



15th Sunday after Pentecost

• **Sunday, September 5**

Worship

8:30 & 11 am – Nave
Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, September 8**

Midweek Worship & Communion

12 Noon – Chapel
Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Thursday, September 9**

Vespers

5:45 pm – Chapel – Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120 – Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Lectionary Readings

- **September 5**
Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
- **September 12**
Jeremiah 4:11-12; Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- **September 19**
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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.

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Several support groups are offered this fall

Church Street’s Singles Ministry sponsors several support groups, all of which begin in September. See below specific information about each group. If needed, please contact Chuck Jones at 521-0298 or cjones@churchstreetumc.org.

• **Solo Flight Single Parent Support Group - Begins September 12**

This group meets for networking and sharing of life experiences and challenges related to living as a single parent (with or without custodial care). The group will meet on Sundays at 6 pm in CLC 123.

• **W.H.O. (Widowed Helping Others) Support Group - Begins September 15**

This group is for persons who have found themselves “suddenly single.” The focus is to assist the surviving spouse adjust to his/her new role in life and to provide social and emotional support. This group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in CLC 124.

• **Divorce Care Workshop & Rebuilding Workshop - Begins September 14**

The Divorce Care workshop is for persons going through the process of separation and ending a marriage. The Rebuilding workshop is for Divorce Care alumni who are preparing to “re-enter” the exploring and dating arenas. Introductory session for both 11-week workshops will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 pm in the Cox Parlor (room 109). Cost for each workshop is \$45; scholarships are available. Advanced registration required. Contact Chuck Jones to register.

NOTE: A new monthly group, S.O.S. (Serving Our Singles) for Divorce Care/Rebuilding alumni begins in October. More details coming soon!



Reminders for our BOOMSDAY activities

4 to 8:30 pm....Sunday, September 5

If you don’t have Boomsday tickets for the Family Festival at Church Street on Sept. 5, many free activities as well as concession foods (hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks) will be available. Parking, if still available, will be \$10 per car. The fun begins at 4 pm and goes until the buildings close at 8:30 pm.

- *If you pre-purchased a Supper ticket....*
Buddy’s BBQ will be served in Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7 pm. Note: Limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

FREE Activities for ALL ages

- 4 pm Balloon Animals & Magic
Carnival Inflatables
Children’s New Playground
- 4:15 pm... Movie #1 for Kids
Roller Skating - all ages
Face Painting
Board Games - all ages
Photo Booth
- 6 pm Movie for Adults
- 6:30 pm ... Volleyball for Adults
- 7:15 pm... Magic Show

Henley Street Bridge closed Sunday, Sept. 5

The Henley Street Bridge will be closed all day on Sunday, Sept. 5. The bridge closes at midnight on Saturday following the football game and reopens at 6 am Monday, Sept. 6.

Holy Land trip group prepares

Twelve persons have signed up to travel with Rick and Sue Isbell to Israel departing in January 2011. There is still time for others to join the group. If you are interested in going, please contact Rick or Sue Isbell for details. Deadline for registration with Educational Opportunities is Sept. 28.

Group study sessions will begin Monday evening, Sept. 20, at 6:30 pm in room 204. During this time, practical trip information will be shared as well as background information about the places to be visited.



Acolyte Appreciation Breakfast September 19

REMINDER: Defibrillator Information

AEDs (Automated Electronic Defibrillators) are located outside room 118, across from the side door to the kitchen AND in the Church Life Center near the Gym.

Thank You!

A note from Teresa!

My mom, Betty Williams, passed away last week after spending almost 5 months in either a hospital or a nursing home healthcare facility. She began receiving hospice/comfort care about a month ago. Needless to say, it's been the most difficult time of my life. However, I am so very fortunate to have this Church Street family to support me and my sisters in so many ways.

Special thanks and sincere appreciation to the Church Street staff and clergy; to my Mom's Pathfinders Sunday School class; and to countless other persons who have supported us with prayers, visits, calls, emails, cards, flowers and food. We will be forever grateful!

