pm, CLC 11
High School Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, 7:15 am, Chick-Fil-A

Lectionary READINGS

November 16
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 23
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Sometimes deaths come in threes, as the old saying goes. Mrs. Dorothy Vola died Monday, Rev. Bill Balch on Thursday, and Mrs. Bertha Lees on Sunday. All precious unto the Lord. In addition, precious to me. Perhaps, too, the emotional impact of these deaths is greater because we just read out the names of our departed saints on the Sunday before, All Saints Day.

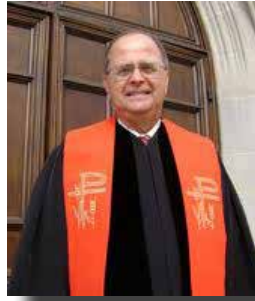
In each case, the long established ritual begins. First the family and then the widening circles of friends gather and recognize the loss. Members and pastors of the church begin preparation for the memorial service. Finally, all manner of people push other obligations out of their way to attend the public acknowledgement of death. We stand in line among the Friends of the deceased; we gather into worship services. There we recognize this death in the presence of God, asking the blessing and help of God to deal with something that remains beyond our control.

The church community remains essential to the ritual of processing a death among us. For many of us, the church is where our close friends are found. For me, as a pastor, many of my ministry friends are serving in the larger church, even if they are not part of this congregation.

Further, the church keeps the ritual by which we process and make sense of the death of a loved one. On one hand, the church is one of the few places courageous enough to acknowledge death. Almost every other institution ignores the possibility of death as long as possible. In church, we read the names of the departed saints on one Sunday and then celebrate our children on the next. On the other the hand, the church is one of the few places where we put our convictions and fears about death into words. The best the secular world can offer is Halloween dress-up and fantasy TV shows. (Maybe this is the reason that I have no patience with those shows.)

While this feels like an extreme example I am using, it is an important one. We need the church because it is the last institution left in America with the courage to tell the truth about life. The church alone has rituals to explore the stages of life and death. The church alone looks at each stage in the light of the God who holds them and us in loving hands. In summary: I need the church to be the strong, look-death-in-the-eye congregation. I need the church to be the community that acknowledges every birth and death, then puts them in context: Our God is Lord over all that.

This Sunday, we come to Stewardship Commitment Sunday. Bring your card; make your pledge. I'll be making mine along with Celia. We will make our pledge because the two of us (and the world) need this church to be that strong community for us.



SINGLES n e w s

Please join us on Tuesday, November 18, for the next FOCUS. Our speaker will be associate pastor Matt Hampton. He will tell us more about the ministries of this church, including Beacon of Hope. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in CLC 120 and is \$7 per person. Be sure to make your reservations for Jason's Deli by calling the Church before Monday, November 17. Rev. Hampton will begin speaking at 6:30. The FOCUS group is a Singles Ministry event, however everyone is invited to attend.

STEPHEN m i n i s t r y

Stephen Ministry at Church Street is growing again, and we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us. Do you think this vibrant ministry might be a place where you can serve? Are you willing to participate in the training and then walk with someone who needs encouragement?

From now until November 16 we are accepting applications. All members of the congregation, men and women, young adults to seniors, are welcome to apply. For more information or for application forms, please contact Nicole Krewson at nkrewson@churchstreetumc.org or Eric Schmittou at ericvon27@gmail.com. Applicants will be interviewed by Stephen Leaders in late November and training is expected to begin in mid January.

DEVOTION b o o k s

Our church's Advent devotional books will soon be available. Written by Church Street members and illustrated by our children, the book of daily Advent devotions will soon be available around the church in regular and large print editions. This Advent ministry is coordinated through and provided by our Congregational Care Committee.

Treble Choir Joins Symphony Holiday Concert

The Church Street Treble Choir, made up of Church Street's Chorister Choir (grades 3-5) along with the treble voices of the 55-voice Parish Youth Choir (grades 6-12), will be performing with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra this December. Tickets are on sale now for the 28th Annual Clayton Holiday Christmas Concert. The choir will be singing in all four performances at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium: Friday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 20, at 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, December 21, at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets, please call 865-291-3310. Be sure to mention you are with Church Street UMC for discounted tickets. We hope you can be a part of these special concerts!

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: John Mann, Randall Scott

Home From the Hospital:

Duane Johnson

Christian Sympathy to:

The family of Dorothy Vola on her death on November 2.

Jim Lees on the death of his wife, Bertha Lees, on November 9.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	702
Sunday School	383

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$64,611.38
Other	\$5,636.82

**Church
Conference
Sunday, November 23
6 p.m. - Gym**

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 16

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Dorothy Bishop by her family.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

• Diane Richards

Soup Kitchen: Jim & Mary Jane Rogers

• Rev. Cabel Trent

Rejoice: Russell Herndon

Music: Bob & Mary Carmichael

Thanksgiving Baskets: Barbara Shipley

Memorials

In Memory of:

• Matthew Bates

Matthew Bates Counseling Fund: Lynn & Martin Bates

• Lyla Boehms

Soup Kitchen: Vicky Gardner

Soup Kitchen: Frank & Elaine Ralston

Soup Kitchen: Jim & Mary Jane Rogers

Soup Kitchen: Vista Ridge Apartment Homes LLC

Soup Kitchen: Leonard Bennett

Soup Kitchen: John & Jane Smith

Soup Kitchen: Janice & Hugh Hixson

Soup Kitchen: Larry & Pat Winters

Soup Kitchen: Polly Ailor Tullock

Soup Kitchen: James & Mary Boehms

Soup Kitchen: Paulette Christensen

Soup Kitchen: Howard Herndon

Soup Kitchen: Kathleen Lundmark

Soup Kitchen: Joanne Clark

Thanksgiving Baskets: Barbara Shipley

In Memoriam

Dorothy Vola

Joined: 04/20/1958 Died: 11/02/2014

In Memoriam

Bertha Lees

Joined: 07/18/1982 Died: 11/09/2014

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



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Sign Up Now For Walk Through Bethlehem

While there are thousands who come to our annual Walk Through Bethlehem event each year, the event doesn't just 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 sign-up board in the children's hallway to see where the needs are. Setup begins the week of December 8 and continues through December 14. 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.