



Join us for
Christmas Eve
worship at
Church Street

• **Friday, December 24**

*Candlelight, Carols &
Christmas Stories*

3:00 pm

*Traditional Candlelight Communion
Services*

5:00 pm & 10:30 pm

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Celebrate Christmas Eve at Church Street

The congregation and community are cordially invited to our special Christmas Eve services at Church Street on Friday, Dec. 24.

• **3:00 pm** Designed especially for families with young children, join us as we sing familiar carols and hear the Bible stories from Luke and Matthew. The service includes *Blessing of the Babies*, Communion, and candle lighting.

• **5:00 pm & 10:30 pm** Our two traditional candlelight communion services begin with the Parish Adult Choir and instrumentalists from the Knoxville Symphony. Rev. Andy Ferguson will be preaching the Christmas message. The services will conclude with the awe-inspiring lighting of candles and joyous singing of *Joy to the World*.



The Church Street clergy and staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

One worship service will be held on Dec. 26

On Sunday, Dec. 26, we will worship together with **one service only**, at 11 am in the Nave.

Prior to the service, a special fellowship time will be held in Parish Hall from 10 to 10:45 am. Church Streeter and storyteller, Steve Roberts, will share stories from his two books, *Christmas*

on *Deery Street* and *While Shepherds Watched*. Hot cider, hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Please bring a plate of holiday finger food to share.

Note: The children's classes will have special activities in the Children's area. The youth will join the adults in the fellowship time in Parish Hall.

Countdown to Henley Bridge Closure

As you know, the Henley Street Bridge will close on January 3. We have heard that the major construction will begin on the south side of the bridge (near Baptist Hospital), so we will not deal directly with the construction immediately.

If you live in south Knoxville and regularly uses the Henley Street Bridge, check to find your best route. If you do not use that bridge, you will have no problems getting to church. If you do, you might come uptown anytime after

January 3 to explore and find your best route.

Everyone who comes to the church will deal with lane changes and the through-traffic detour. We have been assured that the way to the church will be kept open throughout construction.

NOTE: There will be no changes until after Sunday, Jan. 2. Your way to church on Christmas Eve through Jan. 2 will be unhindered, so come right on. We will look forward to seeing you.



First Sunday
of Christmas

• **Sunday, December 26**

Worship

11 am (Note: 1 service only)

Rev. Darryll Rasnake



Epiphany
Sunday

• **Sunday, January 2**

Worship

8:30 am & 11:00 am

Rev. Andy Ferguson



This is the final Messenger of 2010

The weekly *Messenger* is taking a holiday break.

The calendar on page 2 covers Dec. 26 through Jan. 8.

The next edition will be January 4, 2011.

Do you have a meeting or event in 2011?



Even if your particular group or program will meet as it has in 2010, it is important that you submit a form for 2011. Custodial, food service and childcare support depend on having an accurate awareness of your group's needs.

Forms can be picked up in the main office or in Rick Isbell's office and are also available on the church website at www.churchstreetumc.org/room_request.php.

Midweek worship resumes on Jan. 5

Our Wednesday Noon Communion Services will resume Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 12 noon in the chapel. Please join us for this inspirational time during your busy week!

Reminder: Wednesday lunch is served in Parish Hall following the service. Please call 24-3048 to make meal reservations.

Details about 2010 contribution credit [Final 2010 Deposits - Dec. 31st at 2 pm]

The Business Office will make its final 2010 bank deposit at 2 pm on Friday, Dec. 31. Donations postmarked on or before Dec. 31st but received after New Year's Day will also be credited to your Dec. 31, 2010 statement of contributions.

Stock transfers, mutual fund gifts or IRA distributions must be deposited into church accounts or delivered to the church by Dec. 30th to assure inclusion on year-end reports. Contact Charlotte LaFevor (521-0268) for instructions. Stock transfers go to church accounts at either Charles Schwab or Fidelity Investments, Inc. Making such transfers without prior notification to our Business Office complicates our accounting process and possibly, with market volatility, lowers the church's return on the sale of stock.

For more details, please call Charlotte LaFevor at 521-0268.