I am so blessed.

—Teresa Williams

Stephen Ministry training begins Sept. 19



Church Street's Stephen Ministry is excited to announce a training class for new Stephen Ministers. The class begins on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the Chiles Room (rm 119). The required 50 hours of training will be taught over a period of 18 weeks. Potential Stephen Ministers are asked to complete an application and provide personal references, followed by an interview with the Stephen Leaders.

Upon completion of training, Stephen Ministers are commissioned by the church for a period of two years, visit their care receivers weekly and participate in twice monthly peer group supervision and monthly continuing education.

Stephen Ministers respond to the church's direction to "Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." We provide one-on-one distinctly Christian caregiving in a strictly confidential relationship. If, after prayerful consideration, you feel the Holy Spirit leading you into this caring ministry, please contact a member of the clergy staff.

English as a Second Language (ESL) needs your support

In 2007 ESL (English as a Second Language) classes began meeting in our building as an outreach ministry through the Latino ministry of the Knoxville district. Now, three years later, there is no official Latino ministry, and the students coming to these classes come from all over the world. The classes are sponsored and coordinated through Pellissippi State Community College adult education program. Church Streeter, Glenda Smith, is one of the teachers in the program which meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the educational building.

Our Program Council is trying to determine the interest and involvement our congregation desires toward participants in the ESL classes. To see our church more involved in ministry to international persons and to explore what Church Street can offer ESL students and what the students can offer Church Street, please contact Tom Hood at 577-1131 or Rick Isbell, 521-0266, risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 5-11

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

Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Boomsday Activities at CSUMC
Sunday, 4 to 8:30 pm
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204
Devotion to Jesus Study
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 119

MEETINGS

Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 202
Kay Center Board
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 123
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, 5:45 pm, rm 202
Benevolence Team
Thursday, 9 am, rm 118

SINGLES

Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC



**Church is closed
on Labor Day,
Monday, September 6**

Pastor's Bible Study:
See Lectionary Listings on page 1
for Sundays, Sept. 5, 12 & 19.

**Hunger Helper
Market**

Sundays • Breezeway
9 a.m. until sold out

IT'S ALMOST FALL AT CHURCH STREET!

Our fall programming resumes on Sunday, Sept. 12, with both new & familiar opportunities.



Check future additions of *The Messenger* for more specific details about these and other opportunities coming your way this fall. *Church Street is the place to be!!*

Study Options for Adults....

• Christian Believer (30 week study)

Orientation: Sunday, Sept. 12...6 pm...room 202

In our fast-paced world, what do you believe in? Are there faith questions to which you need answers?

Christian Believer is a Disciple Bible Study that explores 30 foundational beliefs of the Christian faith through scripture, great writers, video presentations from scholars and small group discussion. Taught by Rick Isbell, minister of program, the 30-week course will explore such topics as the Trinity, salvation, faith, worship, sacraments, eternal life, sin, salvation, Christian hope, humankind and many more. Cost of the study manual and a book of readings is \$40. If you need more details or want to register, please contact Rick Isbell by phone at 521-0266 or by email at risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

• Lessons from Mayberry (6 week study)

Begins Sunday, Sept. 12...6 pm...room 204

This 6-week Sunday evening option celebrates the 50th anniversary of *The Andy Griffith Show* and will focus on timeless parenting skills learned from the show.

• DISCIPLE 1 - Part 1 (17 week study)

Wednesdays...7 pm...rm E-03....Begins Sept. 15

"Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" - Part 1 is a 17-week Bible study focusing on the traditions and development of the Old Testament. The study incorporates in-depth study of Biblical text, weekly preparation, small group accountability and a call to be more faithful disciples. Cost is \$35. Advance registration required. Contact Chuck Jones at 521-0298 or cjones@churchstreetumc.org to register or for more information. Note: Part 2 (New Testament) will be held in the Spring.

