



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 21

4th Sunday in Advent

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Services

All services are held in the Nave and include candlelight & communion.

Noon - Midday Service

3 p.m. - Family Service

5 p.m. - Evening Service

10:30 p.m. - Evening Service

Sunday, December 28

1st Sunday after Christmas

Combined Worship

11:00 AM – Nave

Rev. Ashley Helton

Greeters Still 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.

Christmas Eve at Church Street

On Christmas Eve, we will have four candlelight communion services at Church Street—each one designed to meet a slightly different need. We hope that one of these services can become part of your Christmas tradition. This would be a wonderful occasion to invite extended family and neighbors to join you at church.

• **Noon – The Midday Christmas Eve Service**

This service, which includes candlelight and communion, is designed for those who want to come out for worship and get home before dark or have additional travel plans. The congregation will sing many familiar Christmas Carols and soloists will sing “Ave Maria” and “O Holy Night.” This service lasts 50-60 minutes.

• **3 p.m. – The Family Service**

This service, which includes candlelight and communion, is designed for families with young children. The Children’s Sermon is the focus of this service and the children are actively involved in several ways. This service lasts 50-60 minutes.

• **5 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.**

These are the great services of Christmas Eve that everyone knows well. The times shown are the beginning of the musical prelude. The liturgy begins 30 minutes later in each case. The Parish Adult Choir will sing excerpts of *Gloria*, settings by Vivaldi, Handel, Rutter and Poulenc. Each service usually lasts about 90 minutes, including the musical prelude. Please note: a nursery will be provided at the 5 p.m. service for infants - Kindergarten.



Four-Course Fellowship begins in January

Sign-up deadline This Sunday

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.

Christmas Stories With Steve Roberts

Noted author and long-time Church Streeter, Steve Roberts, will be reading from his recently published book *A Place To Go On Christmas Eve* during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 28, in the Parish Hall. This is Steve's third collection of Christmas stories, all of which have received critical acclaim. Autographed copies will be available to purchase (\$10). Come join us for this special time of fellowship and stories.

Parish Adult Choir Music Special

Special music from the Parish Adult Choir will air on WVLT-TV four times this holiday season:

- **Sunday, December 21 - 8:30 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, December 24 - 7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 25 - 5:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, December 25 - Noon**



Church Street UMC Calendar: December 21-31

Sunday Worship

Dec. 21 - Worship
 Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
 Dec. 28 - Combined Worship
 Sunday, 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
 Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)

Sunday School—9:40 AM

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

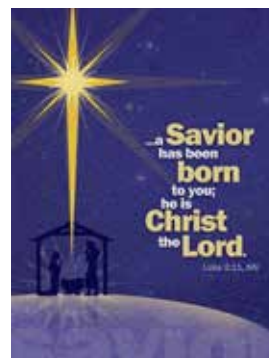
Noon - Midday Service
 3 pm - Family Service
 5 pm - Great Service
 10:30 pm - Great Service

Youth

Girls Basketball Practice
 Sunday, 7 pm, Gym

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Bridge
 Monday (Dec. 22 & 29),
 6:30 pm, CLC 120
 Yoga
 Monday (Dec. 22 & 29),
 7 pm, rm 204



The Lectionary READINGS

December 21
 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Luke 1:47-55
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

December 28
 Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

Reminder

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24, and will be closed Thursday, December 25 & Friday, December 26. The pastor on-call number is 865-320-9100.

Reflections

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

We worshipped in the Nave Sunday for the first time in two and a half months. The choir sounded superb. The rear organ turns out to be an overlooked treasure. The brass and timpani were just right for an Advent Sunday. Oh yes, the floors behaved like...well, floors should behave. Many thanks to our Properties Committee, the Board of Trustees and Kate Spencer, our Church Administrator, for getting them fixed in time for Christmas.

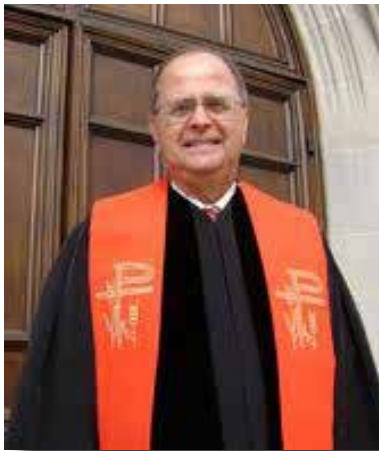
Several people spoke of the return to the nave as “coming home.” It had a “coming home” feel about it.

