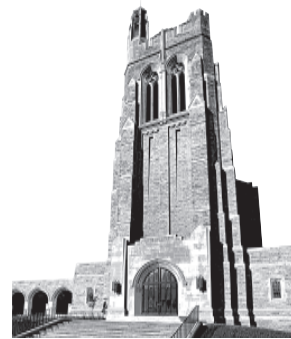


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



Second
Sunday after
Epiphany

• **Sunday, January 17, 2010**

Worship

8:30 & 11 am

"Called ready or not!"

John 2:1-11

Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, January 20**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel

Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade

• **Thursday, January 21**

Vespers

5:45 pm – Chapel

Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120

Rev. Darryll Rasnake



Sunday Supper

5:15 to 6 pm • Parish Hall

\$5 (12 & up) • \$3 (for kids)

**See ya at
Supper!**

Menu:

Individual Meat Loafs,
Macaroni & Cheese,
Fresh Steamed Broccoli, Rolls,
Tossed Salad, & Dessert

Always: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches

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There is a volunteer job for YOU during 2010

Everybody in Ministry / Opportunities for Service

What do taking pictures, telephoning homebound members, reading to the Day Care Center's children, filing music & preparing choir folders, assisting on the website, teaching in youth Sunday school and Spirit Adventure, and deciding now to help with 2010's Vacation Bible School or Walk



Everybody in Ministry

Through Bethlehem have in common? These are just a few of the volunteer opportunities that you can find out about at the upcoming **Everybody in Ministry: Opportunities for Service** gathering in Parish Hall on Sunday, January 31.

Plan now to participate from **9:30 to 9:45 am OR from 10:30 to 10:45 am OR from 12 noon to 12:15 pm**. Visit the various tables and discover the array of volunteer opportunities (short-term, long-term, 1 time only or ongoing) that are calling to each and every member of the Church Street community. We look forward to seeing you in Parish Hall on Sunday, January 31.

What are your spiritual gifts?

Spiritual Gift Inventory to be presented at Jan. 17 session

Join Rev. Darryll Rasnake as he continues the Spiritual Gifts series in Parish Hall on the next two Sunday mornings, beginning at 9:40 am.

On January 17, we'll look at a spiritual gift inventory where you can find

out what your special gifts are...and then on January 24, we'll discuss how to connect your gifts to actual service.

Please contact Darryll at 521-0279 or drasnake@churchstreetumc.org if you have questions or need more details.

All committee chairs & members invited to Leadership Celebration on January 24

The annual event for committee/board members and chairpersons will be held in Parish Hall on **Sunday, Jan. 24**, following the 2nd service. All committee members and chairpersons are cordially invited to the luncheon and the sure-to-be-informative program.

Church Streeter and local attorney, **Pam Reeves**, will be the keynote speaker and will speak on leadership and service. There will also be remarks by Rev. Ferguson and plenty of printed resources

for the various committees as they begin their work in 2010. Note: Committees will have the opportunity to meet following the program.

Reservation/registration cards will be mailed this week to all elected leaders. Please return your card to the church office by Wednesday, Jan. 20. Lunch cost is \$5.50 and will be paid at the door.

If you need more information about this event, please call Rick Isbell, minister of program, at 521-0266.

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Snow Policy Reminders

• Sunday morning worship & Sunday School will ALWAYS be held.

–A change in Sunday evening activities may be announced Sunday morning.

• **Weekdays – If Knox County schools close:**

–ALL activities and meetings at the church are cancelled (with the exception of Thursday’s Soup Kitchen).

–Kay Senior Care Center & Child Day Care Center will close.

–Church offices may open later in the day.

• **Weekdays – If Knox County Schools open 1 hour late:**

–Kay Senior Care Center & Child Day Care Center will open 1 hour late. (Child Day Care will serve breakfast.)

Join the Church Street NEWSWIRE

Those members with email addresses have an opportunity to be up-to-date on Church Street news, such as bereavements, hospitalizations, births, etc. and other late-breaking news that occurs during the week.

To join the Newswire, please call Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or send an email to twilliams@churchstreetumc.org.

Our AEDs are located near 118 & near Gym



Reminder: Our two AEDs (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) are located (1) on the wall outside of room 118, across from the side door to the kitchen and (2) in the Church Life Center, near the Gym.

Women’s Bible Study to look at Book of Esther

A few openings remain for the midweek Women’s Bible Study, which meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am in room 202. The group, led by Elizabeth Walton, has just begun Beth Moore’s study on the Book of Esther. Please contact Elizabeth at 249-3512 or waltonmonty@yahoo.com for details.

Do you want to include an announcement in the weekly Messenger?

The **deadline** for submission of items to be considered for publication in the weekly *Messenger* is **noon on the Friday before the Tuesday edition**. Items should be submitted to Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or twilliams@churchstreetumc.org.

Note: We cannot guarantee publication of items received past the deadline.

Fifth Sunday offering to Holston Home for Children coming Jan. 31

Youth Resurrection is 25 years old!

