

The Messenger
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: *Children participating in our Sunday evening kids' time spent an hour or so packing stockings for the Kindergarten students at Dogwood Elementary School as a special holiday treat! The stockings include sweet treats, pencils and erasers, stickers, and pop-it bracelets!*

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent

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

12 NOON on Rejoice! WBXX-TV & 11 am on YouTube
www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC

Rejoice viewers: During UT football season, Rejoice will air on WBXX on Sundays at noon, for the duration of the football season.

Rev. Palmer Cantler
Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSV

Music

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, Robert A. Hobby
Parish Youth Choir (8:30 am, nave)

Alleluia, Rejoice, arr. J. Edmund Hughes

Parish Adult Choir (11 am, nave)

Gabriel's Message, arr. William Llewellyn
Parish Girls' Ensemble (Rejoice and Online Worship)

Lectionary Readings for this week:

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Announcements



Christmas Program & Luncheon

When: **Saturday, December 3, 11 AM**

Where: **Chapel (service) + Parish Hall (lunch)**



Rev. Sharon Bowers will be UWF's Guest Speaker for the Annual Christmas Service on Saturday, 12/3.

Rev. Bowers is an ordained United Methodist Minister, is Director of Church Relations at Emory and Henry College and is currently serving two United Methodist churches in Greenville, Tn. You will not want to miss hearing Rev. Bowers. Her words are challenging and her message inspiring.

Following the service, lunch will served in the Parish Hall. The menu includes pork loin, sautéed vegetables and dessert. A vegetarian option is available. The cost is \$13. Please RSVP for lunch by replying to this email (dlively@churchstreetumc.org) or calling the church office at 865-524-3048 by Nov. 30.

The Service Circle will have hand-crafted items for sale in Parish Hall following the service!



Advent Craft Festival

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

5 PM: POTLUCK IN PARISH HALL

6 PM: CRAFTS IN THE GYM

Children young and old are invited to attend and bring a dish to the potluck in Parish Hall at 5 pm, followed by the Advent Craft Festival at 6 pm in the Gym.

Sign Up: Beacon of Hope Angel Tree

Don't miss the opportunity to support our youngest neighbors in the Vestal community! Beacon of Hope hosts an annual Angel Tree list so that Church Street members may provide some wonderful gifts for the children served through this important ministry.



+ ***Scan the QR code to view the list & sign up!***

Deadline to return gifts unwrapped to BOH is December 12.

Drop offs can be made on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 10 am and 4 pm, or on Monday, December 12 between 10 am and 6 pm. *(If you need to arrange a different drop off, please contact Beth Kahn at 865-599-5047 or beaconofhopevestal@gmail.com.)*

***Master Arts Holiday Dinner & Concert on Friday,
December 9!***



ALMOST FULL!
RESERVE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Reserve your seat at www.churchstreetumc.org/master-arts for a festive holiday dinner on Friday, December 9 in Parish Hall (\$30 per person).

All are invited to a concert by the Knoxville Chamber Chorale and South Doyle High School Chamber Singers at 7:30 in the nave (free, no reservations required).

Food for Kids Packing - Dec. 6

Help pack food bags for children in our area on Tuesday, Dec. 6! Our group will gather in room 118 (across from the kitchen) and pack many bags full of snacks for children in our area to have for home this winter.

+ Please contact Beth Stubbs at 865-207-8772 if you are available to help on Tuesday, Dec. 6!

Caregiver Support Group Meeting & Social Gathering

WHEN: Thursday, December 8 at 10 am in CLC 120

At the *Living Forward* seminar in September, several of you requested that we form a support group for those serving as caregivers for a loved one. We plan to start the group in January but would like to gather in December to hear your thoughts and expectations and to choose the best day and time to meet.

Please join us for this informal time of sharing and getting to know one another. We also invite you to bring your loved one for a time of planned activities and refreshments. Two members of our Parish Health Ministry Team - Valerie Nicholson and Vicky Shelton - will be there to welcome them and join in the fun. They will meet next door in CLC 122 (the former Kay Center).

Please RSVP to PHMT@churchstreetumc.org so we will know how many to expect. Questions? Contact Rev. Pat Clendenen: pclendenen@churchstreetumc.org or (865) 406-3854.

Poinsettias are now available for purchase!



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please either send an email to Doris Lively (dlively@churchstreetumc.org) or call the office at 865-524-3048 by December 11. You may also make a payment online to reserve your plant by visiting www.churchstreetumc.org/give. The poinsettias are displayed in the nave in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Each poinsettia is \$12. We will list the honoraria and memorials in the Christmas edition of *The Messenger* on December 23.

Advent Worship

Each Sunday of Advent, we will welcome individuals and families to lead us for the lighting of the Advent wreath at the start of our services. Online and on Rejoice, our current Confirmation class members and supporters, along with their families, will join us in leading this part of our worship services!