Next Four Course Fellowship begins in January

To sign up or for more details, contact Julia Kelley at 693-6239 or jkelly2306@bellsouth.net by Sunday, December 26.



Questions & Answers about Financial Peace University (FPU)

• What is Financial Peace University (FPU)?

FPU is a 13-week, life-changing program on personal finance that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals.

• When does FPU begin at Church Street? [Jan. 16]

The next series begins on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011 and will run through mid-April. Class will meet from 4 to 7 pm, with a supper break included. Childcare provided.

• When are Orientation Sessions? [Jan. 2 & 9]

Participants are **required** to attend an orientation session. Two orientation sessions will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 2 and Sunday, Jan. 9**, at 12:15 pm after the 2nd worship service. Payment for the series is due at the orientation session that you attend.

• Who can be a part of FPU?

Everyone! It is for everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Singles, married couples, and soon-to-be-married couples are invited. FPU is for those folks already in debt and those folks who manage their finances well, but hope to never be in debt.

• What happens during FPU?

All biblically-based material is taught by entertaining video by Dave Ramsey, popular Christian financial counselor and radio host. An amazing network of support between participants grows during the series. The group encourages one another to apply the principles they are learning. There is such strength in a small group setting! **You will NEVER be asked to publicly share anything you don't want to share!**

• How much does it cost? [\$75 per individual or couple]

For Church Street members, the cost is \$75 per individual or couple for the 13-week series and all materials. (Thanks to Adult Council for supplementing the cost for Church Streeters!). The cost for non-Church Street members is \$100.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 8

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 11 am, Nave [Dec. 26]
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am [Jan. 2]
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10am (WVLT2)
Midweek Communion Service
Wed., 12 noon, Chapel [Jan. 5]
Community Worship
Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday morning Fellowship Gathering
Sunday, 10 am, Parish Hall [Dec. 26]
Wednesday Lunch [Jan. 5]
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, CLC 120
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym



CHRISTMAS
OFFICE
SCHEDULE

PERSONAL &

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Women's Bible Study [Jan. 5]
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202
Pastor's Bible Study [Jan. 5]
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 204

MEETINGS

Visioning Committee
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 202 [Dec. 28]
UMW Service Circle
Tuesday, 9 am, Parish Hall [Dec. 28]
Financial Peace University Orientation
Sunday, 12:15 pm, rm TBA [Jan. 2]

SINGLES

Friday Fun Night Dance [Jan. 7]
Friday, 8 pm, Gym

Church offices close at noon on Friday, Dec. 24, & will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Church offices will also close on Monday, Jan. 3.
Pastor-on-call number: 236-1518



Reflections...on Christmas and the New Year!

— Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

I greeted someone the other day: "I hope you're doing well today." His reply: "I put my feet on the floor this morning. It's a good day." I appreciated his wit and his modest expectations, but I really wished him a bit more than that.

As we come to Christmas and the New Year, I wish you a good year. There are signs that things are better than they were. The city had a some unexpected sales tax money to spend recently; it sounds like the economy is picking up a little bit. There are more children on the steps for Moments with God's Children at Sunday worship; the church is looking like the mix of young and old that we all appreciate. We are coming to the end of the service year at the church; I'm grateful (as I know we all are) for the service of so many people who have given their service in the work of this church. A fire alarm system is going to make this elegant

building safer. Soon the bridge rebuild will begin to give us a more solid route to south Knoxville. These are some of the signs that this year is going to be a better year.

Looking back, we have much for which to be grateful. We can be grateful for the simple gifts that have come to us. Looking ahead, we have much to anticipate. All of this is just a reminder that God is not finished with us yet. God is still in the blessing business; God is still in the business of walking along side us.

In the coming days, we will share Christmas Eve candlelight communion together – what a glorious service that will be! Then, on Sunday morning, January 2, we will gather for the service of covenant renewal. We will experience the turning of the old year and the beginning of the new. Let's enter the New Year with anticipation and hope. The God who has walked with us this far goes with us even now.



Two Important Leadership Events coming in January

On Sunday, **Jan. 9**, at 12:15 pm in Parish Hall, all continuing and new chairpersons are expected at this lunch and committee/board training session, led by Rick Isbell.

