



Transfiguration
Sunday

• **Sunday, February 14**

Worship

8:30 & 11 am

"The Veil is Removed"

Luke 29: 28-36

Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, February 17**

Ash Wednesday Services

12 Noon & 6:30 pm – Chapel

• **Thursday, February 18**

Vespers

5:45 pm – Chapel

Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

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Join us for Ash Wednesday Services on February 17



Our Doorway to Lent & Easter...12 noon & 6:30 pm

If you have never attended Ash Wednesday services at Church Street, this may be the year you want to begin this Lenten tradition.

On **February 17**, our church will join with Christians throughout the world in observing this solemn day of spiritual examination. Since ancient eras, time set apart for repentance and the ritual imposition of ashes has opened the door for faithful commemoration of the 40 days of Lent. Join others in our congregation who have discovered Ash Wednesday observance to be as important to their faith journey as their recognition of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Church Street clergy and musicians will lead worship in the Nave at Noon on the 17th with a light lunch of soup and sandwiches following the service. The evening service begins at 6:30 pm with the full parish choir participating.

We encourage all Church Streeters to join us as we begin the season of Lent.

Downtown Cooperative Ministry sponsors midweek Lenten services • Church Street UMC to host March 3

Again this year, as part of the Downtown Cooperative Ministry (a collaboration among the five large downtown churches), Church Streeters are invited to participate in special Lenten services (including lunch) at each of the five churches on five different Wednesdays. This year's series begins at First Baptist Church on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Music begins at 12 noon with Worship at 12:10 pm at the specified church. A light lunch follows at 12:30 pm with donations accepted. Prayerfully consider participating in this time of refreshment and renewal during the season of Lent.

- **Feb. 24:** First Baptist Church (510 W. Main St)
- **March 3:** **Church Street UMC - We are the host!**
- **March 10:** First Presbyterian Church (620 State St)
- **March 17:** Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (414 W. Vine Ave)
- **March 24:** St. John's Cathedral (413 W. Cumberland Ave)

Three evening Lenten opportunities to study "24 Hours"

Adam Hamilton's new DVD series on *"24 Hours That Changed the World"* will be presented during Lent. Participants can choose which session to attend:

- Sundays, beginning Feb. 21, at 6 pm in room 118 - led by Darryll Rasnake
- Mondays, beginning Feb. 22, at 6 pm in room 118 - led by Sarah Moody
- Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 24, at 7 pm in room 204 - led by Andy Ferguson

The book, by the same title, will be available for purchase for \$18 but is not required for participation.



Be a part of this study by the leading pastor of the largest United Methodist Church in the nation. Participants will be guided through the Last Supper, Gethsemane, the trial, and the Crucifixion by hearing and seeing Adam Hamilton teach from the actual Holy Land sites.



Sunday Supper

5:15 to 6 pm • Parish Hall

\$5 (12 & up) • \$3 (for kids)

See ya at
Supper!

Menu:

Pulled BBQ Pork, Hot Dogs,
Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw,
Chili, Tossed Salad, Dessert



Take part in the Blood Drive coming to Church Street on Sunday, Feb. 21

Get ready for the upcoming blood drive in Parish Hall from 1 to 6 pm on **Sunday, Feb. 21!**

For each person who donates on the 21st, instead of receiving the traditional t-shirt, you may choose to have Medic donate the equivalent of 9 meals to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Though appointments are encouraged, they are not required. If you do make an appointment, you'll get a free travel mug and will have little or no waiting time at the drive.

The last Sunday to schedule your appointment (or register your group for blanket coverage) will be Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Chapel hallway. You may also email JoLynn Cunningham (jcunning@utk.edu) for appointments, blanket coverage details or other information.

Join us for Valentine's Dance on Feb. 13



The Valentine's Day Dance, sponsored by the Singles Ministry and Adult Council, will be held in the Church Street Gym on **Saturday, Feb. 13** from **7:30 to 10:30 pm.**

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. Dress for the dance is semi-formal or dressy-casual. Gentlemen are requested to wear coat/tie.

Nave Clean-up Day: THIS Saturday, Feb. 20 9 am to 12 noon

Have you purchased your tickets yet? Concordia Choir to perform on March 2

One of the nation's finest college choirs is coming to perform in the Church Street Nave on **Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 pm.** Presented by the Master Arts Series, Rene Clausen conducts the 72-voice a cappella choir in several spirituals and hymns plus some new dramatic Clausen arrangements.

