



First Sunday in Advent

• **Sunday, November 28**

Worship

8:30 & 11 am – Nave

Rev. Sarah Varnell

• **Wednesday, December 1**

Advent Communion Service

11:40 am - Nave

Recital by the Webb School of Knoxville
Madrigal Singers

“The Messiah Shall Teach & Judge”
Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, December 2**

Vespers

6 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 children)

Adult Menu:	Children's Menu:
Spaghetti or Linguini with Tuscan meat or alfredo sauce, garlic bread, tossed green salad, dessert, drink	Spaghetti with meat sauce or buttered noodles, tossed green salad, dessert, drink

This is the last regular Sunday Supper until January 9.

Reservations needed. Please call 524-3048 by 4 pm Wednesday.

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Volunteers needed for upcoming Advent events!

Church Streeters are always invited to attend our major Advent events, but what a special experience it becomes when you volunteer to be a part of any event! For many, taking part in these ministries “makes” their Christmas season.

Highlighted below are the volunteer needs for our 3 major activities. Let this be the year that you go that extra mile and volunteer to help! You will be blessed in the process!

• **Advent Crafts Festival: Sunday, Dec. 5 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

We need persons to help at individual craft tables, assisting others with simple crafts. (All materials and instructions are provided.) Set-up and clean-up helpers are needed also. Plus, we will need LOTS of fresh greenery and pinecones on Dec. 5.

To volunteer...contact Beth Cooper Libby at 524-3511 or bcl@churchstreetumc.org.

• **Community Christmas: Sunday, Dec. 12 - 5 to 6:30 pm**

A sign-up sheet with needed tasks is located on the large bulletin board outside the main office. Adult Sunday School classes have also received sign-up sheets. Tasks include making cookies, serving, mingling, costuming, etc. You may also contact Sue Piper at 690-5188 or spiper1072@aol.com.

• **Walk Through Bethlehem: Sunday, Dec. 19 - 1 to 6 pm**



Lots of volunteers are needed when we welcome 2,000 to 3,500+ visitors to Church Street on WTB day.

WTB Status Report of most critical needs: Several volunteers for the 2nd shift are needed (3:30 to 6 pm). We NEED 3 Wisemen! We need several Church Life Center greeters and Nave greeters. We need the Innkeeper and Census taker. A sign-up sheet with these and other needed tasks is located on the bulletin board in the children's hallway (2nd floor, past elevator). Contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Signups for the January-April Four-Course Fellowship coming in December

Honor someone special with a Music Thanksgiving

Music Thanksgivings are a meaningful way to honor a loved one, friend, staff member, Sunday School Class, or other group with the gift of music. These donations will underwrite the brass and string instrumentalists that play at the Sunday Services on Dec. 19 and at the 5:00 and 10:30 Christmas Eve Services.

Honorariums and Memorials will be listed in the Dec. 14 edition of *The*

Messenger. Donor cards are available outside the music office or on the table outside the nave.

To make a gift, please make the check payable to “CSUMC” and reference “Music Thanksgiving.” Your check and donor card should be returned to the church office no later than noon on **Monday, Dec. 13**. Suggested donation is \$25 per memorial/honorarium.

Attention: UMW Members

Payment/Reservations for UMW Christmas luncheon due Dec. 2

The always-festive UMW Christmas luncheon will be held in Parish Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 7, following the program in the Nave, which begins at 11:00 am. NOTE: Reservations and payment of \$8 per person needs to be made to circle treasurers no later than Dec. 2. Be sure and write your check to "Church Street UMC"----not UMW.

It's time to shop at the SERRV Market



Showcasing a huge variety of unique gifts/crafts made by persons from Africa, Asia and Latin America, the SERRV market will be open in Parish Hall for the next three Sundays:

Sunday, Nov. 28 – 8:45 am to 1 pm; 4:30 to 7 pm

Sunday, Dec. 5 – 8:45 am to 1 pm; 4:30 to 7 pm

Sunday, Dec. 12 – 8:45 am to 1 pm

NOTE: Volunteers are needed to help with the SERRV Market. Contact Tom Zachmann at tzachmann@comcast.net or 691-8322 to volunteer or for more details.

Clayton Christmas Concert to be presented on Dec. 18 at Civic Coliseum

Join Church Street's Singles Ministry and attend the annual Clayton Christmas Concert, *Sounds of the Seasons*, on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum. Gather near the box office entrance at 7 pm for the 7:30 performance. Discounted tickets (orchestra section) are \$25 for adults & \$15 for children.

Paid ticket reservations are due Thursday, Dec. 16.

