



# THE MESSENGER

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## ***What is Stephen Ministry?***

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised laypeople, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges.

### **Who Is Involved?**

Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. They recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise our Stephen Ministers; identify people in need of care; and match them with a Stephen Minister. We currently have 5 Stephen Leaders: Rev. Pat Clendenen, Janice McCoy, Tammy Myrick, Doug Spencer, and Frank Word.

Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers. They have engaged in high-quality training in Christian caregiving, including topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, and assertiveness. We currently have 14 active Stephen Ministers: Bill

### **What Do Stephen Ministers Do?**

Stephen Ministers are caring Christians who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a difficult time in life.

### **Are Stephen Ministers Counselors?**

Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care, not to give advice. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's needs fall outside what they are equipped to provide—at which point they help connect the care receiver with the appropriate outside resource.

### **Does the Pastor Still Have a Caregiving Role?**

Pastors will always be the primary caregivers—and Stephen Ministry provides them with support in their caring ministry. God has called all of us, not just pastors, to minister to one

Barkley, Christine Henry, Emilee Hughes, Dan Kelley, Julia Kelley, Janice McCoy, Tammy Myrick, Barb Paulson, Donald Rickels, Donna Schroeder, Doug Spencer, Fran Wheeler, Frank Word, and Andy Zirkle.

Care receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from our church or community who are experiencing grief, loss of a job, divorce, loneliness, illness, or other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver needs it.

another. Stephen Ministry multiplies ministry by equipping laypeople to provide care while pastors handle the caring needs they can best address.

### **How Can I Become a Stephen Minister?**

Begin by talking to one of our Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers, and they can tell you more. We usually train a new class of Stephen Ministers once a year, and we plan to begin our next training class in February. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Pat Clendenen, SM Pastor, at (865) 406-3854 of [pclendenen@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:pclendenen@churchstreetumc.org).

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## *Stewardship Update*

As of today, we have received 232 pledges for just over \$1.5 million. Thank you to those who have pledged already to support the ministries and missions of this church through your financial planning. **If you have not yet made a financial commitment to the operating budget for 2022, please do so today!** Please use a pledge card from the church office or pews, pledge at [www.churchstreetumc.org/stewardship](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/stewardship), or by calling or emailing Church Administrator Kate Spencer to privately discuss your questions (865-521-0268 or [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org))

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## *Master Arts Series*



### **Kevin Burdette, Metropolitan Opera Bass with Eileen Downey, Piano**

Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 pm

*Performing selections by Richard Hundley, Gerald Finzi, and Robert Schumann in the nave.*



Dubbed “the Robin Williams of opera” by the New York Times, Knoxville native **Kevin Burdette** has impressed audiences around the world with his mellifluous bass voice and strongly dramatic characterizations. Recent career highlights include Señor Russell in Adès’s

**Eileen Downey** is a Senior Lecturer of Collaborative Piano at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and a pianist for Knoxville Opera. She is going to Graz, Austria this summer to be a vocal coach for the AIMS in Graz

*The Exterminating Angel* and Stefano in *The Tempest* (Deutsche Grammophon, 2014 Grammy Award) with the Metropolitan Opera; Pangloss/Martin in *Candide* with the Gran Teatre del Liceu; Beck Weathers in the world premiere of *Everest* with Dallas Opera; Doktor in *Wozzeck* with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Philharmonia Orchestra; over a dozen roles with Santa Fe Opera; Leporello with Gustavo Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic; and Sulpice in *La fille du régiment* with Washington National Opera. Upcoming engagements include his debut at Teatro alla Scala (Milan) and returns to Santa Fe Opera and Seattle Opera. Kevin is a member of the voice faculty at his alma mater, the University of Tennessee.

program, and held the positions of chorusmaster, vocal coach, and Music Director for the Janiec Opera Company at the Brevard Music Center from 2013-14 and 2016-19. She has played for the Middle/East Tennessee Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions since 2012, as well as the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference and the Tennessee Cello Workshop. Eileen is an alumna of the Merola Opera Program, and has played for Opera North, SongFest, AIMS in Graz, Aspen Opera Theater Center, Project Canción Española, and the Opera Theatre and Music Festival of Lucca, Italy.

