



1st Sunday
after Pentecost

• **Sunday, May 30**

Worship

8:30 & 11 am – Nave

"We Cannot Keep From Speaking"

Acts 4:1-22

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

• **Wednesday, June 2**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel

Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade

• **Thursday, June 3**

Vespers

5:45 pm – Chapel

Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120

Rev. Darryll Rasnake



Lectionary Readings

• **May 30**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

• **June 6**

1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

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It's almost time for VBS! Is your child registered?

Come to EGYPT - "Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace"

Children in our 2 year-old class (who are 3 by June 1) through those completing fifth grade this year are invited. VBS will be held at Church Street, **June 7-10**, from 9 am to 12 noon.



The days will be filled with lots of fun and learning. Music will be led by Darryll Rasnake and the Youth Band. Stories each day will be told by our pastors. Daily themes will show how Joseph interprets dreams; how Joseph provides for persons during the famine, how Joseph is blessed by God, and how Joseph learns to forgive his brothers.

To register, go to www.churchstreetumc.org and select VBS registration under Contact Us. For additional details, contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.



Sarah Moody to be ordained Elder on June 13

The Holston Annual Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska, NC, **June 13-16**.

As always, the congregation is invited to attend the worship services and business sessions of the Conference. We do, however, want to call your attention to the opening worship service, scheduled to begin at **7 pm** on **Sunday, June 13**, in **Stuart Auditorium**.

During this Service of Ordination Bishop James E. Swanson Sr. will ordain Church Street associate pastor, **Sarah Moody**, as Elder in The United Methodist Church. For your information, an Elder in The United Methodist Church is ordained to a lifetime of ministry of service, word, sacrament, and order.

This will be a very special time for Sarah, as well as for two other persons with Church Street ties who will also be ordained Elders. **Chris Brown**, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Narrows, VA, is a long-time Church Streeter who grew up in this church and **Jodie Gore Ihfe**, our 2006 summer intern from Duke Divinity School, is associate pastor at Gray United Methodist Church in Gray, TN.

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend this inspiring worship service and to congratulate Sarah, Chris & Jodie afterwards. Lake Junaluska is located 2 hours east of Knoxville off I-40 near Waynesville, NC.



Graduating from college? Let us hear from you!

If you or another church member you know has already graduated from college or will be graduating in the next few weeks, please let us know the details (name, college/university and degree).

This good news will be announced in the June 2nd edition of *The Messenger*. Please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or twilliams@churchstreetumc.org with details. **Deadline: 12 Noon on Monday, June 1.**

Fall Teacher Recruitment begins now!

It is the time of year when we begin to project fall classes for our Children's Sunday school. Unlike adults, children cannot teach themselves so we must rely on parents and other caring adults to lead them in their Christian journey each week. Please prayerfully consider how you might help.

• *Preschool Classes*

Three classes (two-year-olds, three-year-olds, and four-year-olds) need at least three teachers each. We prefer leaders to commit to one year (August 29, 2010 to August 28, 2011). However if a year is too long and you would consider teaching a quarter or longer, we would welcome you to our team.



• *Spirit Adventure*

Our elementary classes need shepherds for our rising first, second and third & fourth (combined) groups. Shepherds commit for the entire year to guide their group, but classroom teaching is not required. Spirit Adventure teachers are needed every 5 weeks to lead in the areas of art, computers, movies and games/cooking. To volunteer for one of these rotations, please sign up in the children's hallway.

For more information, please contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Downtown First Friday Reception to welcome Church Streeters & Community

On the first Friday of every month, downtown restaurants, shops and art galleries extend their hours and offer free art exhibits, music and refreshments. This month, we are joining the festivities as we host a reception in the Holston building, located near the Tennessee Theatre and S&W Grand.

Join us for a special downtown reception from **6 to 9 pm** on **Friday, June 4**, in the community room at The Holston (531 S. Gay Street). Stop by and meet other Church Streeters and members of the community who might be interesting in coming to Church Street.

If you need more information, please email Ian Hennessey at goodyperry@gmail.com.