Regular ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for Kindergarten through University students. **NOTE: Church Street members will receive a 20% discount (\$16 & \$8) when purchasing tickets at the church.** Tickets are available through the Church Office. Note: Checks should be written to "Concordia Choir" - not Church Street.

Our Pastors have started a Blog!

To view a new blog, recently created by our pastors, with online sermons and other pastoral information, please check out www.churchstreetumc.blogspot.com. A link to the blog can also be found on our website (www.churchstreetumc.org) under the **News & Events** and the **Worship & Music** categories.

Thursday Lenten Study begins Feb. 18

A 6-week Lenten Study, *Bread in the Wilderness: Spiritual Famine or Gospel Feast*, will be held on **Thursdays** during Lent, beginning **Feb. 18**, at 7 pm in room 119. Registration/book cost is \$9. Part of the Single Ministry's **Thursday Nights Together**, both singles and couples are invited to participate.

Please contact Chuck Jones, at 521-0298 for details.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 14-20

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)
Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday, 12 noon, Nave
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Nave
Vespers
Thursday, 5:45 pm, Chapel
Community Worship
Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

Youth Choir Practice
Sunday, 4 pm, Choir Room
KinderSingers
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 214
1st & 2nd Grade Choir
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 301
Boy-Girl Choir
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201
Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 to 6 pm, Parish Hall
Body Recall
Mon., Wed., Fri., 1 pm, Gym
Bridge: Mon., 6:30 pm, rm 306
Yoga: Mon. & Thurs., 7 pm, rm 306
Dance Lessons - Swing
Mon., 7 pm, Beginning, Gym
Mon., 7 pm, Intermediate, CLC 11
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

Pastor's Bible Study:
See Lectionary Listings on
page 4 for Sunday, Feb. 21.

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 119
Jesus in the Gospels (Isbell)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
New Testament Letters (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
Bread in the Wilderness Study (Jones)
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 119

YOUTH

Nightlife Volunteers Mtg
Sunday, 4:30 pm, CLC 14
Nightlife: Sunday, 5:45 pm, CLC
Girls' Basketball Practice
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym
Thursday, 6 pm, Gym

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Supervisory Grp
Sunday, 2 pm, CLC 122
Sterchi Lodge Committee
Monday, 6 pm, rm 202
Higher Education/Campus Ministry
Tuesday, 5:15 pm, CLC 124
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Community/Global Missions
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Adult Council Meeting
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 118
Staff-Parish Relations
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Joint Stephen Ministry Training
Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124
Muslim-Christian Dialogue
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 204

SINGLES

Rebuilding Workshop
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Friday Game Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC 124

Faith & Film:

The Pajama Game
(1957-Approved)

SPOT-
LIGHT
ON...

Upcoming Musical Events

Spotlighting Ministries of Church Street United Methodist Church – February 2010

The Concordia Choir - Tuesday, March 2 - 7:30 pm



The Concordia College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Rene Clausen, will present a concert on **Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 pm** in the Nave.

The Concordia Choir is widely considered one of the world's premiere undergraduate vocal ensembles. The choir's long and distinguished history dates back to its beginning in 1920. The group has performed in nearly every major hall in the United States including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. The choir tours the world, sings for royalty and garners praise from critics. The 72-voice choir continues to affirm its reputation as one of the Nation's finest a cappella choirs and a leader in interpreting and advancing the Lutheran choral tradition.

Please note: This is a ticketed event. Regular ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for K-University. Church Street members will receive a 20% discount (\$16 / \$8) when purchasing your tickets at the church.

MASS in G by Franz Schubert

Sunday, March 21 - 8:30 & 11:00 services

The Parish Adult Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists will present this timeless choral classic in both morning worship services.

PALM Sunday

Sunday, March 28 - 8:30 & 11:00 services

The Palm Sunday services will feature the University of Tennessee Trombone Choir under the direction of Dan Cloutier.

A Service for MAUNDY Thursday (with Holy Communion)

Thursday, April 1 - 7:30 pm

The Parish Adult Choir and instrumentalists will present a 20-minute choral prelude beginning at 7:10 pm.

EASTER Sunday

Sunday, April 4 - 8:30 & 11:00 services



Church Street celebrates the Resurrection with majestic hymns and anthems led by organ, the Parish Adult Choir and the Brasswind Quintet.

Organ Concert - Edie Johnson

Monday, April 19 - 7:30 pm

Church Street's new Music Associate/Organist will give this recital, sponsored by the Master Arts Series. The concert will feature music by Johann Sebastian Bach, Cesar Frank, Charles-Marie Widor and William Albright.

