

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 30

1st Sunday in Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Gym

Rev. Matt Hampton

Wednesday, December 3

Midweek

Worship & Communion

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch will be served in Parish Hall
after the service. Call 524-3048
to make a reservation.

Thursday, December 4

Community Worship

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton



**Holston Home
Offering**

This Sunday

Please give generously

Church Conference Approves Master Plan

Sunday night, Church Street held a Church Conference to consider and vote on the Master Plan on which we have been working for some months. Actually, the evening began an hour earlier with an overflow crowd for Chef Mike's Benton Country Ham dinner. The interest level in the conference about to unfold was already high. Questions and possibilities were already being discussed around the tables. We considered three actions:

1. Confirming the Draft Master Plan as the Master Plan for the church.
2. Moving forward with Phase 1. This first project from the Master Plan will update the Parish Hall, add an accessible entrance and gathering area on the north side of the church, provide better parking at the Magnolia Lot.
3. Authorizing a capital campaign to ask the congregation to support Phase 1. Each of these passed with about 95% support.

Advent Crafts Festival Is Here

This coming Sunday night, November 30, we will usher in the Advent season by holding our annual crafts festival in Parish Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. There will be something for every age and every aspect of creativity. In addition to all the fun, everything is free. There will be over 12 different crafts centers where you can make something for your home, your tree or to take to our homebound members.

Some of the centers are brand new and some are the favorites of past years. See some of the crafts offered on the church's Facebook page. The Kinder Singers will conclude the evening by sharing some of the music they have been working on this fall.

For everyone to have a good time, here are some things you need to remember to bring that would be very helpful:

- Fresh greenery for the wreath, swag center. If you would like to make a wreath, remember to bring your own form. Also needed are pinecones.
- Finger foods to share with everyone at the holiday buffet table. Bring enough for at least your family plus 4. Kitchen will provide the holiday punch.
- Bring a friend and introduce them to the hospitality of Church Street this Advent.

The Advent Crafts Festival is coordinated through and sponsored by our Adult Council. Many thanks go to Susan Dominick and Sue Isbell who have worked on the preparations for the year's event.



UMW Bake Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the UMW Bake Sale on Sunday, November 23. Thanks to your generosity we raised more than \$1,700! The proceeds will be divided evenly 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 again for making this possible!



Thanksgiving Baskets A Success

On behalf of our church, I want to express my profound gratitude to everyone who made this year's Thanksgiving Basket event such a resounding success. Thanks to Sue Isbell and Jenny Darden, who led the effort and put in many hours of work in preparation for the big day; to the Youth Group and the Children's Group, who filled our Parish Hall with their joy and excitement, and managed to pack 90 boxes in record time; to Richard Ginn and his team at Beacon of Hope, for delivering 60 boxes to those we serve in South Knoxville; to Melinda Derrick, for her invaluable help with the logistics of delivery, and for calling all the basket recipients; to everyone, young and old alike, who packed and taped and delivered; and to everyone who donated money to make this possible. It was a joyful and blessed day, a day to be proud of the life and work going on at Church Street UMC. Thank you all!

- Pastor Matt

Tour of Westwood

Come join us for a tour of Westwood, the Adelia Armstrong Lutz House, on Thursday, December 11, at 11 a.m. This lovely house will be decorated for Christmas and features a huge tree in the parlor and other decorations by Samuel Franklin. This tour is sponsored by the Adult Council.

Westwood was built in 1889 and sits behind a serpentine brick wall on the north side of Kingston Pike adjacent to Laurel Church of Christ. It is designed in the Queen Anne style and was owned by members of the Lutz family until 2009. In 1984, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its structure. It was purchased in 2012 and given to Knox Heritage for its offices.

Please email or call Betty Craig if you are interested in seeing this historic home decorated for the holidays. (craigea1108@bellsouth.net) or (558-5839). Parking is available on the east side of the parking lot of Laurel Church of Christ. There are a few handicapped parking spaces at the house.

Church Street UMC Calendar: November 30 - December 6

Worship

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

Sunday School-9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir (1st-2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir (3rd-5th grades)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Stephen Ministry
Monday, 12:30 pm, rm 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

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

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Advent Crafts Festival
Sunday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
Bridge
Monday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym

UMW

Christmas Program & Luncheon
Saturday, 11 am, Chapel & Parish Hall

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Jesus in the Gospels
Sunday, 3 pm, rm 201-C
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Singles

Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm, Parish Hall
First Friday Dance
Friday, 7 pm, Parish Hall

Lectionary READINGS

November 30
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

December 7
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

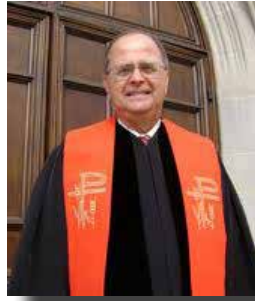
Sunday night, Church Street held a Church Conference to consider and vote on the Master Plan on which we have been working for some months. For me, it was a gratifying moment, even before the votes were collected.

My first day as Senior Pastor at Church Street came in June, 2008. On that day, I took time to walk around the church building. I wanted to see it again. A lot has changed since I was here as a teenager. The youth department, for example, had moved from the third floor into the Christian Life Center. That addition has been added since Celia and I married in 1970 and started our life together.