Please contact Chuck Jones for tickets and other details at 521-0298 or cjones@churchstreetumc.org for details.

Greeter Training set for early December

Sunday, Dec. 5 • 9:40 am • Chapel

If you are currently in our Greeter program or would like to be, please attend the **Greeter Information Training Session** in the Chapel beginning at 9:40 am on **Sunday Dec. 5.**



Order your Christmas Poinsettia Sundays, Dec. 5 & 12

Chapel Hallway.....\$12 per plant

Orders taken in the church office during the week.

Woodworkers needed!

Many wooden silhouette nativity figures are needed for this year's family Christmas Eve service. Patterns will be provided.

If you have the necessary equipment and can cut figures for us in the next few weeks, please contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Financial Peace University

returns in 2011

Orientations early January
Class begins mid-January

Advent booklets are available

Advent devotional booklets are available in church literature racks. One per family please. These booklets are provided by a special donation to the Congregational Care Committee.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 4

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)
Advent Recital & Worship
Wednesday, 11:40 am, 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
Primary Choir (1st & 2nd grades)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 301
Chorister Choir (3rd-5th grades)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, Choir Room
Kinder Choir (4 & 5 year olds)
Sunday, 5:45 pm, rm 214
Adult Handbell Practice
Sunday 6:45 pm, rm 308
Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 to 6pm, Parish Hall
Bridge: Mon., 6:30pm, CLC 120
Yoga: Mon. 7pm, rm 306
Swing Dance Lessons
Mon., 7pm, Beginning, Gym
Mon., 7pm, Intermediate, CLC 11
Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday, 12:30pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30pm, Gym
Dance Lessons
Thurs., 7:15pm, Gym

CHILDREN

Children's Gym Time
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
God's Gang (1st & 2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 213
Twizzlers (3rd - 5th grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 214

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)
Sunday, 3pm, CLC 123
Christian Believer (R. Isbell)
Sunday, 4pm, rm 202
Solo Flight (single parent support group)
Sunday, 6pm, CLC 123
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30am, rm 202
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7pm, rm 204

YOUTH

Nightlife Volunteers Mtg
Sunday, 4:15 pm, CLC 14
Nightlife: Sunday, 5:45 pm, CLC
Youth Band Practice
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 15

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3pm, rm 119
Benevolence Team
Monday, 1pm, rm 118
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30pm, rm 202
Lay Leadership Committee
Wednesday, 5:30pm, rm 20

SINGLES

Singles Core Team Meeting
Monday, 6pm, CLC 124
Singles S.O.S. Group
Tuesday, 6pm, CLC 124
Divorce Care
Tuesday, 6pm, rm 103
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Friday Fun Night Dance
Friday, 8pm, Gym & CLC 124

Pastor's Bible Study:
See Lectionary Listings on pg 4
for Sundays, Dec. 5 & 12.

Faith & Film:
It's A Wonderful Life
(1946-Approved)



“Reflections...on Advent and the coming year”

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

Whiplash. They call it “whiplash” when your head is forced in one direction while your body is being pushed in another direction too quickly. This moment in the year feels something like whiplash.

We are moving rather proudly to the end of the year. The stewardship campaign commitment Sunday is past, and the results are coming in. We have enjoyed some good publicity for ministries at the church this fall: Soup Kitchen with its ministry with the homeless, for example. Many of us have noticed that these days there seem to be more children on the steps for the children’s sermon along with a lot of babies being brought for baptism.

Then last Sunday, the realization hit that by this coming Sunday, we will begin Advent with all the exuberance of preparing for Christmas. Then, one short week after Christmas, we begin the new year 2011. I get a bit breathless just writing this in the space of one paragraph.

Frankly, I would like to rest in the accomplishments of the current year just a few weeks longer before we jump into the untested year which no one has even interviewed yet. Still, it comes. We are not in charge of the turning year. Ours is to receive and mine its opportunities. Thank you for faithful work and commitment. On Thanksgiving Day we catch our breath and then begin the mad dash to Christmas!



Stewardship Campaign for 2011.....Report

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2011 Ministries has gotten off to a good start. Thanks to all who took part in preparing and presenting this campaign to us. *At The Messenger* goes to press, the amount pledged for 2011 is 1,402,912, which is about the same as it was last year at one week after Commitment Sunday.

If you have turned in your stewardship pledge, thank you. If you have not, turn it in this week so your pledge can be counted. Every pledge is important to the ministry of Church Street United Methodist Church.