A Tale of Three Trees - Children's Musical Sunday, May 2 - 5:30 pm, Parish Hall

A church-wide potluck dinner begins at 5:30 pm followed by the children's music. The Boy-Girl Choir will present the musical version of the beloved children's story, "A Tale of Three Trees." The 1st & 2nd grade choir will also present music for this end-of-the-year program.

Youth Choir Tour Music

Sunday, June 6 - 8:30 & 11:00 services

The Parish Youth Choir will offer music in both worship services from their choir tour to Boston.

Contact Us!

If you would like to join any of our choirs or need information about our music ministry at Church Street, please contact Tim Ward, Director of Music Ministries, at 521-0276 / tward@churchstreetumc.org or Edie Johnson, Music Associate & Organist, at 521-0277 / ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org.



Register now for Jubilation 2010

Senior adults invited to April 11-13 event

The 10th annual Holston Conference Senior Adult *Jubilation* event will be held April 11-13 at the Meadow View Resort and Conference Center in Kingsport, TN.

This event, for persons 55 years of age and older, will involve leadership very familiar to Church Street members: Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr., is the keynote speaker; Bishop Mary Virginia "Dindy" Taylor is the worship leader; and Bishop Richard Looney is the Bible study leader.

Brochures (with registration details) are located in the church office and in literature racks around the church. You may also visit the event's website at jubilation.holston.org.

17-week Disciple Study, *The New Testament*, begins Feb. 24

The New Testament, part 2 of Disciple Bible Study, begins on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7 pm, in room E-03. This is a continuation of part 1, *The Old Testament*, which is finishing on Ash Wednesday. Individuals may join for this second half of the study (17 lessons). Registration cost is \$35, which covers the text/workbook.

If you have questions about participating in this study, please contact facilitator, Chuck Jones, at 521-0298 for details.

Pictorial directory update.....from Teresa Williams

After trying for several weeks to get the latest status report on our much-anticipated pictorial directory, I received the following email from the company, *First Choice*, last week: From *First Choice Resources*...

We apologize for the tardiness of our reply to your calls and emails. This is to provide you with the status update you requested. We are dealing with major production issues and are months behind schedule on printing directories.

When Tom Bigham talked with you in December we were hopeful that we would be in a position to complete your books in January. Unfortunately we were unable to accomplish that, and based on the company's current situation, it may be another 90 days before we are able to print the directories.

We are sincerely sorry for this situation and apologize to you and the members of your church.

As you can imagine, we are very disappointed and had hoped that the directory would have been here much sooner. These circumstances are completely beyond our control, and we ask for your continuing patience and understanding in this matter.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Gluten Free Vendor Fair is Feb. 27

Since many of our members deal with gluten allergies, we wanted to mention an upcoming community event.

The second annual **Gluten Free Vendor Fair** will be held at the downtown **Hilton** on **Saturday, Feb. 27**, from 11 am to 3 pm.

The event will feature samples of gluten free products from a wide variety of companies. Included will be children's activities, door prizes, coupons for gluten free items, and helpful information about gluten free eating.

Admission is only \$1 and parking is free at the near-by city-owned Market Square and Locust Street garages.

Note to Church Streeters: When coming to the Communion table, bread is available that will not agitate gluten, egg or milk allergies. Please make you request to the clergy person serving the table where you kneel.

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.

Baby/Toddler sign language classes coming to CSUMC

Are you interested in teaching your baby or toddler sign language?

For specific details about this class, please contact Julie Wright at 584-1748 or SigningTimeWithJulie@gmail.com.

Coming through mid March

- February 13
Valentine's Dance
- February 17
Ash Wednesday Services
- February 21
Blood Drive
- February 24
Community Lenten Service
at First Baptist Church
- March 2
Concordia College Choir Concert
- March 3
Community Lenten Service
at Church Street (We are the hosts!)
- March 10
Community Lenten Service
at First Presbyterian Church

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336



“Reflections on...High Holy Days of Lent

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

This Sunday, February 14, brings Transfiguration Sunday, the end of Epiphany, and then the coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. If your only calendar is the one you keep for church activities, then this is a very tidy order. Lent brings a time for spiritual preparation and seriousness appropriate for Holy Week.

Each year, say... around August, I have great intentions for a serious Lent, purposely limited to prayer and deeds of charity. But, when Lent arrives, reality arrives in the same car.