A lot of other things have not changed. I was surprised to see the Parish Hall was exactly as it was in 1970 (and in 1960 before that). The lights are still the old fluorescents; even the floor tiles are the same. The effect is a basic and worn-looking room. Of course, it has a right to look that way; the Parish Hall is one of the most used areas of the church. I remembering thinking as I walked through the church on that first day: if there is a possibility of updating the Parish Hall, I want to work on that. Now, after two years of planning and preparation, Church Street has voted to take the next steps toward doing that and more.

The vote Sunday night feels to me like more than a decision to fix up the place. I see in the vote this church's commitment to a bright future. It is a declaration that Church Street will stand as a witness to Jesus Christ at the crossroads of the city: Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ. Just as an earlier generation built a church that has stood for 80 years, we will prepare the church for the next 80 years.

I'm proud of Church Street today. I'm proud of our willingness to undertake the hard job that lies before us. Now, we begin a capital campaign. When that step of preparation is finished in six months, we will have the tough decision to make about how we can actually build. We are the right generation to take this step. By this vote, we have decided that the future is ours. We are Church Street United Methodist Church, and we are moving ahead.



UMW n e w s

Please plan to join us for the UMW Christmas service and luncheon on Saturday, December 6. We will gather at 11 a.m. in the Chapel for the service. Rev. Nicole Krewson will give the meditation.

At noon, we will proceed to Parish Hall for lunch. 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 3. Membership in a Circle is certainly not necessary to attend this event; all are welcome!

DEVOTION b o o k s

Our church's Advent devotional books are now available. Written by Church Street members and illustrated by our children, the book of daily Advent devotions can be found around the church in regular and large print editions. If you would like a PDF version e-mailed to you, please contact Caroline Lamar at clamar@churchstreetumc.org. This Advent ministry is coordinated through and provided by our Congregational Care Committee.

SINGLES n e w s

The Singles Ministry will host its First Friday dance on Friday, December 5, from 8-11 p.m. in Parish Hall. Music will be provided by a live band, intermixed with recorded music, and will include a mix suitable for line dancing, swing, ballroom, country couples, and freestyle. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. for a couples dance or line dance lesson. Your \$7 admission includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake, and door prizes. For more information, contact Barb at barbarastinnett@charter.net or Don at dlasbury@nxs.net.

Be Part of the Christmas Pageant

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

How do I volunteer?

This Sunday, November 30, each adult Sunday School class will receive sign-up sheets for the tasks. Sign-up sheets are also available on the large bulletin board outside the church office. 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 7. You may also place the items 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.

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: Juanita Doss

Tennova Regional Rehab: John Mann

Home from the Hospital: Paisley Amburn, Remonda Swafford Alleyne, David Adcock, Thomas Woodson

Christian Sympathy to:

Duane Johnson on the death of his brother, Norman Dale Johnson, on November 17.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	606
Sunday School	453

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$57,879.50
Other	\$17,174

Our Church Family

New Members:

- **David Prisock** by transfer of membership from from First UMC, Maryville, TN, on Sunday, November 23, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Rachel Hurt** by transfer of membership from from Grace UMC, Mt. Juliet, TN, on Sunday, November 23, at the 11 a.m. service.
- **Mike & Jennifer Cada** by transfer of membership from from Calvary UMC, Nashville, TN, on Sunday, November 23, at the 11 a.m. service.

Walk Through Bethlehem Volunteers Still Needed

Walk Through Bethlehem is less than three weeks away and many volunteers are still needed. 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 what 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.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Pat Bellingrath**
Wesley House: Circle 8
- **Judy Grubb**
Sharing Shop: John & Joan Scott
- **Rev. Cabel Trent**
Kay Center: Carrie Sells
Renovation Fund: Hugh & Janice Hixson
BOH Benevolence: Frank & Elaine Ralston
CSUMC Benevolence: Frank & Elaine Ralston
- **Youth Leaders**
Youth Scholarship: Al & LeaAnne Williams

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Rev. Bill Balch**
Kay Center: Carrie Sells
- **Lyla Boehms**
Soup Kitchen: M.G. & Judy Boehms
Soup Kitchen: Dawn & John von Weisenstein
Soup Kitchen: LaNoka Rhodes
- **Bertha Lees**
BOH Benevolence: Frank & Elaine Ralston
Renovation Fund: Hugh & Janice Hixson
Kay Center: Carrie Sells
Rejoice: Dave & Betty Craig
Rejoice: George & Jane Dominick
- **Nancy Powell**
Memorial: LaNoka Rhodes
- **Ann Sturdivant**
Memorial: James & Elizabeth Wall
Rejoice: Ann Warwick
Rejoice: George & Jane Dominick
Memorial: Dave & Betty Craig
Parish Hall Renovation: Loretta & Larry Best
- **David Torbett**
Music: LaNoka Rhodes

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 23

The Altar flowers were given in loving memory of Joe R. Shepherd by Claire Shepherd and Susan & Louie Kramer.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 30

The Altar flowers are given in memory of Florence & Russell W. Hillis by Sherry & Steve Hillis and family. The Entrance flowers are given by the Hurt family in celebration of the baptism of Olivia Opal Hurt and in memory of Ray K. and Margaret Hurt, Robert and Florine Coe, John Cox and Ralph Park, Jr.

Contact Us

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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
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