The **2011 Leadership Celebration** for ALL elected leaders (members & chairs) will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 23**, at 12:15 pm in Parish Hall.

Thanks given for 2010 Walk Through Bethlehem



Throughout a cold, but mostly sunny day, our census count tells us that more than 3,200 persons "walked through our Bethlehem" during the 5 hours this past Sunday. As usual, we witnessed many beautiful stories as visitors experienced this out-of-the-ordinary Christmas event.

A huge thanks to ALL who helped with this year's event. To the set-up and clean-up crews; the wheelbarrow patrol; the CLC, breezeway and Nave greeters; the costumed cast; the behind-the-scenes support persons; the snack providers; the expert leadership of Sue Isbell; and everyone else, Many Thanks!

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). 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

• God's Gang & Twizzlers will resume January 9.

YOUTH NEWS

• **Hey Youth!** Have a very Merry Christmas! Enjoy this time with your family and friends.

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

• **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

• **Donations for "The Cart"** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with Microwave Popcorn for December and Liquid Soap for January. The Cart is located outside Parish Hall.

• Call Chuck Jones (521-0298) or pick up a copy of **SingleVision** from the literature racks for a complete listing of opportunities/reservation details.

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

• Children's Choirs, Youth Choir and Adult Handbell rehearsals resume on Jan. 9.

• Parish Adult Choir rehearsal resumes Jan. 12.

If you would like to help serve Christmas Dinner to our area disabled and homeless persons, come to Central United Methodist Church at 10 am on Christmas Day!



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: Velva Trent
U.T.: George Zirkle

Christian Sympathy to:

Kathleen Burks and family in the death of her father, Edward Keshock, on Dec. 9.

Donna Schroeder and family in the death of her sister, Bonnie Brown, on Dec. 16.

the family of Juanita Stallings upon her death of Dec. 17.

Our Presence

Worship	1,082
Sunday School	491

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$67,454
Capital Campaign	\$800
Other Designations	\$12,298

Our Church Family

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

• **Emma Caroline Ellis**, the daughter of Andy and Holy Ellis, was baptized on Dec. 19.

Revisions to Poinsettia & Music Thanksgiving Listing

- A *poinsettia* was given in honor of Randy Williams by Janice McCoy
- A *poinsettia* was given in memory of Charles Glennon Rowell by Harold, Sarah and Chris Wimberly.
- A *music thanksgiving* was given in honor of Tim & Terri Ward by Daniel & Sarah Varnell

Memorials

in memory of

- **Frank Bell**
Soup Kitchen: David & Sugar Adcock; *Memorial Fund:* Lloyd & Nettie Downen, David & Betty Craig
- **Emmett Hubbard**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Ella Mae Hubbard
- **Carl C. & Kathryn M. Motley**
Memorial Fund: Betty M. Wilson
- **Charles Glennon Rowell**
Parish Hall Renovations: 2010 Class of the University of Tennessee, Catherine Bowling
- **Carol Russell**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Dottie Winfrey
- **Fran Sarrett**
Soup Kitchen: Mr. & Mrs. John Dunlap, Jr., Mary Boynton

Honoraria

in honor of

- **Gretchen Beal**
Music Arts: Wilmagene & Lewis Noonan
- **Peter Eargle**
Congregational Care Special Fund: Ann Marie Tugwell
- **Marc & Darla Gamble**
Program Support: Jim & Sue Hung
- **Rick & Sue Isbell**
Program Support: Jim & Sue Hung
- **Lou McNutt**
Wesley House: Epworth Sunday School Class
- **Winston & Brennan Sullivan**
Youth Choir: Laura Still
- **Rev. Cabel Trent**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Bill & Brenda Griffith
- **Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade**
Rejoice! TV Ministry: Bill & Brenda Griffith

In Memoriam

Juanita Stallings

Joined 04-12-1936 Died: 12-17-2010

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
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, 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.

Altar Flowers for
Sunday, December 26

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in honor of Dr. & Mrs. Lucian Trent and Mr. & Mrs. Jon Harrison by their families.

Poinsettias, given in memory or in honor of beloved family and friends, decorate our nave.