This upcoming weekend 40+ Church Street youth and adults will join thousands of others in Gatlinburg for Holston Conference’s annual youth retreat called *Resurrection*...in fact, this is the 25th anniversary of *Resurrection*!

Throughout the years many Church Street youth have come to know Christ in new and deeper ways; that is our prayer for this year also. As many of our youth, including the choir, will not be in worship on Sunday morning, Jan. 17, please know that we are worshipping with you from a distance.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: JANUARY 17-23

WORSHIP

Morning Worship

Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave

Rejoice!

Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)

Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)

Midweek Worship Service

Wednesday, 12 noon, Chapel

Vespers

Thursday, 5:45 pm, Chapel

Community Worship

Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

1st & 2nd Grade Choir

Sunday, 6 pm, rm 301

Boy-Girl Choir

Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201

Adult Handbell Choir

Sunday, 7 pm, rm 308

Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY SUPPER

Sunday, 5:15 to 6 pm, Parish Hall

Body Recall

Wed., Fri., 1 pm, Gym

Yoga: Thurs., 7 pm, rm 306

Men’s Basketball

Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Dance Lessons - Ballroom

Wed., 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Dance Lessons - Line Dance

Thurs., 7:15 pm, Gym

CHILDREN

Children’s Gym Time

Sunday, 4 pm, Gym

God’s Gang (1st & 2nd grades)

Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 214

Twizzlers (3rd - 5th grades)

Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 313

YOUTH

Girls’ Basketball Practice

Thursday, 6 pm, Gym

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)

Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 119

Jesus in the Gospels (Isbell)

Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202

Study of Acts (Wender)

Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204

Financial Peace University

Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120

Men’s Book Study

Sunday, 5:30 pm, rm 103

Solo Flight (single parent support grp)

Sunday, 6 pm, rm 119

Spanish Class (District-sponsored)

Tuesday, 7 pm, CLC 11

Midweek Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202

Disciple I Bible Study (Jones)

Wednesday, 7 pm, rm E-03

Pastor’s Bible Study

Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

MEETINGS

Finance Committee

Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204

Community / Global Missions &

Outreach

Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202

Joint Stephen Ministry Training

Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124

SINGLES

Service Committee

Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 124

Divorce Care/Rebuilding

Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103

Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm

Dinner & Program, Parish Hall

Friday Games Night

Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC

Friday Dinner & Movie

Friday, 6 pm, offsite

Pastor’s Bible Study:
See Lectionary Listings on page 4 for Sunday, Jan. 24.

Faith & Film:

Modern Times (1936-passed)

The Church will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18,
in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"Reflections..."

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

The new James Cameron movie, "Avatar," has opened, so Celia and I went to see it (IMAX-3D). One of the themes of the movie is the conflict between corporate people who are in the mining business and the indigenous people who are deeply connected with their world. Corporate people tear up the earth to get the treasure they mine; indigenous people live in the balance between all things. Corporate people are willing to use force to protect their mining rights; indigenous people learn to harness the aggression in nature. The movie explores many such themes that form the landscape of modern life.

What I found interesting was that the conclusion of the movie could only be reached by the mother of all battles (to quote one who suffered defeat in his own battle). I thought of other big movies over the past years: *The Lord of the Rings*, *Star Wars*, for example. They seem to need a great battle to reach a conclusion.

The same can be observed in much of scripture. In the Old Testament, Israel is defined by victories and defeats. The New Testament comes to a conclusion in the Book of Revelation in a great

battle, the "Fall of Babylon." Only then can a new heaven and a new earth appear. The necessity of battle contradicts the assumption that the resulting peace is shaped by the character of the means that we use to get it.

I do not consider myself a pacifist, but I find it strange that the world has so few tools for establishing and keeping peace. It is no wonder that those who stand in the great battles are honored.

The way I see it: nations must find ways to conduct wars honorably. Nations must find ways to enforce the peace at home and abroad with justice. And, people back home (like us) must claim our place and support of war and force. Such seems to be the primary tool in our hands.

But, there is more. Even as we support the use of force to keep the peace, we must look again at the example of Jesus. Who, when challenged with deadly force, chose the cross. Even Satan knew that Jesus had legions of angels at his command. But, at the point in the movie when the hero is supposed to call out the troops, Jesus chose the cross. Think about it. The world still has much to learn from this Savior.

REFLECTIONS

Make reservations now for January WNAF program

Church Street adults are invited to the upcoming Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship (WNAF) program in **Parish Hall** at **12:30 pm** on **January 27**. Guest speaker, Janice Maynard, will present the program, *You Can Help Save a Life*. Janice will be talking about the importance of CPR and use of the AED machines at Church Street.

Join us and find life-saving advice that you could use anywhere. **Call the church office at 524-3048 by Monday, Jan. 25 for lunch reservations.**



Knoxville District Training Event: Impacting Ministry 2010 January 31 - Middlebrook Pike UMC

Optional Lunch begins at 1 pm / Workshops begin at 2 pm

Impacting Ministry provides an opportunity for interaction among United Methodist leaders at the local church, district and conference levels. Attendees will be able to share what is working in their churches, seek help for those things that are not working, and receive assistance and encouragement for the ministries of their congregations.