• Wender Bible Study (ongoing)

Begins Sunday, Sept. 12...4 pm...room 204

This discussion-oriented Bible study, led by Dr. Charles Wender, continues with the New Testament Letters of Paul. An outline of the various scriptures will be provided.

• Pastor's Bible Study (ongoing)

Continues on Wednesdays....7 pm....room 204

This Bible study, led by senior pastor, Andy Ferguson, follows the Common Lectionary Series.



From our Music Ministry....

• Check out the new names and rehearsal times for our Children's Choirs!

Church Street Children's Choirs are open to all children age 4 through 5th grade. The choirs will rehearse on Sunday evenings at 5:45 pm beginning Sunday, Sept. 12.

–*Chorister Choir...led by Tim Ward & Edie Johnson*

Formerly the Boy-Girl Choir, the Chorister Choir is for children in 3rd through 5th grades and will meet in the Choir Room from 5:45 to 7 pm.

–*Primary Choir...led by Edie Johnson*

For children in 1st and 2nd grades, the Primary Choir will meet in room 301 from 5:45 to 6:30 pm.

–*Kinder Choir...led by Shirley Smith*

For children ages 4 and 5, this 7-week session will begin on October 10. The choir will meet in room 214 from 5:45 to 6:30 pm.

• October 4 - 7:30 pm

The Parish Adult Choir and soloists will present Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* preceded by a lecture on the work by Jason Overall.

• November 12 - 7:30 pm

Organ concert will be presented by organist Stephen Tharp.

SUNDAY SUPPERS BEGIN SEPT. 12



5:15 to 6 pm...Parish Hall
\$5 (youth/adult) \$3 (kids 2 to 11)

Back to School / Back to Church Celebration Dinner

Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Soft Serve Ice Cream
Make your own Sundae!



**NEW this fall...Reservations are needed for
Sunday Supper. Please call the church office at
524-3048 by noon on Friday, Sept. 10.**



Mark your calendar now for these returning opportunities...

• Faith & Films series begins Sept. 12

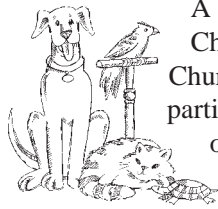
Join this discussion group that views a movie each week, breaks for supper and returns for more viewing and discussion. The theme for this fall is *Family Values / The Value of Family*. The series is free and open to all. Viewing begins at 4 pm in CLC 123. The movie on Sept. 12 is "King Lear." See next week's *Messenger* for the movie listing.

• Join us for Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship!

WNAF is a monthly luncheon program that provides fellowship for adults of all ages and stimulating programs given by persons in the greater Knoxville area. The group meets on 4th Wednesdays of each month except in November. Join us in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm on the specified date. Call the church office at 524-3048 to make lunch reservations.

- Sept. 22 Akima Singers will entertain. More details coming.
- Oct. 27 To be announced
- Nov. 17 To be announced

• Blessing of the Animals to be held Oct. 3



A huge success last year, Blessing of the Animals returns. Church Streeters and their beloved pets will gather in the Church Street courtyard at 3:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 3, and participate in a worship service in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and his great love for all of God's creatures. Bring your furry, feathered and finned friends and receive a special blessing by the Church Street clergy.

Note to participants: Your pet should be on a leash or in a cage, if appropriate; should be well-mannered and friendly.

• Jim Fleming returns to Church Street

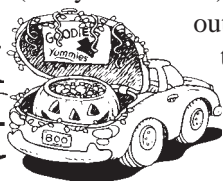
The annual Fleming Biblical Lectures will be held at Church Street on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7. Dr. Fleming always brings to his lectures warmth, good humor, deep conviction, and a remarkable knowledge of the archaeology, geography, history and theology of the Bible. We invite you to join us as Jim Fleming returns to Church Street for the 13th consecutive year.

The lecture series is free and is sponsored by the Education committee. More details coming later this fall.

