



THE MESSENGER

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Happening at and around Church Street

September is Hunger Action Month! See the weekly calendar below for ways you can pray and participate this week!



HUNGER ACTION MONTH



SEPT.
24

Skip a meal and donate the money to a food program.

Only **44% of households** with children are "very confident" they **can provide enough food.**

Millions are **one missed paycheck** or family emergency away from hunger.

SEPT.
28

Have a food drive for key non-perishable items hunger groups need.

SEPT.
25

When you ask God to bless your food, ask for a blessing for those who don't have enough food.

Lack of healthy food is linked to low birth weight and defects.

SEPT.
30

Thanksgiving can be a sad time for many. Donate a Thanksgiving basket in November.

Last Call for Advent Devotions!
Devotions should be submitted no later than September 27 to Barry Christmas at bearynoel@gmail.com.

You are invited to participate in this year's Advent Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation to be used as inspiration during this joyous time of the year.

Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to this season.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to you and to share your love, hope and faith with others. These inspirational booklets are provided to our congregation and homebound members, and are offered to viewers of *Rejoice!* and our YouTube congregation. They are a blessing for many!



Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, the booklet will feature devotions for every day through Christmas Day. Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse with reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer.

Save the Date! Trunk-or-Treat is back! This fun annual event for families will be held on **Sunday, October 24, 5:00-5:45 pm in the Magnolia Lot.** We will have games, pumpkins to decorate, and of course, trunk-or-treating for kids!

This year we need 20 “trunks” for kids to trunk-or-treat. To provide a trunk, you bring your vehicle or we can set up a table for you, decorate it, and provide candy for approx. 100 kids. In the past, we have had cars decorated in different themes: favorite movies, Halloween themes, a favorite bible story, a zoo, etc. Sometimes people have simply brought a bowl of candy and a pumpkin for decorations! It does not have to be elaborate. If you are interested in providing a trunk please contact Katryn Bancroft by October 15.

From the Covid-19 Task Force



Dear Church Street Family,

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, we have been humbled to serve as the task force that guides and supports our church in this ongoing uncertain time. Through the ups and downs of this last year and a half, we want to thank all of you for continuing to follow the church's safety protocols, including wearing your mask, keeping safe distances, staying home when sick, washing your hands, and being mindful of our most vulnerable church family members.

We are grateful for you and how you continue to love your neighbors and your church. Thank you!

Kathleen Harwell (chair), Cathy Goff, Susan Greene, Jeff King, Steve Richardson, Jo Terry, Jean Wilhoite, Revs. Nance, Best and Cantler, Kate Spencer, and Katie Strangis (some members pictured at 9-23-21 Zoom meeting)

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, September 26
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 am & 11 am at 900 Henley Street

12 pm (noon) for *Rejoice!* on WBXX-TV

An abbreviated worship service that includes music, scripture, sermon and prayer. This service moves to 12 Noon on Sundays during the TN Football Season.

11 am on YouTube

www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC

Rev. Timothy Best

Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)

Music

In the Nave at 8:30 am

Cantate Domino
Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni
Parish Youth Choir

In the Nave at 11 am

Cantate Domino
Hans Leo Hassler
Parish Adult Choir

Online at 11 am and *Rejoice!* at Noon

Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies

Lectionary Readings for this week:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

In Case You Missed It!

UMW Book Review - Wednesday, September 22, 1:30 pm

Encounters with John Wesley: The fall UMW "book" review series will focus on founders of Methodism, beginning with John Wesley, followed by Charles Wesley and Susanna Wesley. *If you missed the meeting, you can watch it by going to:*

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/jTtiZZotdHxaqvktC_WxCWxR5i-XLcgYotorhjTOU2ivkpveSoOJvo_LUX4sHAywCPOvorSyxJaYonPP.PQ4g6cfROWKoc1ku?continueMode=true_ Passcode: @65WoLth

Jack Neely's "History on the Hill" Talk from Sunday, September 19 (Open Door Class)

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/1IdOftqoLIXMoyySo8NyzVA6Rco4Yv_Z65bdbCFrhmTHO6o7yoRjLBiAnILq1wi.QCByMm6xdZo7IWLT Passcode: 12345OD!

(Please note: you may need to turn your sound up!)

Youth Ministry Recap



Keep up with what's going on in our Youth Ministry by watching these short recaps each week after Sunday School or NightLife. These include scripture references, reflections, and other resources for our youth who want a recap or refresher for the week ahead and for families to engage together.

[Click here for a recap from Jenny.](#)

The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister

Since 1975, more than 600,000 Christians from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers. They became Stephen Ministers as a way to help others who were hurting—but they quickly discovered that God blesses them in amazing ways as well.