The event is \$5 per person with an optional lunch for \$8. Pre-registration is required; deadline is Jan. 25. Registration brochures are in the church office.

Workshop topics include: Front Line Benevolence Training, The Changing Climate of Appointment Making, Staff Parish Relations, The Spirit-Filled Life, Journey in Discipleship, Direct Invoicing, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Developing an Older Adult Ministry, and The United Methodist Way—Living Our Beliefs.

News & Needs

Children's News

• **ATTENTION: Spirit Adventure needs!** We need teachers in the Mouse Pad for our Exodus unit on Jan. 24, 31 & Feb. 7. Call Sue Isbell at 521-0282 to volunteer.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth!** Not attending Resurrection? Sunday school will be held as usual in the youth area. However, we will NOT have Sunday evening activities, meaning no choir rehearsal, Nightlife or girls' basketball practice.

CollegeLife News

• **College Students:** To be added to the email distribution for the online *Word on the Street*, our way of sharing CollegeLife news, please contact John Shearer at jcshearer2@comcast.net.

Young Adult News

• **The 2010 Divine Rhythm** for young adults will be held Jan. 29-31 in Pigeon Forge. Cost is \$50 per person for lodging & registration. Email Sarah Moody at smoody@churchstreetumc.org for info.

Singles News

**Singles Ministry Kick-Off Week
through January 24**

Call 521-0298 for details.

• Call Chuck Jones at 521-0298 or pick up a copy of *SingleVision* from the church literature racks for a complete listing of opportunities & reservation information.

Web News

www.churchstreetumc.org

• To read *The Messenger* online, go to the *News & Events* category and select *Newsletters*. *The Messenger* is usually online by Wednesday afternoons.

Music News

All Choir Rehearsals are back
on regular schedule

(see calendar for times)



Now would be a good time to join a choir!

**Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336**

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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:

Baptist West: Kevin Anderson (no visitors)

Home from hospital:

Jeannine Alley (to NHC Cavett Hill),
Amanda Burns (& newborn daughter,
Everleigh)

Christian Sympathy to:

Valerie Nicholson and family in the death of her mother, Kate Miller, on Jan. 8.

Our Presence

Sunday Morning Worship	703
Sunday School	338

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$30,425
Other Designations	\$11,585

Our Church Family

New Arrival



• **Everleigh Carden Burns** was born to Amanda and Bill Burns. Maternal grandmother is Jane Ingle.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Jan. 17

• The Chancel Altar Flowers are given by the Julie Wright family in memory of her father, Dr. Sam Thompson, and her brother, Jeff Thompson.

Chapel Flowers for Sunday, Jan. 10

• The Chapel Altar Flowers on Jan. 10 were from the wedding of Deborah Sims and Scott Gregory and were given in memory of Scott's father, Robert Lewis Gregory and the bride's grandfather, Richard S. Jones.

Wedding



• **Deborah E. Sims and Scott Robert Gregory** were married on January 9 with Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade officiating.

Memorials

in memory of

- **Marion Chandler**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Robert & Carolyn Bolling, Sue Gray Walker
- **Buddy Gregg**
Memorial Fund: Bruce Henry
- **Jennifer Landon**
Stephen Ministry: Conrad & Lois Ayotte
- **Virginia Neal**
Memorial Fund: Greg & Sheree King, Susan Hechter, Gordon & Nancy Ridenour; Four-Year Old's Sunday School Class: Dr. & Mrs. George Zirkle; Rejoice! TV Ministry: Dorothy Vola

Honoraria

in honor of

- **Rachel Cochran**
Haiti Water Project: Margaret Gregory
- **Matt & Nancy Smith**
Holston Home: Julie & Randall Hodges
- **Powell Richardson**
Accessibility Fund: Ed & Valerie Nicholson

Prayer requests are always invited

Blue cards found in the pew racks are available for your prayer requests. Placed in the offering plates, these will be lifted at the altar during worship and throughout the week by the clergy staff.

Have You Listened To God Today?



Lectionary Readings

• January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

• January 24

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-260
Associate Pastor	Jan Buxton-Wade-278
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Moody-263
Special Needs Pastor	Cabel Trent-264
Minister of Program	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Missions	Marc Gamble-287
Singles Ministry Director	Chuck Jones-298
Communications Director	Teresa Williams-299
Child Day Care Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Monica Casey-293
Kay Center	Kay Center Staff-289
Church Administrator	Charlotte LaFavor-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Food Services Director	Donna Robert-273
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
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Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Secretary	Martha Greene-269
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Custodians	Kevin Compton, Johnny Cox, Laurie Grooms, Crystal Mills

Knoxville District Coordinator of Latino Ministries
Jeanet Berruecos Xicohtencatl-292

MAIN OFFICE HOURS
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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After 3 short beeps, enter your phone number plus "#." Hang up. A pastor will call you.

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