• Celebrate the fall season with Trunk-or-Treat!

- **Who?** Church Streeters & friends of ALL ages are invited.
- **What?** Trunk-or-Treat is our unique, safe, & fun-filled Halloween Celebration and a way to enjoy the fall season. Lots of fun & fellowship with inflatables too!
- **When?** Sunday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 7 pm
- **Where?** Magnolia Parking Lot (the upper lot near the Nave).
- **How?** Adults (many in costume) stand beside their decorated cars and hand

Trunk or Treat



out goodies and treats to children (& youth too!) who visit their area. Even if you don't decorate a car, come and enjoy the festive atmosphere and fun fellowship with other Church Streeters.

Dates to remember from September – November

- **Sept. 4-6**
Youth Choir Camp at Lake Junaluska
- **Sept. 5**
Boomsday Family Festival
- **Sept. 12**
Christian Education Sunday
Sunday evening programming resumes
- **Sept. 19**
Kay Senior Care Center Open House
- **Oct. 3**
World Wide Communion Sunday
Blessing of the Animals
- **Oct. 4**
Master Arts Series Adult Choir Concert
- **Oct. 10**
Children's Sunday
- **Oct. 24**
Trunk or Treat
- **Oct. 29**
Singles Fall Fellowship
- **Oct. 30**
UMW Modeling for Missions
- **Nov. 6-7**
Jim Fleming Biblical Lectures
- **Nov. 12**
Master Arts Series Organ Concert
- **Nov. 14**
Financial Commitment Sunday
- **Nov. 18 & 21**
Singles Thanksgiving Basket Project
- **Nov. 19-21**
Youth Fall Retreat
- **Nov. 23**
Charge Conference

These are just a few highlights of what's happening at Church Street this fall. For more details on these and other opportunities, please check future editions of *The Messenger*, *SingleVision*, or call the church office at 524-3048.

Enjoy a Midweek Renewal...

Come to Wednesday Noon Communion Services

Do you ever find yourself spiritually depleted by mid-week, wondering how you can make it until Sunday? Why not make a point to attend the Wednesday Noon Service in our chapel each week?

This 30-minute meditative time includes a piano prelude, scripture readings, prayer, homily and Holy Communion. Worship begins promptly at noon.



THANKS from the Child Day Care Center

Church Street's Child Day Care Center expresses many thanks to the **Murphy Builders Sunday School Class**. Your generous donation made it possible for us to purchase 3 more new bikes for the children. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated!

MESSENGER news you can use!

To receive *The Messenger* via email ...

To have an online copy of the weekly *Messenger* emailed to you, please contact Teresa Williams at twilliams@churchstreetumc.org.

To receive *The Messenger* via our website...

To view the weekly *Messenger* at our website (www.churchstreetumc.org), under the News & Events category, select Newsletters.

To submit items for *The 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**.

For item consideration, please contact Teresa Williams at 521-0299 or twilliams@churchstreetumc.org. NOTE: There is no guarantee that items received past the deadline will be published.

Have you seen the "Book of Tributes?"

Church Street's *Book of Tributes* reflects a tribute to the love, loyalty and dedication of church members now deceased. To nominate a deceased member of our church for inclusion in the *Book of Tributes*, please obtain an application from the church office.

To be included in this special publication, the criteria is simple: The nominee must have been a member or former member of Church Street UMC at the time of death...and the person must have made a meaningful contribution to the church by their participation and actions.

The *Book of Tributes* is located in the church library...in red binders on the desk to the right as you enter the library.



If you are hospitalized, please let us know!

Pastoral care is an important responsibility of the clergy at our church; however, when members are hospitalized and the pastors are not notified, they are unable to provide support.

We need your help! Please call the church office at 524-3048 or the pastor-on-call number at 236-1518 when you or persons you know are entering the hospital.

Note: Requested confidentiality will be respected by the clergy.

News & Needs

CHILDREN'S NEWS

• It's almost time!