“Since becoming a Stephen Minister, I’ve experienced a richness of God’s grace beyond anything I could have imagined. To truly listen with the ears of Christ, to see others through his eyes, to know his heart, to see Jesus working through me to touch the life of someone else is a window into heaven.” *William, Business Owner Katy, Texas*

“I’ve been a Stephen Minister for nearly ten years and can truly say it becomes a part of your life. I’m more in tune with people’s needs, and I always do my best to listen, care, and model the love of Jesus. It’s amazing to see God working through me to change lives.” *Kelly, Professor Shoreview, Minnesota*

“Through Stephen Minister training, I’ve come a long way in my spiritual walk. The skills I learned as a Stephen Minister are modeled on how Jesus related to people, so I can use them in many different settings to bring the love of God to others.” *Li, Social Worker Sydney, Australia*

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister, please call Rev. Pat Clendenen at 865-406-3854 or email her at revpplen@comcast.net.

Calendar

See the calendar listings below. **Meetings occur on Zoom**, unless otherwise noted as an in-person event. If you would like a link to one of the following Zoom meetings, or if your group would like to set up a Zoom meeting, please contact Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org or 865-521-0268, she will help set you up on the church account!

Ongoing Worship, Sunday School, Children, Youth & Music Meetings:

- **Worship:** Sunday at 8:30 & 11 am, Nave; *Rejoice!* at 12 Noon (WBXX); YouTube at 11 am
- **Sunday School Classes Meeting online** currently (with times indicated)
 - **Epworth:** Sundays, 9:30 am
 - **Partners:** Sundays, 9:30 am
- **Sunday School Classes Resuming In-Person classes only** currently, at 9:40 am Sundays:
 - **Covenant** - room E-01
 - **Discovery** - CLC 124
 - **Friends in Christ** - room 202
 - **Isbell** - room E-01 (temp.)
 - **Followers** - room 310
 - **Murphy Builders** - room 204
 - **Pathfinders** - CLC 120
 - **Potter's Wheel** - Chiles room
 - **Youth** (CLC)
 - **Children** (Children's classrooms)

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Singles Bridge:** Monday, 6 pm, 201C
- **Service Circle:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC 122
- **Church Council:** Tuesday, 6 pm
- **Singles Walk and Dinner:** Tuesday, 6 pm, West Side YMCA
- **Properties Committee:**

- **Sunday School Classes Meeting in person and online (hybrid)** currently, at 9:40 am on Sundays:
 - **Open Door** - Parish Hall
 - **Parables** - room 118
 - **Crossroads** - room 201-A
 - **Seekers** - room 201-C
- **Children's Programming:** Sundays, 3:45, Gym
- **Parish Youth Choir Rehearsal :** Sundays, 3:45 pm, Parish Hall
- **Children's Choir Dinner & Rehearsal :** Sundays, 5 pm, Parish Hall
- **Nightlife:** Sundays, 5 pm, CLC Lower Level
- **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:30, Nave, Parish Hall, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **Youth Band:** Wednesdays, 7 pm, Lower CLC

- **Wednesday, 5:30 pm**
- **Covenant Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 pm, Room 204 & via Zoom
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Covid Task Force:** Thursdays, 3 pm

Our Prayers

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Dotson

Join Date: 4/22/1951 Died: 9/16/2021

Christian love and sympathy:

The family and friends of Jack Dotson, who died on September 16.

Recently Hospitalized:

Herman Sain
Bill Davison

Our Presence

September 19

Online Worship - 152
In-Person Worship - 385
8:30 am Worship - 189
11:00 am Worship - 196
Nursery - 13

Our Gifts

September 19

Operating Budget - \$21,648.12
 Building Fund - \$200.00
 Other - \$11,960.00

Give securely online at www.churchstreetumc.org/give or send a check:

Church Street UMC
 P.O. Box 1303
 Knoxville, TN 37901

Memorials

Mary Beach

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Denny Bellingrath

Chancel Enhancement Fund: Mary Ellis & Steve Richardson

John Hickman

Benevolence Fund: Anonymous

Dorothy Iuchs

Music Fund: Anonymous

Amanda Pate

Memorial Fund: Anonymous

Cole Piper

Benevolence Fund: David & Deloris Alexander, David & Nancy Goodson, Karen McKinney & John Taylor, David & Patti Harris, Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox, Jamie & Caroline Lamar

Claire Shepherd

Chancel Enhancement: Mary Ellis & Steve Richardson

Barbara Welch

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Honorariums

Dona Bunch

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Jo Terry

Master Arts Series: Don & Fran Wheeler

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Donald G. Rhodes by LaNoka, Grant and Jenny Rhodes.

All are welcome at Church Street !

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. We respect diversity of opinion and expressions of Christian faith. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally! As God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ.

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