

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 7

2nd Sunday in Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Gym

Rev. Andy Ferguson

This Sunday, our Youth, Chorister and Primary Choirs will sing Advent and Christmas music selections at both services.

Wednesday, December 10

Midweek Advent Worship & Communion

11:40 a.m. - Recital Featuring:

Ellie Lai, piano

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch will be served in Parish Hall after the service this week.

RSVP by calling 524-3048

Thursday, December 11

Community Worship

Noon -Chapel

Rev. Matt Hampton

Be A Part of the Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant will be held this 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?

We still need some volunteers to help with various parts of the event. For more information, please contact Sue Piper at 690-5188 or spiper1072@aol.com.

Mitten Tree Ministry Walk Through Bethlehem Volunteers Needed

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 place 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.

Our eighteenth Walk Through Bethlehem is less than two weeks away and volunteers are still needed to make the village come alive for our guests on the afternoon of Sunday, December 14. We are in need of shopkeepers and wise men for the second shift. Shepherds are needed at for both shifts. Please stop by the chart in the children's hallway, or contact Sue Isbell at sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.



UMW Christmas Program and Luncheon

This Saturday, December 6, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel

Please plan to join us for our UMW Christmas service and luncheon on Saturday, December 6. This is a longstanding tradition that we look forward to each year. Circle members are invited to come to Parish Hall and make their particular Circle table as festive as they wish anytime after 9 a.m. on Saturday. We will gather at 11 a.m. in the Chapel for the service. Pastor Nicole will give the meditation.

At noon, we will proceed to Parish Hall for lunch. The cost for this meal is \$10. Food services director Mike Weatherly is preparing the meal. Menu: jerk chicken with black rice pilaf; apricot pork loin with roasted butternut squash; tomato salad (relish) – tomatoes, red onion, cilantro, lime juice and fresh lettuce; roasted chickpeas with cucumbers, onions, tomatoes and yogurt sauce; broccoli balad with Benton's ham and Sweetwater Valley cheese; desserts include chocolate cake, cheesecake and more.

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!



Stephen Ministry

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

-Romans 12:10

Four-Course Fellowship begins in January

Sign-up deadline Sunday, December 21

The next 4-month rotation of Four-Course Fellowship begins in January, and you can be a part of it. In this fellowship opportunity, groups will be established and locations, appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts will rotate monthly within the group.

Here's how it works: You sign up (with a spouse, relative or friend) and are placed in an eight-person group to share a meal and fellowship. Your group gets together once a month (for four months). The days and times of the meals are determined by your group to be convenient for all eight persons. The host pair provides meat, beverage and home; the second pair provides appetizer and vegetable; the third pair provides salad and bread; and the fourth pair provides dessert. Each month a different 2-person team becomes the host pair, and all pairs rotate the portion of the meal for which they are responsible.

Here's how to sign up: To sign up or for more details, please contact Kathy Alexander at 379-5249. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the CLC Hallway, or e-mail kr_alexander@att.net by Sunday, December 21.

Tour of Westwood

Come join us for a tour of Westwood, the Adelia Armstrong Lutz House, on Tuesday, December 9, 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.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be on sale Sundays, December 7 and 14, in the hallway outside the Chapel (and through the church office during the week). Help beautify the church this Advent by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$12 per plant.



Church Street UMC Calendar: December 7 - 13

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Gym
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Midweek Communion Service
Wednesday, noon, Chapel
(Music Begins at 11:40 a.m.)
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

Stephen Ministry
Sunday, 12:30 pm, rm 201-A
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Kay Center
Wed., 5:30 pm, CLC 122
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Youth

Christmas Party
Sunday, noon, meet in Youth area
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

Christmas Pageant
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
Moms Group
Friday, 10 am, rm 103

Walk Through Bethlehem

Set-up
Monday-Friday, 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

Lunch Bunch
Sunday, noon, Calhouns Bearden Hill
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm, Gym

Lectionary

READINGS

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

December 14
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Reflections

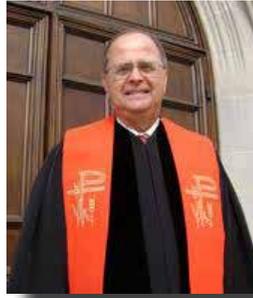
—Rev. Andy Ferguson

Finally, Advent! I'm not sure why the beginning of Advent comes as such a gift this year. I guess it is the fact that we have been out of our Nave for months to fix the floors. Advent brings a return to normal. Advent brings a return to the high holy days at Church Street, which speak to me so deeply. Advent says that not even one more Sunday in the gym can take the greatness of the season away from us. So finally, we have come to Advent with its anticipation and great story of the Savior's birth.

Actually, we are out of the Nave until Sunday, December 14. The floors will be ready, but not soon enough to get the cleaning done. Imagine cleaning a room, which is 40 feet high, from top to bottom. Imagine cleaning the pipe organ pipe by pipe. Cleaning will take painstaking work.

Then, there is the great story of Advent. This is a story that speaks of God working across the ages to prepare for the day when God would take human flesh. Any television writer could create a Messiah character from scratch. The problem with a scratch-made Messiah is that no one would have any idea what was going on without a good movie. So, God prepared for the birth of the only begotten Son. With the oracles of the prophets, with the lives of faithful servants like Mary and Joseph, in the fullness of time, God sent a child to bring divinity to human flesh.