Twizzlers, God's Gang and choirs all begin September 12! We have a place for you!

YOUTH NEWS

• **Hey Youth!** Please continue to join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday school. We are scattered during the summer and Sunday mornings are a great time to catch up and hear a good word for the week.

COLLEGE LIFE 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 **Clorox wipes** for **Wesley House** during August. Donations can be brought to the bin in the GAP class (downstairs by the Teaching Christ statue). Call J.R. Hertwig at 384-7049 for info.

SINGLES NEWS

• **Donations for "The Cart"** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with Shampoo for September. 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

• Our **NEW Children's Choirs** begin rehearsal on September 12. Registration cards are available outside of the choir room. Contact Tim Ward or Edie Johnson for details.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

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:

U.T.: C. B. Sells

Home from hospital:

Barbara Hochstedler, Caroline Fuller

Christian Sympathy to:

Judy Burnett & family in the death of her husband, Rev. Charles Burnett, on Aug. 26.

Douglas Spencer & family in the death of his wife, Linda Spencer, on Aug. 28.

Our Presence

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|------------------------|-----|
| Sunday Morning Worship | 723 |
| Sunday School | 541 |

Our Gifts

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| Operating Budget | \$23,241 |
| Hunger Helper Market | \$115 |
| Holston Home for Children | \$1,939 |
| Other Designations | \$2,098 |

Have You Thanked God Today?

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Sept. 5

• **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Jean Armstrong Ferguson by the Ferguson family.

Memorials

in memory of

- **Lawrence E. Ault**
Choir Anthem Fund: Mary Lou & Dewayne Wilson
- **Mary Lee Brown**
Kay Center: Ben Kinningham
- **Frances Hovis**
Memorial Fund: James & Debra Arnett, Diagnostic Health of Knoxville
- **Jennifer Landon**
Choir Anthem Gift: Crossroads Sunday School Class
- **Donald Lighter, Sr.**
Memorial Fund: John & Mary Jane Ripley
- **William H. Moore & Grace H. Moore**
Operating Fund: Richard & Mary Ann Moore Spielberg
- **Margaret Anne Nicholson**
Memorial Fund: Nancy Horton
- **Helen Sharp**
Music Ministry: Elizabeth Reagon
- **Betty Williams**
Memorial Fund: Bennett & Evelyn Horton

Honoraria

in honor of

- **Jan Buxton-Wade**
Parish Hall Renovations: Lynn & Kathleen Weigel
- **Music Ministry**
Choir Anthem Gift: John & Wanda Craig
- **Tim Ward**
Choir Anthem Gift: Music Director Search Committee

In Memoriam

Rev. Charles Burnett
Holston Annual Conference
Died: 08-26-2010

In Memoriam

Linda Townsend Spencer
Joined: 03-07-2010 Died: 08-28-2010

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

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| Senior Pastor | Andy Ferguson-236-0951 |
| Associate Pastor | Darryll Rasnake-279 |
| Associate Pastor | Sarah Varnell-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 |
| Kay Center | Kay Center Staff-289 |
| Church Administrator | Charlotte LaFevor-268 |
| Bookkeeper | Francine Jenne-267 |
| Food Services | Susie Varrone-273 |
| Administrative Assistant | Kelly Woods-262 |
| Ministers' Secretary Emerita | Loretta Best-280 |
| Executive Secretary | Doris Lively-271 |
| Secretary | Julie Hill -278 |
| Receptionist | Brenda Flenniken-270 |
| Sterchi Lodge Caretaker | Essie Burgin |
| Building Superintendent | Walt Sands-295 |
| Custodians | Kevin Compton, Laurie Grooms, Crystal Mills, Tim Montgomery |

**MAIN OFFICE HOURS
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Church Office: (865) 524-3048

FAX: 521-0261

Pastor-on-Call Number: 236-1518

For emergencies, Call the number and the Pastor-on-Call will answer, or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

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