Thanksgiving Love Basket Project thanks you!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Thanksgiving Love Basket project, from the persons who helped organize the food and packed the baskets last Thursday to those who helped deliver them on Sunday. Thanks also to the many individuals and families who financially donated, including the following Sunday School classes: Covenant, Friends in Christ, Murphy Builders, Parables, Partners, Pathfinders, Potters’ Wheel, and Singles.



Help with Kate’s Costume Collection

As we put away fall decorations and turn our thoughts toward Christmas, our Children’s Council invites you to participate in a project brought to us by a young Church Streeter. **Kate Dansereau**, one of our 4th graders, has suggested we collect outgrown or unused Halloween costumes that could be given to the children at Montgomery Village for them to wear next fall to our Trunk-or-Treat or in their own celebrations. If you have gently used, clean costumes to donate to Katie’s Collection, please bring them to Sue Isbell’s office or the church office. Great idea, Kate!

CSUMC: “A beacon...Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ”

News & Needs

Children’s News

• **Have a happy Thanksgiving.** This Sunday, Nov. 28, will be our final God’s Gang and Twizzlers of the year.

Youth News

• **Hey Youth!** Happy Thanksgiving. We’ll have open gym on Sunday evening during Nightlife. Snack supper will be downstairs in the youth area at 5:15 pm for \$5.

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** will continue to collect **Nerf Balls (sports-type)** for **Wesley House** during November. 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.
• **Divine Rhythm** will be held in Gatlinburg, Jan. 28-30, 2011. Check with Rev. Sarah Varnell to sign up or more more info.

Singles News

• **Friday Fun Night Dance**
Friday, Dec. 3 - 8 pm in the Gym
Theme: “Christmas Formal”
Admission: \$7 (includes snacks, soft drinks, special dessert). Formal/Dressy/Casual. Doors open at 7 pm. Dance begins at 8 pm. Singles & couples are invited. NOTE: Church Street members may attend for free!
• 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

• **The Parish Adult Choir** will gather at 10 am this Sunday, Nov. 28, to rehearse.



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:

Parkwest: Janette Bingham

Home from hospital:

Jim Hung, John Robertson, Frank Bell, Cynthia Thompson

Christian Sympathy to:

the family of Annie Elizabeth Williams, upon her death on Nov. 16.

Bill Starnes and family in the death of his sister, Carol Russell, on Nov. 19.

Our Presence

Worship	896
Sunday School	542

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$51,414
Capstone Endowment	\$750
Other Designations	\$11,270

Our Church Family

New Members - November 21

- **James (Jay) Thomas Doss and Rebecca (Becky) Alverson Doss** joined by transfer from First UMC, Tifton, GA. Their daughter, **Mary Campbell**, is added to the preparatory roll.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, Nov. 28

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Florence and Russell W. Hillis by Sherry and Steve Hillis and family.
- **The Advent Wreath** is given by Mike and Mary Crawford in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Loveless and Edward Crawford and in honor of Kathleen Crawford.

Memorials

in memory of

- **Betty Rose Barker**
Altar Guild: UMW Circle #12, Dr. & Mrs. George Shiflett; *Rejoice! TV Ministry:* Ann & Wilbur Warwick
- **Frank DeFriese**
Capstone Endowment: Ruth DeFriese
- **Mary Hall**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Dorothy Vola
- **Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Hess**
History Fund: Martha Hess
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- **Peg Jamison**
Soup Kitchen: Jason & Monica Johnson
- **Richard Reeder, Jr.**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Ann & Wilbur Warwick
- **Bonita Roseberry**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Ann & Wilbur Warwick
- **Charles Glennon Rowell**
Parish Hall Renovations: Joseph Trahern, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Elwyn Patch
- **Fran Sarrett**
Soup Kitchen: Becky Swatek, Brenda Hunt, Nancy Powell, Mildred Weeks, Anonymous; *Memorial Fund:* Dave & Betty Craig; *History Fund:* Martha Hess
- **Linda Spencer**
Soup Kitchen: John & Patsy Ellis

Honoraria

in honor of

- **Jack Cockrum**
Soup Kitchen: Jason & Monica Johnson
- **Rev. Andy Ferguson**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Jim & Sue Hung
- **Rev. Cabel Trent**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Jim & Sue Hung

In Memoriam

Annie Elizabeth Williams

Joined 11/15/1947 Died: 11-16-2010

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

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
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ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Missions	Marc Gamble-287
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Child Day Care Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
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Church Administrator	Charlotte LaFevor-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
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Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
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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, Matt Newberry

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.



Lectionary Readings

• **December 5**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

• **December 12**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11