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Please note:

On Sunday, January 2, worship will be at normal times - 8:30 & 11 am in person, with Sunday School at 9:40; online worship at 11 am.

End of Year Giving

A reminder that the church will be open on December 31 until 3 pm! To have your year-end gift count toward the 2021 fiscal year, please make sure your gifts are received by Dec. 31 at 3 pm or postmarked by the 31st (online gifts can be made until 11:59 pm on the 31st).

Make a Year-End Gift

News from our Bishop

Next Sunday, January 9, Holston Conference Bishop Deborah Wallace-Padgett will visit and preach at Church Street! She will preach at both the 8:30 and 11 am services and will be in

Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour for a time of greeting and learning more about Church Street from members. We hope you will join us to meet and hear from our new bishop! *The in-person sermon will be recorded and made available online for those unable to attend.*



Receive the daily "Read Together" emails by [subscribing here](#). Bishop Wallace-Padgett is inviting every Holston United Methodist member to join her in a plan to read the entire bible in one year. The reading plan ([available for download by clicking here](#)) splits up the readings according to the day of the week, so that each week you read Gospel lessons, Psalms, prophets, histories, etc. Many "Bible-in-a-year" plans have you read the books in canonical order, from Genesis to Revelation. Such a reading can be helpful, but it can also be challenging to stay focused. This plan will continuously give diverse readings throughout the year, and if you subscribe to the conference emails, you will receive the reading daily in your inbox - simple and easy! Join us in accepting our Bishop's challenge to **"Read Together" in 2022!**

New Church Apparel & Goodies

We are pleased to offer new Church Street apparel and goods! **Through January 14**, you can use the order form linked below to order long-sleeved t-shirts, short-sleeved t-shirts, tumblers or "boat totes" (canvas bags).

Please read the instructions carefully, and then watch your email for an invoice from Jotform. You may pay by check to the church office by using "Merch" in the memo line or [online](#) by entering your total in the "CSUMC Merchandise" box. We hope to have these items available for distribution in early February 2022.



[Order Here](#)

UMW 2022 Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for the first UMW General Meeting and Book Review of 2022! More details to come early next year:

- Tuesday, 2/8, 11:00 am, General Meeting
- Wednesday, 2/16, 1:30 pm, Book Review



Worship Opportunities

Sunday, January 2
Epiphany Sunday

8:30 & 11 am at 900 Henley Street
Holy Communion

10 am on *Rejoice!* WBXX-TV

11 am on YouTube
www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC

Rev. Timothy Best
Matthew 2:1-12

Music

In the Nave at 8:30 & 11 am
A New Year Carol, Benjamin Britten
Tim Ward, soloist (8:30 am), Parish Adult Choir (11 am)
Panis Angelicus, César Franck
Jack Lynch, soloist

Online at 11 am
My Dancing Day, arr. Gerald Near
Parish Adult Choir, recorded December 19, 2021

Lectionary Readings for this week:
Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Covid-19 Update

We learned more in 2021 about the transmission of Covid-19, and moving forward, the Covid task force will share the weekly metric we review (along with other local data) to make an informed decision about mitigation measures – specifically mask wearing indoors. Each week, you will be able to find this metric here in the Messenger in the graphic below, so you will know what the mask expectation is for the coming week's services and indoor activities at Church Street. ***Regardless of mask status, everyone age 2+ should continue to wear a mask when singing and around children.***

The primary data used to determine the need for masks is the 7-day average positivity rate in Knox County. **Per the CDC guidelines, if a community has a substantial or high positivity rate (greater than 8%), masks should be worn indoors at all times.** Anything lower than 8%, and masks will be optional indoors, except when singing or around children. Thank you for continuing to love your neighbor as we navigate the changes of the pandemic together.

Currently, Knox County has a 15.7% (HIGH) positivity rate. *Masks should be worn indoors at all times.*

COVID TRACKER

SCALE:

- Low transmission: less than 5%
- Moderate transmission: 5-7.9%
- **Substantial transmission: 8-9.9% - wear mask**
- **High transmission: 10% or higher - wear mask**

Substantial or high transmission: masks should be worn indoors at all times (CDC).



THIS WEEK:
15.7%
positivity rate

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 10 am (WBXX); YouTube at 11 am
- **Sunday School Classes meeting In-Person**, at 9:40 am Sundays:
 - **Covenant** - room E-01
 - **Epworth** - CLC 122
 - **Discovery** - CLC 124
 - **Friends in Christ** - room 202
 - **Isbell** - room E-01
 - **Followers** - room 310
 - **Murphy Builders** - room 204
 - **Partners** - Parlor
 - **Pathfinders** - CLC 120
 - **Potter's Wheel** - Chiles room
 - **Youth** (CLC)
 - **Children** (Children's classrooms)
- **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
- **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **BOH Benevolence Team:** Tuesdays, Noon, Vestal UMC
- **SASH:** Tuesday, 6 pm
- **Properties:** Wednesday, 5:30 pm
- **Nominations:** Wednesday, 6 pm
- **BOH Food Co-Op:** Thursday, 9 am, Vestal UMC
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Covid Task Force:** Thursdays, 3 pm

[Click here](#) to see the online calendar w/ updates and links to join virtual meetings.

Youth and children's programming resumes Jan. 9.

The Church Street office will be closed January 3.

Our Prayers

IN MEMORIAM

Lou McNutt

Joined: 07/01/1982 Died: 12/22/2021

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Lou McNutt, who died on December 22. [Obituary linked here.](#)

The family and friends of Joyce Humphrey, mother of Jenni Poveda and grandmother of Jessicalynn Ownby, who died on December 23.

The family and friends of Frank Krisle, grandfather of Kylie Hubbard, who died on December 27.

In the Hospital:

Bob Paulson: Parkwest

Susan Olfe: Creekview Health Rehab

Our Presence

December 24 (Christmas Eve Services)

Online Worship - 365

In-Person Worship - 1,171

Noon service - 172

3 pm - 273

5:30 pm - 426

10:30 pm - 300

Nursery - 16

December 26

Online Worship - 140

In-Person Worship - 115

Altar Flowers

The Chancel and Chapel Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Murphy, Sr., and Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Murphy, Jr., by John P. Murphy.

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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