Next Sunday, December 11, at both worship services in the nave, our children and youth choirs will lead us in song.

On **Sunday, December 18,** at both worship services in the nave, our Parish Adult Choir and the Tennessee Brass quintet will share a service of Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve is on Saturday, December 24. The church will open at 10 am with services at 12 Noon (Traditional, with soloist), 3 pm (Family Service geared toward families with children), 5:30 pm and 10:30 pm (Traditional, with prelude from the Parish Adult Choir). All services will be in the nave and will offer candlelight and holy communion. Our online service will premiere at 7 p.m. on YouTube.

Please mark your calendar for the following changes on Sunday, December

25 and January 1: One service at 11 a.m. each Sunday; no Sunday School. Online services will premiere each Sunday at 11 a.m. on YouTube and on Rejoice at 10 a.m.

Christmas Pageant - Dec. 18!

Sunday, December 18, Sunday School hour, Gym

All are invited to the gym for the Christmas Pageant featuring our children's ministry; followed by coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies. No RSVP required.

Children should go to their regular Sunday School rooms that Sunday for Sunday School and teachers will guide from there.

Calendar

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, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave; *Rejoice!* at 12 Noon (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 / Pathfinders** - room 204
 - **Parables** - 118
 - **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** - Parish Hall
 - **Partners** - Parlor
 - **Crossroads** - 201-A
- **Youth Choir & Children's Choirs** - 3:45 pm, Rehearsal Room
- **Children's Night** - Potluck & Advent Craft Festival at 5 pm, Parish Hall & Gym
- **Children's Choir & Dinner** -

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **UWF Christmas Program and Luncheon:** Saturday, 11 am, Chapel then Parish Hall
- **Service Circle Sale:** Saturday, 12-2 pm, Parish Hall
- **Angels of Christmas Advent Study:** Sundays, 4 pm, Zoom
- **Potluck and Advent Craft Festival** - Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall then Gym
- **Word Became Flesh Advent Study:** Mondays, 10 am, Room 204
- **Singles Bridge:** Mondays, 6 pm, 201C
- **Food for Kids Packing:** Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Room 118
- **H.O.W. Committee:** Tuesday, 7 pm, Chiles Room
- **Records & History Committee:** Wednesday, 5 pm, 201C
- **Properties Committee:** Wednesday, 5:30 pm, 202
- **Nominations & Leadership Development Committee:** Wednesday, 6 pm, Zoom
- **Almost Christmas Advent Study:** Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Chiles Room
- **Caregiver Support Group Gathering:** Thursday, 10 am, CLC-120
- **Stephen Leaders:** Thursday,

- Sundays, 4:45 pm, Parish Hall (dinner) & Rehearsal Room (5:20)
- **College Bible Study** - Sundays, 8 pm, CLC Lower Level
 - **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Rehearsal Room
 - **Youth Band** - Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC Lower Level
 - **Youth and Children's Choirs Rehearsal:** Saturday, beginning at 10 am, Rehearsal Room & Nave

- 10:30 am, Zoom
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursday, 12/1, 11 am, Parish Hall
 - **BOH Sharing Shop:** Thursday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
 - **Master Arts Series Holiday Dinner:** Friday, 6 pm, Parish Hall
 - **Master Arts Series Concert:** Friday, 7:30 pm, Nave

IN MEMORIAM

Steve Roseberry

Joined: 4/4/1971 Died: 11/17/2022

Our Prayers

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Steve Roseberry, who died on November 17.

The family and friends of Harold Wallace Childress, brother of Martha Pierce, who died on November 17.

In the hospital

Marie Brabson - Tennova North
Elizabeth Green - Ft. Sanders

Our Presence

November 27 - 497 Total

Online Worship - 135

In-Person Worship - 362

8:30 am - 170

11 am - 174

Nursery - 18

Memorials

Vicky Gardner

Soup Kitchen: Jean Hannan

Sterchi Lodge: Larry Allen, Dr. Tom & Ann Callcott, Ann Warwick

Albert Ritchie

Beacon of Hope: Dr. Sandy & Hope Carlson

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Memorial Fund: Jinlin Xie

Honorarium

Rev. Jan Buxton Wade

Building Fund: Gloria Gaskin & Ed Soler

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers last week were in loving memory of Luke Hudson Neil by Amy and David Neil.

The Chancel Altar Flowers this week are in loving memory of Florence and Russell W. Hillis, given by Sherry and Steve Hillis and family.

The Advent Wreath is given in loving memory of Edward and Kathleen Crawford and Wilmer and Jo Loveless, given by Mike and Mary Crawford.

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.

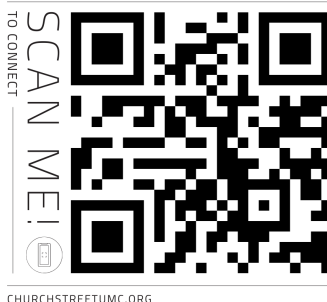
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