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## *Lenten Devotions*

You are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Devotional booklet, to be used as a spiritual practice as we walk with Jesus throughout the season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2, and ending with Easter Sunday, April 17.

Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal practices pertaining to this season. Some of the relevant themes to consider writing about are:

- the disciplines of spiritual preparation such as fasting, sacrifice, prayer and meditation;
- committing to 40 days of deeper Bible study and more time with Jesus in prayer, (imagine retreating into the wilderness with Jesus);
- a time of reflection, self-examination, confession and heartfelt repentance; a renewal of our relationship with Jesus;
- what His death and resurrection mean to you personally;
- contemplate the significance of one of the many individual events that occurred during Holy Week (i.e. the Last Supper, washing of feet, Jesus' time alone in the garden, betrayal by Judas Iscariot, denial by Peter, reason for Jesus' arrest, why He was despised and so brutally beaten and tortured, the significance of His death on a cross, His burial and resurrection, and the promise of His return).



Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the booklet will feature devotions for each Sunday in Lent and for each day in Holy Week. Your devotion should include a

title, a scripture verse reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. Devotions should be submitted to Barry Christmas at [bearynoel@gmail.com](mailto:bearynoel@gmail.com) no later than **Thursday, Jan. 27th.**

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***Announcing New Member Sunday on February 20!***

On February 20th, during both of the morning in-person worship services, we will have a New Member Sunday, when we will welcome new members into the Church Street congregation.

I want to extend the invitation to you to join our church family. I use the word family very intentionally. Church Street certainly is a diverse body of believers, but at our core we are a family. We are drawn together in our worship of the Lord and our commitment to serve God and neighbor. You have gifts and talents that could strengthen and enrich our life together. However you choose to be connected at Church Street, we pray that your faith will grow and that we will all grow more into the image of Christ together.

If you are interested in joining, have questions, or wish to share some specific concerns please let us know. Contact Rev. Tim Best to complete the online form if you are interested in membership. You are in our prayers!

- Rev. Tim Best, Senior Associate Pastor ([tbest@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:tbest@churchstreetumc.org) or 865-521-0279)

***Worship Opportunities***

**Sunday, January 16**  
***Second Sunday of Epiphany***  
***Human Relations Day Offering***

**8:30 & 11 am at 900 Henley Street**

**10 am on *Rejoice!* WBXX-TV & 11 am on YouTube**

[www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](http://www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC)

**Rev. Catherine Nance, Senior Pastor**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Music**

8:30 am

I Love You, O My God Most High, David Hogan  
*Parish Youth Choir*

11 am

Cantique de Jean Racine, Gabriel Fauré  
*Parish Adult Choir*

**Music**

Online and *Rejoice!*

O Church of God, United, *Hymn*

***Lectionary Readings for this week:***

# 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).



AS OF JAN. 7

# 38.8%

7 day avg. positivity rate

A note about dates on our Covid tracker: There are new reporting structures taking place at the state and local level regarding Covid-19 infections and rates. Since the state is looking at trends more than daily numbers, they are going to a weekly system for reporting. As a reminder, we are reporting weekly averages, not daily rates. There may be some minor differences in the county and state data as reports are received and reviewed. Thank you for your patience as our team works through the data and gives you the most updated and reliable information available! If you have questions for the task force, you can simply reply to this email.

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## ***Holston Conference Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett at Church Street***

**Thank you to all who joined us for worship on Sunday, as we welcomed and heard from Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett.**

If you weren't able to join us, you can watch the sermon and watch the Sunday School gathering with the Bishop, by visiting our YouTube channel - [www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](http://www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC)



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## ***Confirmation Parents Meeting - Jan. 16!***

There will be an important Confirmation parents' meeting this Sunday, January 16, 9:45 am in room CLC 18. All Confirmation parents are urged to attend as we have many agenda items to share. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Rick Isbell, [retiredrick7119@gmail.com](mailto:retiredrick7119@gmail.com).

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# February UMW General Meeting



## Knitted Together

BY GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE



**UMW General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 8, 11 am**  
**Parish Hall**

Mark your calendars for the first UMW General Meeting of 2022 as we explore our UMW purpose and roots and set the tone for being in mission together this year.