The Messenger to take summer break



The *Messenger* will not be produced on **June 15, July 6, July 27, and August 17**. The *Mini-Messenger*, for Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings, will be published if warranted.

Summer Elective series begins June 20

The Education Committee is offering a 6-week summer elective series for adult classes to be held in Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:45 am. This opportunity is for any class or individual who is looking for something different or wants a break from their normal class session.

- **June 20:** The Mission and Ministry of Holston Home for Children [Brad Thompson, Holston Home Ambassador and Lay Leader]
- **June 27:** The Mission and Ministry of the Jubilee Project [Randy Hilderbrand from Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN]
- **July 4 - 25:** "Is the Bible the Word of God?" [Dr. Phillip Sherman, Maryville College Professor & church member]
 - July 4:** *Is the Bible the Word of God?* A brief overview of why such a question needs to be asked.
 - July 11:** *Scripture and Tradition: Early Christian doctrines of scripture.*
 - July 18:** *Scripture and Reason: The rise of biblical scholarship and the response of fundamentalism.*
 - July 25:** *Scripture and Experience: Reading scripture in light of our lives.*

Walk where Jesus walked in 2011

Persons are registering to visit the Holy Land with Rick and Sue Isbell early next year, departing on the 10-day trip on January 11, 2011. Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Tiberias, Jericho and Qumran. Sail across the Sea of Galilee, go to the top of Masada, touch the waters of Jordan River, and see where portions of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

For more information, please contact Rick or Sue Isbell at the church. Full information/registration brochures are available.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MAY 30-JUNE 5

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.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Co-Ed Volleyball
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spanish Class (District-sponsored)
Tuesday, 7 pm, CLC 11
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

MEETINGS

Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 202
Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Lay Leadership Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 120
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202

SINGLES

Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Friday Fun Night Dance & Games
Friday, 8 pm, Gym & CLC



Hunger Helper Market

Sundays mornings
Breezeway • until sold out

Pastor's Bible Study:
See Lectionary Listings on
page 1 for Sunday, June 6.



The church will be closed on
Monday, May 31

in observance of Memorial Day.



“Reflections....on funerals

– Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

Today, I want to reflect on the work of the Christian funeral and to suggest a possible addition. OK, this is not the most expected subject at this time. Maybe that makes this a good occasion to reflect on it.

In my mind, the funeral is not just the worship service in the nave or chapel; the funeral includes everything from the time that death is near until we meet at the graveside. Every step has a task and a message.

As death nears or immediately following a death, the family must confront the reality of their loss. At the same time, the church family gathers its resources to support the family and to bear witness to our Christian faith. The time spent calling family and friends with the news of the death is also our coming to terms with the reality of our loss. The work to plan the worship service is also our effort to express our loss, our appreciation, and our faith. There is a lot of love contained in a casserole delivered at the front door.

The Receiving of Friends gives family and friends a time to pay their last respects and to offer our support for the family in their loss. So often, families discover in such gatherings who their family members are – and that they enjoy them. Busyness keeps us from gathering more often. This is also the time to share our grateful stories of the deceased.

There are two tasks for every funeral worship service: (1) to share our common loss of a precious life, and (2) to bear

witness to our faith that we die to God. You can hear these in the beginning words of the worship service. Dr. Thomas Long, in a recent seminar on funerals, said that the funeral is the last step in a Christian’s journey of baptism. This must come from Romans 14.8: 8 “If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” At its heart, the funeral worship turns most directly to God: to address God with our loss, to call on God’s strength, to recall the great promise of resurrection in Jesus Christ.

Finally, in the burial we carry this loved one the last few feet of their baptism journey to their resting place. We have done everything humanly possible for the deceased; now we lay them to God’s care. Each of these steps is a holy and loving task.

Now, I would have an addition to suggest for the Receiving of Friends. Occasionally, the whole community, not just family, is moved to tell stories about someone who has died. Currently, those stories are shared in conversations of two’s and three’s at the home or the Receiving of Friends. When that is not enough, I suggest that we add an hour to the Receiving of Friends for what I’ll call the “Sharing of Grateful Memories.” We could provide chairs and a microphone and let anyone with a memory share their story. Clearly, this would not be needed for every funeral. Still, I believe there are occasions when this addition might be helpful.