This is arguably one of the best sports seasons of the entire year. The Super Bowl has just been played. (I loved Daniel's cartoon, "Mixed Emotions," on Tuesday's *New-Sentinel* editorial page.) Now, at the point where spiritual discipline arrives with bright anticipation, so does the end of the regular season for basketball. By the time Holy Week arrives, we will have feasted on March Madness. What's a Christian to do? The conflict is not just between sports and spiritual discipline, it is between all the demands of life and spiritual discipline.

Too many of us assume we have to decide what sort of persons we are: sports-nuts or serious-types. If you are a sports-nut, then your job is to do just

enough religion to keep your conscience quiet. If you are a serious-type, then you have to pretend that you do not care anything about sports (or anything else, for that matter). This is false.

If faith is going to matter, it is going to matter in the real lives where we do the business of the world each day. It is going to matter during the Final Fours (women's and men's). It is going to matter when you're closing the biggest deal of your life. So, instead of setting aside faith when you enter the workplace, take it inside.

Consider: how does your faith shape the way you do business? Or immerse yourself in sports? Or play any game? If this faith in God through Christ does not shape the way we live real lives, then we have crippled its impact on us.

My guess is that, had basketball been invented, Jesus would have played tough in the driveway games he found along his way. Just think how knowing the hearts of everyone would have helped him to anticipate the next move of shooters! Somehow I imagine Jesus' best position would be point guard.

Lent is about to begin. Lent, like every spiritual discipline, is about real life. Where does such faith fit into your real life?



REVISED Snow Policy

• **Sunday morning worship at 11:00 a.m. will ALWAYS be held.**

—A change in 8:30 Worship and Sunday School will be announced on WATE-TV (Channel 6) and the Pastors' Blog (www.churchstreetumc.blogspot.com).

—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).

—The 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.)

News & Needs

Children's News

• All elementary children are invited to our Sunday afternoon fellowship groups at 4:45 pm. **God's Gang** (1st & 2nd graders) meets in room 214 and will continue their study of Moses. **Twizzlers** (3rd-thru-5th graders) meets in room 313 and will talk about Lenten choices.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth!** We start a new Sunday school rotation this Sunday.

• **Youth Council** will meet for lunch at noon at McAllisters. Need help with transportation? contact Marc.

• We'll have regular Nightlife Sunday night with snack supper downstairs. Hope to see you there.

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.

Singles News

• **Donations for "The Cart"** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with "Stick Deodorant" as the item for February. The Cart is located outside Parish Hall.

• 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.

• **Make a general comment to Church Street** (question, concern, suggestion or praise) via the website. Click on the CONTACT US category and select "Contact Us." Other online forms are available also.

Music News

Upcoming Concerts

Concordia Choir
Tuesday, March 2

Edie Johnson, Organist
Monday, April 19



CSUMC: "A beacon...Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ"

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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:

Ft. Sanders: Katie Sherrod, Claire Shepherd
U.T.: Louis Browning

Home from hospital:

Callie Santell, Mary Barker

Christian Sympathy to:

Rick & JoAnn Armbrister, Stephanie Armbrister Strutner, and Richard Armbrister, Jr. in the death of Izzy Armbrister, on Feb. 6.

Don Ferguson and family. in the death of his sister, Wanda Ferguson Edgemon, on Feb. 6.

Carrie Pedigo and family. in the death of her grandfather, Russell Pedigo, in Sparta, TN, on Feb. 8.

Our Presence

Sunday Morning Worship	674
Sunday School	547

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$71,773
Holston Home for Children	\$2,498
Other Designations	\$1,567



Lectionary Readings

• February 14

Exodus 34:39-35; Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

• February 21

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Memorials

in memory of

• **Izzy Armbrister**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Ruth DeFries

• **Florence Hillis**
Memorial Fund: City of Alcoa / Public Works & Engineering Dept.

In Memoriam

Isabel (Izzy) Gilmer Armbrister
Joined: 07-10-83 • Died: 02-06-10

Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 14

• **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Dr. & Mrs. W. C. Alford by their daughter, Sara Jane Alford Francis.

• **The Chapel Altar Flowers** are given by Bob and Lora Jean Johnson in memory of her parents, Sam and Frances Hinton, and her sister, Nancy Hinton Lang.

Have You Listened To God Today?

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.

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 LaFevor-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Food Services Director	Donna Robert-273
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
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.

Church Office: (865) 524-3048

FAX: 521-0261

Pastor-on-Call Pager: 597-2339

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

If you are hospitalized, please let us know!

We need your help! Please call the church office at 524-3048 or the pastor-on-call pager at 597-2339 when you or persons you know are entering the hospital or if they need pastoral care in any way.

Note: Requested confidentiality will be respected by the clergy.

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