The place where we worship shapes our sense of God. Just as visiting another country teaches us what we appreciate about our own, so worshipping in the gym has taught us what we appreciate about the nave.

- Light through stained glass windows suggests the clear light of heaven.
- The echo of the choir across the nave suggests the sound of angel choruses that we will one day hear.
- The full pews suggest the unnumbered witnesses mentioned in Revelation 7:13, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”
- Of course the grandeur of the nave itself, speaks of a great God. There is no virtual worship here; this is the real thing.

I wonder, if our worship took place on a smaller scale, would we have a smaller sense of God. That, of course, is not our worry. We have come home to the nave, which has taught us so much about the greatness of God.

This Sunday is the last Sunday before Christmas. Let us gather to worship a God of infinite grandeur who came to walk among us in the person of a newborn baby – the greatest choosing the least in order to come close. Like an “Undercover Boss,” God comes in the child unknown, divinity perfectly hidden in human flesh, to share our lot and our life. Christmas is still a very good time for dumbfounded wonder. Welcome home!



SINGLES news

Please note the First Friday Dance will be held on Friday, January 9, from 8 - 11 p.m. in the gym. DJ John Rutherford will play a mix of music suitable for swing, ballroom, country couples, and line dancing. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. for a couples dance or line dance lesson. Your \$7 admission donation includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake, and door prizes. This event is a part of the ongoing outreach ministry of Church Street UMC. For more information, contact Barb at barbarastinnett@charter.net or Don at dlasbury@nxs.net.

BENEVOLENCE news

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 giving

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.

STEWARDSHIP news

Our 2015 Stewardship Campaign is drawing to a close. Please bring or send your commitment card for our 2015 Ministries to church. We have much to do in the coming year, and our stewardship commitments are the foundation for every ministry.

Treble Choir Joins Symphony Holiday Concert This Weekend

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. 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: CB Sells, Randall Scott

Home from the Hospital:

Jaime Dailey and newborn son, Grainger Morrison, Ella Mae Hubbard, Joe Golden to NHC Cavett Hill, Glenn Rowell to NHC Cavett Hill

Christian Sympathy to:

Scott Gilbert on the death of his grandfather, Louis B. Gilbert, on December 10.

The family of Gideon Fryer on his death on December 13.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	906
Sunday School	339

Our Gifts

Received toward budget	\$77,666.77
Other	\$4,786.88

Our Church Family

Births:

- **Virginia Coyne Ezzell**, daughter of Williams & Caitlin Ezzell, was born on November 25. Maternal grandparents are Don & Sally Lighter.
- **Harrison George Dailey**, son of Troy & Jaime Dailey, was born on December 8.



Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Rev. Bill Balch**

Beacon of Hope: LaNoka Rhodes

- **Lyla Boehms**

Soup Kitchen: Benjamin & Melissa Blalock

Soup Kitchen: Rogersville Main Street Program

- **Bertha Lees**

Music: LaNoka Rhodes

- **Nancy Powell**

Memorial: Donald & Sharon Nichols

- **Richard Remine**

Special Needs: William & Emily Boyd

- **Mildred Weeks**

Renovation: Anonymous

Mildred Weeks Circle: Carolyn & Robert Roth

- **Kathleen Weigel**

Renovation: Anonymous

Renovation: Charles Brakebill

Renovation: Whitney A. Dunford

Renovation: Dave & Betty Craig

Renovation: Kane & Joe McAfee

Renovation: Cherokee Distributing Co.

Renovation: Pugh & Company PC

In Memoriam

Gideon Fryer

Joined: 05/14/1982 Died: 12/13/2014

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Jeannine & David Alley**

Renovation: Ann Kingston

- **David & Nancy Lineberger**

Soup Kitchen: David & Melissa Harrison

- **Rev. Cabel & Doris Trent**

Renovation: LaNoka Rhodes

Special Needs: Scott & Jean Wilhoite

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Staff Directory

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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

Who are Stephen Ministers?

- People who listen with open hearts and closed mouths
- Promise keepers
- Good sounding boards for your ideas
- A shelter during the storms of life
- Prayerful partners
- A strong support for those who suffer
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Companionship in hard times

Stephen Ministers build you up when you feel down. They are there when you need a partner and confidentiality is always assured.

Contact Pastor

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