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Dear Friends,

It has been almost eight years since I assumed the role of Minister of Spiritual Enrichment at Church Street, and I must say I have cherished my time of serving the congregation in this capacity. Throughout this span and my eleven-year previous appointment here, you have opened your homes and very souls to me, sharing your deepest thoughts and prayers, and have inspired me when I found my own witness flagging. Where would I be without your love, kindness, and generosity? All these I consider sacred gifts.



But what does one do with such treasured memories? As I end this chapter of pastoring on August 20 to spend more time with family, I shall take my cue from Longfellow, who embraced the memories of the times he spent with his three young daughters:

*I have you fast in my fortress, and will not let you depart,
But put you down into the dungeon, in the round-tower of my heart.
And there will I keep you forever, yes, forever and a day,
Till the walls shall crumble to ruin, and moulder to dust away!**

My husband Dwight and I will continue as part of this congregation which welcomed us so warmly in the nineties, and we will continue to cheer you on as you grow in your faith and discipleship under the leadership of your stellar

appointed clergy and incomparable staff.

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Jan

**The Children's Hour, HW Longfellow, 1863*

*Stop by the Parish Hall for **Coffee with Jan** on Sunday, August 28 between 9:30 am-10:30 am (the Sunday School hour). If you would like to make a gift in honor of Pastor Jan, she requests that you designate your gift to the Church Street Building Fund.*

Promotion Sunday is this Sunday, August 14!

Promotion Sunday is when children and youth are "promoted" to the next Sunday School class for the new school year!

- Breakfast begins at 9:30 am in Parish Hall.
- Children, Youth, and their families hear from Children and Youth Ministry directors.
- At around 10 am, Children go to their classrooms with their new teachers. Parents and volunteers of children pre-K through 5th grade stay in Parish Hall for discussion and volunteer sign up with Katryn Bancroft. Youth and Confirmation Class families go to the lower CLC with Jenny Cross and volunteers.
- ***New this year!*** Members of adult Sunday school classes are invited to join our youth and children's ministries for this event in Parish Hall beginning at 9:30, and may continue to gather in the Welcome Center after children and youth depart. Each Sunday School class will receive a grade of children to pray for in their classes throughout the current school year.



Blessing of the Backpacks: At both worship services Sunday, all students and school staff are invited to bring their backpacks or work bags to the steps during children's time to receive a special blessing for the year. A special backpack tag will be handed out in Parish Hall during the Sunday school hour. Please join us in praying for all learners, educators, administrators, and support staff this school year!

Appreciation Breakfast for our Outreach and Welcome Team

John 14:2 **“In my Father’s house are many rooms” ... and that is why you need a guide!**

Imagine going to a new place -- a very large place with many big imposing doors -- and trying to find your way without Siri or Alexa or even Google maps!

At Church Street, we have LIVE people who provide that service every Sunday and at special events. You



may be one of those valuable volunteers who gives your time during the year to greet, usher, acolyte, or serve as a member of the altar guild. In recognition of your service, we would like to **invite you to attend a celebration in the Parish Hall on Sunday August 21 from 9:15 to 10 am.**

There will be a light breakfast and an opportunity to mingle with your fellow volunteers who have provided these valuable services over the years.

Four-Course Dinner Group to Resume!

Four Course Dinner Group is Back at Church Street!
After 2 1/2 years of pandemic closure, Four-Course Dinner Small Group will resume in September 2022!

Here's the deal: You (plus one) will join 4 to 6 other people making a total of 6 or 8 to a group who, like you, love to socialize, eat, and make friends. Each couple will host a dinner in their home with the others bringing an appetizer and a side dish, salad and bread OR dessert. The host will provide the entree, drinks, and set the table! By the end, you will have each provided part of the meal. OR, you can host your group OUT to dinner on separate checks.



Your dinner group will have 3-4 dinners between Sept. 1, 2022 and Jan. 31, 2023—five months.

Register by scanning QR code at right! Please note that the times on the registration form are simply the registration period, not when the event/dinners themselves are taking place. Dinner times are to be determined by each group. You and a spouse, partner, or friend will sign up for the group. ****NOTE** - when you register, have one person in your two-person group register for both people so we can identify the pairings! **The deadline to sign up is August 22, 2022.**



If you are new to Church StreetUMC and have questions, please call Ann Reego—865-680-8288 or email ann.reego@gmail.com. We hope you will join us. We promise you will enjoy every minute!

Chancel Construction Update

Thank you for your patience this year as our nave undergoes construction to create an accessible lift to the chancel area. This has been a lengthy and intensive process! The project itself is big, and shipping delays have created longer-than-expected wait times for construction.



Here are a few updates about the progress so far:

- All of the steel arrived and the concrete slab that will house the lift was poured.
- The lift is in place in its new home (but not yet operational).
- The stone work in the chancel area is finished.

Work still to come:

- Woodwork to be finished on & around the lift
- A handrail for the lift must be designed by architects, then installed.
- Finishing touches, like re-staining and cleaning the area, will restore the chancel area to its proper state.