News & Needs

Children’s News

• **Spirit Adventure** teachers are needed for the next rotation beginning May 30 in the Art Room, the HBO, and the Mouse Pad. Call Sue at 521-0282 for details or to volunteer.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth!** Watch your email this week for info about summer events.
• We need assistance with **Community Worship dinner on June 3**. Many of our youth will be on choir tour. Can you help?

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 Gap Class** is collecting socks and underwear for Wesley House during June. Donations may be brought to the bin outside the church office. Questions?...Call J.R. Hertwig at 384-7049.

Singles News

• **Donations for “The Cart”** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with “Microwave Popcorn” as the item for June. 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

• Listen to and watch **REJOICE!**, streamed on our website at www.churchstreetumc.org/stream.php.

• **Join us on FACEBOOK!** Just go to www.facebook.com and search for “Church Street United Methodist Church.”

Music News

Youth Summer Choir Tour to Boston
May 29-June 4 

The Choir will present a mini-concert at both services on Sunday, June 6.

DISASTER RELIEF



Help those in need

Are you interested in serving in Haiti or flood areas in Nashville?

Of late there have been too many natural disasters to count! Unbelievable destruction in Haiti and devastating floods in Nashville and beyond seem to be close to our hearts.

We have had many hallway conversations and inquiries asking what Church Street is planning. The answer is up to you!

If you are interested in working with a team in either Haiti or Nashville, please contact Marc Gamble at 521-0287 or mgamble@churchstreetumc.org to express your interest. The concrete plans (who, what, when, where) will be determined by your response.

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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:

Mercy at St. Mary's: Mary Jane Thigpen
Ft. Sanders: Carolyn Foster
U.T.: Grace Parkhill

To Assisted Living / HealthCare Facility:
Betty Williams (Asbury Place Health Care)

Home from hospital:

Jennifer Grubb (and newborn daughter, Carsyn Grace Grubb), John Hollingsworth, Kathie Biehler, Zola Morris, Sam Stoess

Christian Sympathy to:

John Scott and family in the death of his sister, Betty Vogt, in Nashville, on May 10.

Our Presence

Sunday Morning Worship	638
Sunday School	429

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$63,449
Hunger Helper Market	\$262
Other Designations	\$3,260

**Our Church Family
New Arrivals**

• **Sarah Presley Altizer** was born to Scott and Sandy Altizer on May 13.



• **Carsyn Grace Grubb** was born to Jeremy and Jennifer Grubb on May 18.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 30

• **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are in celebration of the marriage of Sarah Moody and Daniel Varnell and are given in loving memory of their grandparents, J. C. Moody, Jr., Marvin S. Watkins, W. D. and Nellie Varnell, and Allen and Grace Scoggins.

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

Memorials
in memory of

- **Peg Jamison**
Soup Kitchen: Dr. & Mrs. James R. Carroll
- **Mary McDougle**
Memorial Fund: Ross Bryan Associates, Inc.
- **Marilyn Zirkle Mize**
Memorial Fund: Volunteer Republican Women's
- **Jeffery Scott Roper**
Soup Kitchen: Thelma Bianco
- **Katie Sherrod**
Memorial Fund: W. W. Irby Elementary Social Committee, Elizabeth Reagon

Honoraria
in honor of

- **High School Graduates**
Carrie Ellis Scholarship Fund: Ann Marie Tugwell
- **2010 College Class**
Rasnake Scholarship Fund: Ann Marie Tugwell
- **UMW Executive Board**
Haiti Water Project: Rev. Sarah Moody

**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 Served
God Today?**

**Fifth Sunday offering to
Holston Home for Children
coming May 30**

Make a real difference in the life of a child! Please be generous with your FIFTH SUNDAY gift to Holston Home on Sunday, May 30.

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	Eddie 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	Judith Winters-293
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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
Secretary	Julie Hill -269
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Custodians	Kevin Compton, Laurie Grooms, Crystal Mills, Tim Montgomery
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.

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