Make childcare reservations by emailing Susan Greene at

[greenesusan77@gmail.com](mailto:greenesusan77@gmail.com) by Friday, Feb. 4. Lunch will follow the meeting in Parish Hall: please make your lunch reservation by calling the church office at 865-524-3048; lunch will be \$13, and a reservation must be made by Feb. 4. The meeting will be recorded for those unable to attend.

**Join UMW on Tuesday, 2/8, 11:00 am in Parish Hall: Knitted Together by God's Love and Grace: Who We Are, What We Do, and How We Do It**

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## See Sterchi Shine!

Thanks to the hard work of our Sterchi Lodge committee, you can see the beautiful views from Sterchi Lodge! We'll be sharing links to clips from the webcam at Sterchi Lodge each week - the view is from the back of the lodge, overlooking the mountains. We hope you will enjoy and prepare for your group's retreat to Church Street's beautiful mountain home soon. Visit



[www.churchstreetumc.org/sterchi-lodge](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/sterchi-lodge) to learn more about the lodge, download the reservation packet, and see more footage. Call the church office to discuss a reservation for your group or family: 865-524-3048.

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## 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](mailto: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
- **Confirmation Parents Meeting:** Sunday, 9:45

**The church office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

am, CLC 18

- **Sunday School Class Meeting On Zoom: Partners** - Sundays at 9:40 am
- **Sunday School Classes meeting In-Person**, at 9:40 am Sundays:
  - **Covenant/Isbell** - room E-01
  - **Epworth** - CLC 122
  - **Discovery** - CLC 124
  - **Friends in Christ** - room 202
  - **Followers** - room 310
  - **Murphy Builders** - room 204
  - **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
- **Children's Programming:** Sundays, 3:45 pm, Gym
- **Parish Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays, 3:45 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **Children's Choir Dinner & Rehearsal:** Sundays, 5:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **NightLife:** Sundays, 5 pm, CLC Lower Level
- **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **Youth Band Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC Lower Level

## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Benevolence Team:** Monday, 5:30 pm
- **Finance Committee:** Tuesday, 6 pm
- **BOH Ladies' Lunch & Learn:** Wednesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
- **Missions Committee:** Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- **BOH Food Co-Op:** Thursday, 9 am, Vestal UMC
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Covid Task Force:** Thursdays, 3 pm
- **SPRC:** Thursday, 5:30 pm

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## *Our Prayers*

### *Christian love and sympathy to:*

The family and friends of Clyde L. Monroe, brother of Carol Foggin, who died on January 8.

The family and friends of John Earl Roehner, father of Scott Roehner and grandfather to McAfee and Marion Roehner, who died on December 28.

### *Recently Hospitalized:*

Bob Paulson: NHC Farragut

Susan Olfe: Creekview Health Rehab

### *New Arrival:*

Barrett Calvin Walter, son of Mattie and Martin Walter, was born on January 8. Paternal grandparents are Bip and Betty Walter.

## *Our Presence*

**January 9**

**Online Worship - 188**

**In-Person Worship - 364**

8:30 am - 184  
11 am - 171  
Nursery - 9

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## **Our Gifts**

### **January 9**

Contributions toward Budget - \$11,143.98  
Building Fund - \$25.00  
Other - \$8,828.88

### ***Memorials***

#### **Lou McNutt**

*Building Fund:* Frank & Elaine Ralston  
*Music Fund:* Frank & Elaine Ralston, Loretta  
Best, Anonymous  
*Wesley House:* Len & Pat Bellingrath, Circle 10,  
Frank & Kathie Bemis  
**Lois Jean Murdock**  
*Chancel Enhancement:* Len & Pat Bellingrath

### ***Honorariums***

#### **Mary Ellis Richardson**

*Chancel Enhancement:* Frank &  
Kathie Bemis

### ***Altar Flowers***

The Chancel Altar Flowers are  
given in loving memory of Rachel  
Moncier by Herbert, Adam and  
Nicholas.

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### ***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.*

### **Church Street United Methodist Church**

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*Please call the church office to reach a specific member of our staff.*

