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Food Buckets for Zimbabwe

We will be packing food buckets **this Sunday, May 22 at 5:30 pm in Parish Hall**. All are invited to help; this is a wonderful activity for all ages!

Annually, Church Street UMC, along with churches throughout our conference, support our global ministry partner Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe by packing and sending food buckets that last a long time. These are essential supplies and your support is greatly appreciated and critical to this ongoing effort.



Goal: Pack and send 75 food buckets -- we are already halfway to our goal thanks to your generosity!

Sponsor a bucket for \$40 by giving online at www.churchstreetumc.org/give or designating your check to food buckets.

Summer Fun and Learning for Children

Camp Hogwarts is June 7 & 8 for any rising 1st- 6th graders. The cost is \$60 per child, which includes lunch, snack, and all materials. Registration will close on May 31.

VBS is Tuesday June 21- Friday June 24 6-8; dinner is 5:15-5:55. VBS is for ages 3 years- rising 6th graders in

the evening.

Sign up by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.



We are also bringing back our **Fabulous Fun Days** this summer! Some of the places we go to are the Knoxville Zoo, splash pad, fountains at World's Fair Park, and Cades Cove. We will decide what we are doing on each date closer to time; however, go ahead and save the following dates as Fabulous Fun Days: June 1, June 16, June 29, July 14, July 20, and July 28.

Adults can support our Children's Ministry this summer!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers and Supplies

If you would like to volunteer for VBS, the following positions need to be filled. If you have any questions about any of these helping positions, please let Katryn Bancroft know.

- *Dinner Helpers*: 1-3 people needed to help serve food (arrive by 5:10 pm, finished by 5:45 pm) AND 1-3 people needed to clean up (arrive by 5:45 pm, finished as soon as food and kitchen are cleaned up)
- *Kindergarten/1st Grade shepherd*: walk with this group to each different class - 2 needed
- *2nd/3rd Grade shepherd*: walk with this group to each different class - 2 needed
- *4th/5th Grade shepherd*: walk with this group to each different class - 2 needed
- *Craft assistant*: Help with the different crafts each day
- *Game assistant*: Help lead the different games each day

If you would like to help us with supplies, we still need **Green Pool Noodles**. You can also make a financial donation to the church and mark it VBS.

Thanks to all who have already donated items and money to make this year's VBS a great one!



Children's Choir Camp takes place Monday, July 11- Wednesday, July 13 from 9 am-2 pm. This half-week combines singing and music theory, with fun downtown activities, such as time at the World's Fair Park fountains, a walk to Cruze Farm ice cream, and bowling at Maple Lanes (pictured below in 2021).

The fee is \$50 and includes lunch and snacks each day.

Email Edie Johnson at ejohnson@churchstreetumc.org to register.

CSUMC Preschool is looking for bright smiling faces to work the afternoon shift. Some childcare experience is necessary. Our PM shift is 3:30-5:30 pm, M-F, and it is a fun, easy shift. Substitutes are also needed; we

work around your schedule so other hours are available for you if you wish.

Responsibilities and Duties

Duties include watching children, lifting up to 40 pounds and responding quickly to children's needs. Also promoting a smooth afternoon transition for the children and a safe, nurturing, fun environment for the children throughout the late afternoon.

Qualifications and Skills

You must have a current physical, pass a background check, provide proof of education (high school diploma) and 3 written references. Just call 865-524-3511 for an interview!



Sharing Shop needs your help!



Our Sharing Shops are a physical space at both Church Street UMC and Beacon of Hope where guests can access the necessary items they may need. **A small group of volunteers is needed at Church Street UMC's Sharing Shop in the CLC on the fourth Thursday of each month.** Volunteers can expect some heavy lifting during set-up and the time commitment is 10am-2pm.

Interested? Contact Elaine Ralston by emailing aralston1025@tds.net.

Parking Updates

Those members who park on the Cumberland side of the church may have noticed that on weekends lately, the access to our parking lots from Poplar Street is blocked by chains and A-frame signs. This is NOT to indicate that the church is closed, but rather to keep the lots available for Church Street attendees when the Knoxville Convention Center (KCC) has large events and attendees seek nearby parking. Your patience and flexibility are appreciated during these busier weekends downtown!

How to access the Cumberland lots:

You can always access all of the Cumberland side lots by using the Cumberland Avenue entrance and driving to the top of the hill. A left turn will take you into the handicapped/special needs/visitor lot at the Welcome Center, and a right turn will take you to the upper Cumberland lots with a drive-thru to the lower Cumberland lot.