Of course, we celebrate the birth of the Messiah. We also celebrate the life of the Messiah – who lived and taught that we should see God present among us. We also celebrate the cross, by which we are brought to God as God's own children. The cross is there in the manger, you know. This is the greatest story ever told. Best of all, this story belongs to our Advent. We will tell it with joy and confidence. Advent has finally begun!



Capital Campaign Update

At the Church Conference, we authorized a capital campaign to ask the congregation to support the work to make our church building more welcoming and accessible. At this time, the Capital Campaign is getting organized. Eight major committees will lead the work of the campaign. The leaders (chosen from among us) are being sought and prepared in the early weeks of December. When the campaign becomes more visible in January, these necessary committees will be in place and ready to train for the work before us.

Pray for this campaign. Pray for our church as important decisions are being made. Pray for our church, that we may be faithful to Christ in all that we are doing.

Greeters Needed For Christmas Eve

We have the greatest number of visitors at one time on Christmas Eve. This year there will be four Christmas Eve services and the Outreach Committee needs greeters to be at the primary entrance doors from the parking lots to greet and welcome our guests. If you can help, please indicate which service your family plans to attend and we will assign a location for you at that service. The services on Wednesday, December 24, will be held at noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. You should try to arrive about 30 minutes prior to the service since we always have larger groups joining our worship. If you can help, please contact Cindy Hollingsworth at cindyhollingsworth@comcast.net. Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our church during this most Holy season.

SHARING s h o p

Our Sharing Shops continue to be busy, and we are very grateful for the many donations our congregation so generously provides. The people we are serving have little, and most truly take one day at a time. We would like to have a few extra goods and holiday decorations on hand these next few weeks in order to help provide some measure of help and hope for Christmastime. There are so many ways to serve, and we are blessed to be able to serve God through these shops. Know that your donations are greatly appreciated. Below are items we would love to share:

- blankets
- laundry detergent
- toilet paper
- diapers
- men's and women's clothing-winter only
- children's clothing-winter only
- coats
- men's belts and shoes
- Christmas decorations
- children's books and toys
- household and kitchen items
- duffel bags and backpacks

PARKING n e w s

Reminder: if you visit the church Monday-Friday during regular business hours, please park in the Magnolia lot or the Hill Avenue lots. Other parking lots are designated for University of Tennessee parking.

SINGLES n e w s

The First Friday Dance is this Friday, December 5, from 8-11 p.m. in Parish Hall. Cost for admission is \$7 at the door.

Also, please join us for Lunch Bunch on Sunday, December 7, at Calhoun's in Bearden, just after the 11 a.m. service. We hope you will join us!

Stewardship

We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Our Prayers

Home from the Hospital: John Mann, Mary Dage, Rick Isbell, Gene Flinter, Juanita Doss, Margaret Turner, Mary Ann Gibson

Christian Sympathy to:

Jo Terry on the death of her stepmother, Barbara Willoughby, on November 21.

The Family of Mabel Pih on her death on November 26.

The Family of Kathleen Weigel on her death on November 30.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	651
Sunday School	346

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$28,048.33
Other	\$18,429

Our Church Family

Baptisms:

- **Olivia Opal Hurt**, daughter of Adlai & Rachel Hurt, was baptized on Sunday, November 30, at the 8:30 a.m. service.

Advent Wreath for Sunday, November 30

The Advent Wreaths were given in loving memory of Dr. Lucian Trent, Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer Loveless and Mr. Edward Crawford and in honor of Kathleen Crawford, given by Mike & Mary Crawford.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, December 7

The Altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Claude S. Reeder, Jr. by Paul & Susie Siler.



Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Lou McNutt**
Wesley House: Epworth Class
- **Winston Sullivan**
Youth Music Ministries: Laura Still
- **Rev. Cabel Trent**
Rejoice: Jo Weigers
Benevolence: Joseph Trahern, Jr.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Lyla Boehms**
Soup Kitchen: Sue Hung
- **Harley Douglas Ferguson**
Hymnal: Friends in Christ
- **Norman Dale Johnson**
Memorial: Dave & Betty Craig
- **Bertha Lees**
Soup Kitchen: Frank L. Moiger
Renovation Fund: Marie Brabson
Soup Kitchen: Jo Weigers
- **Ann Sturdivant**
Memorial: Phyllis Kirk
Memorial: Norma Holmes
Memorial: Robert E. Finelli
Beacon of Hope: Dr. Bennett & Evelyn Horton
Memorial: William James Ellis
Memorial: William J. Ellis, Jr.
Soup Kitchen: Sue Hung
Memorial: Dr. & Mrs. Jim Britt

In Memoriam

Mabel Pih

Joined: 10/09/1966 Died: 11/27/2014

In Memoriam

Kathleen Weigel

Joined: 11/19/1961 Died: 11/30/2014

Advent Devotion Booklet

Be sure to pick up your Advent Devotion Book, sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee and written by members of Church Street. The book includes a devotion for each day of Advent, as well as pictures drawn by the children of the church. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the book!

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
Beacon of Hope	Richard Ginn 599-5047



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