We look forward to the conclusion of this project soon and to providing access to all!

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, August 14
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Promotion Sunday

8:30 & 11 am at 900 Henley Street

10 am on *Rejoice!* WBXX-TV & 11 am on YouTube
www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC

Rev. Catherine Nance

Luke 12:49-56 (*The Message*)

Music

Sunday, we will welcome the Parish Youth Choir back from summer break. They will sing in both services Sunday to culminate a weekend retreat at the church and kick off the school year.

Fight the Good Fight, John Gardner
Parish Youth Choir (8:30 & 11 am, nave)

Sound Forth the Trumpet in Zion, ed. Richard Proulx
Virtual Youth Choir (Rejoice! and online)

Lectionary Readings for this week:

Isaiah 5:1-7, Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

COVID Community Level is MED

The CDC Covid Community Level was last updated on 8/11 to **medium in our county. If you are at a high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about the need to wear a mask or take other precautions.**

**The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.*

COVID COMMUNITY TRACKER

MEDIUM Community Level (Knox County)

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

Thank you!

We are grateful to the following for enriching our choral music library by donating anthems that the Parish Adult and Parish Youth Choirs will sing this year:



- Melinda Derrick, in memory of her brother J. Michael Derrick, III
- Cathy Goff, in honor of her mother Zoanne Bayer
- Gerald Gulley, in honor of his daughter Blythe Gulley
- Ann Marie Tugwell, in honor of the CSUMC Senior Class of 2023

Spotlight on: Confirmation Orientation 2022-2023

Confirmation Orientation for all 6th graders and their parents will take place on **Sunday, August 14, during the Sunday School hour**, beginning in Parish Hall. Confirmation is a special time to allow students to explore their faith in Jesus Christ, learn more about The United Methodist Church, and make a deeper commitment to a life of Christian discipleship. The 9-month class during the Sunday School hour is designed to help students and parents grow together in their faith through various activities within and beyond the classroom.

Every Confirmation Class is special! This year's Confirmation Class will be special in that our senior pastor, Rev. Catherine Nance will be more involved, as will the parents of confirmands. The orientation session will provide an overview of the entire year, expectations of students and parents and a time to ask questions. We look forward to seeing all our 6th grade students and their parents on Sunday, August 14! If you have any questions, contact Jenny Cross, Director of Youth Ministries at jcross@churchstreetumc.org.

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

**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** - on hiatus until September
 - **Followers** - room 310
 - **Murphy Builders / Pathfinders** - room 204
 - **Potter's Wheel** - Chiles room
 - **Seekers** - 201-C
 - **Youth (CLC)**
 - **Children** (Children's classrooms)
- **Sunday School Classes Meeting in person and online (hybrid)** currently, at 9:40 am on Sundays:
 - **Open Door** - meeting Sundays now through August at 7 pm on Zoom
 - **Parables** - 118
 - **Partners** - Parlor
 - **Crossroads** - 201-A
- **Children's Choir Preview & Dinner** - Sunday, 3:45 pm, Rehearsal Room and Parish Hall
- **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Rehearsal Room
- **Youth Band** - Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC11

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

- **Nominations and Leadership Development:** Sunday, 12:15 pm, Chiles Room
- **Singles Bridge:** Mondays, 6 pm, 201-C
- **Finance Committee:** Tuesday, 6 pm, room 204
- **Missions Committee:** Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- **BOH Food Co-Op:** Thursday, 9:30 am, Vestal UMC
- **Stephen Ministry Leaders:** Thursday, 10:30 am
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **SPRC:** Thursday, 5:30 pm
- **Lydia Circle #1:** Friday, 1:30 pm, Chiles Room

Our Presence

August 7 - 457 Total
Online Worship - 170
In-Person Worship - 287
8:30 am - 95
11 am - 176
Nursery - 16

Memorials

Linda Biggers

Soup Kitchen: Anonymous

Loretta Brennan

Youth Ministries: Anonymous

Anna Elmore

Soup Kitchen: Anonymous

Janis Lee Hollingsworth

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

William Eugene Hughes

Building Fund: Anonymous

Mark Jumper

Youth Ministries: Anonymous

Betty McNeil

*Building Fund: Frank & Elaine Ralston, Steve & Mary Ellis Richardson, Anonymous
Memorial Fund: Bob & Jan Stone, Richard & Margaret Welch, Linda King, Betty Craig,
Loretta Best*

Missions for UWF: Anonymous

Catherine Miles

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Robert Paulson

Building Fund: Anonymous

Lisa Stanley

Garden Fund: Anonymous

Virginia White

Building Fund: Anonymous

Marilyn Winslow

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Peggy Zbinden

Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Honorarium

Powell Richardson

Accessibility Fund: Ed & Valerie Nicholson

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Rena and Jim Loveday by Joan and Jim O’Kane and Rev. Chris, Suzanne, Ella & Henry Brown.

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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