The Cumberland Avenue entrance/exit would also be your exit location should the chains be back up when you leave.

Our expected schedule for “dropping the chains” is:

8:30 am Service: 7:45 to 8:30 am

Sunday School: 9:15 to 9:45 am

11 am Service: 10:30 am

Help with Parking! If you would like to be part of a discussion on how to better utilize and preserve our parking resources, please email Kit Brown (kit_brown@bellsouth.net), and we will set up a Zoom meeting to collect ideas to share with the church staff.

If you need a parking sticker for your car, please contact the Church office by emailing nkeen@churchstreetumc.org or calling 86 5-524-3048.

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

United Methodist Women / United Women in Faith Sunday

8:30 & 11 am at 900 Henley Street

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

www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC

Rev. Timothy Best

Acts 16:9-15

Music

In the nave

Psalm 100 (Jubilate Deo), Robert Roth

Parish Youth Choir (8:30 am)

The Earth Adorned, Waldemar Åhlén

Parish Adult Choir; Hannah Berkley, soloist

10 am on *Rejoice!* & 11 am on YouTube

The Earth Adorned, Waldemar Åhlén

Parish Adult Ensemble; Erin Johnson, soloist

Lectionary Readings for this week:

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

Update from the Covid-19 Task Force

We continue to use the CDC community levels below as our guide for mitigation strategies at the church (currently LOW for Knox County – masks optional at the church).

For your information, local Covid rates continue to rise in Knox County. The positivity rate (7-day average) for the week ending May 14, was high at 14.8%. This positivity rate indicates high transmission of COVID infections, which can

put persons who are at high risk for severe disease at risk. We continue to live in the spirit of loving and caring for all our neighbors. Thank you for respecting the needs and choices of those around you.

COVID COMMUNITY TRACKER

LOW Community Level (Knox County)

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are <u>at high risk for severe illness</u>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a <u>mask</u> indoors in public Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms Additional precautions may be needed for people <u>at high risk for severe illness</u>

Calendar

See the calendar listings below. 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:** Sundays, 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:
 - **Cattywampus** - CLC 122
 - **Covenant** - 309-E
 - **Discovery** - CLC 124
 - **Epworth** - CLC 123
 - **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
 - **Partners** - Parlor
 - **Crossroads** - 201-A
 - **Seekers** - 201-C

Church Street will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Upcoming Meetings & Events (by Zoom unless a room is noted):

- **Missions Food Buckets Packing:** Sunday, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall
- **CPR/AED Training:** Monday, 6 pm, CLC 120
- **Singles Bridge:** Monday, 6 pm, 201-C
- **Service Circle:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC 122
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Sharing Shop:** Thursday, 11:30 am, CLC
- **Parish Health Ministry Team:** Thursday, 5 pm
- **Youth Choir Tour: May 27-June 3**

Our Prayers

In the Hospital:

Elizabeth Green: Ft. Sanders

Duncan White: UT

Recently Hospitalized:

Susan Olfe: NHC Ft. Sanders

Confirmation:

Callie Elizabeth Santel was confirmed on Sunday, May 15.

Our Presence

May 15

Online Worship - 127

In-Person Worship - 364

8:30 am - 165

11 am - 183

Nursery - 16

Our Gifts

May 15

Contributions to Budget - \$10,556.26

Building Fund - \$462.00

Other - \$1,871.00

Memorials

Dr. James Crook

Building Fund: Janice Hixson, Donna Schroeder

Memorial Fund: Matt & Stephanie Strutner

Music Ministry: Verna McLain

Rejoice: Anonymous

Elizabeth B. Jewett

Master Arts Series: Bob & Barbara Paulson

Catherine Miles

Building Fund: Janice Hixson

Luke Hudson Neil

Building Fund: Donna Schroeder

Martha L. Paulson

Master Arts Series: Bob & Barbara Paulson

Virginia M. White

Building Fund: Janice Hixson, Laverne Carter

Memorial Fund: Betty McNeil

Music Ministry: Verna McLain

Rejoice: Anonymous

Honorariums

Rev. Pat Clendenen

Building Fund: Donna Schroeder

Callie Elizabeth Santel's

Confirmation

Youth Ministries: Jana & Bill Davison

Rev. Jan Buxton Wade

Building Fund: Donna Schroeder

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory on Amanda Jackson Stoess's thirty-eighth birthday by Bill, Mary, Sam and Lindsey.

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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