

***The Messenger***  
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*PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Long-time Church Street members and friends Vicky Shelton and Susie Patton light the Advent candles on Sunday, December 4, at the 11 am service. You may not know it, but you see Vicky and Susie's handiwork -- along with many other dedicated Altar Guild members -- all over the church this time of year! In the nave, Chapel, and all around the inside and outside of the church, the group of talented volunteers prepares the worship setting with the beautifully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, Advent banners and candles, and nativity scenes seen around the church. What a blessing they all are!*

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***Worship Opportunities***

***Sunday, December 11***  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

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

**12 NOON on Rejoice! WBXX-TV & 11 am on YouTube**  
[www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](http://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. Timothy Best**  
Isaiah 35:1-10

## Music

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, Robert A. Hobby  
*Parish Youth Choir (Rejoice! and Online Worship)*

**At 8:30 and 11 a.m. in the nave**

Gaudete, arr. Michael Burkhardt (Introit)  
*Kinder, Primary, Chorister, and Parish Youth Choirs*

Now Light a Thousand Candles Bright, Emmy Kohler, arr. Julia Simon  
Christ the Lord is Coming, Old French dance tune, arr. Michael Burkhardt  
*Kinder, Primary and Chorister Choirs*

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying, Craig Phillips  
*Chorister Choir and Youth Trebles*

Magnificat, Charles V. Stanford  
*Chorister Choir and Parish Youth Choir*

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day, John Gardner  
*Parish Youth Choir*

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

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

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## ***Community School of the Arts Christmas Concert - Dec. 13***

The Community School of the Arts Holiday Concert returns live to Church Street United Methodist Church for the first time in three years on **Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 pm (nave)**.



Community  
School *of the* Arts

Students of Rose Attea (dance), Nate Barrett (percussion), Char Hamilton (piano), Greg Horne (guitar), Ben Maney (piano), and Mary Pulgar (violin) will perform. Plus a special appearance by the Joshua Washington Trio!

*The concert and reception are free and open to the public.*

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## ***REMINDER: Return Gifts to Beacon of Hope by Monday, Dec. 12***

Thank you to all Church Streeters who adopted a child for this holiday season -- all children were selected!

If you are shopping for a child at BOH this Christmas, please remember:

**Deadline to return gifts unwrapped to BOH is December 12.**



Drop offs can be made on Monday, December 12 between 10 am and 6 pm. To arrange a different drop off, please call or text Beth Kahn at 865-599-5047 or [beaconofhopevestal@gmail.com](mailto:beaconofhopevestal@gmail.com).

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## ***Christmas Eve Greeters -- We Need YOU!***

Advent (derived from the Latin word *adventus*) means 'coming' or 'arrival'. Arrival, according to the Cambridge Dictionary is the act of someone reaching a place. There are several synonyms for arrival: meeting, entrance, homecoming.

At Church Street we have a variety of traditions when we celebrate Advent ...

- lighting of the Advent wreath candles
- special music and musicians
- filling the church with candlelight during the singing of *Silent Night*.

All of that happens after our greeter volunteers **meet** worshipers at an **entrance** and open the doors to our **church home**. You could be that welcoming presence for members, guests, and neighbors!

We have 4 services on Christmas Eve and are in need of 10 greeters at each of the 4 services. The only commitment is to show up 30 minutes prior to the scheduled service (bring a friend to save you a seat!) and wear your brightest Christmas smile.

**Visit Kit Brown in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings** to sign up for the service that fits your schedule, or email her at [kit\\_brown@bellsouth.net](mailto:kit_brown@bellsouth.net). You may also leave a message at 865-521-0299 about the service you would like to choose and we will get the message to Kit!

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## ***Staff-Parish Relations Committee News***



Dear Church Street Family,

For the last several years, we have collectively expressed our appreciation to our church staff with a **Staff Christmas Love Offering**. Thanks to your generosity,

each staff member has received an extra deposit in their bank account.

We have moved seamlessly from a season of thanksgiving into a season of preparation. The season of Advent asks each of us to prepare ourselves for what's to come. During this time, I would like for each of you to think about how our Church Street staff operates throughout the year. The staff keeps schedules for events, pays the bills, sets up Sunday school class, maintains facilities, creates YouTube content, plans worship services, and the list goes on. Our staff works so well preparing for every season at Church Street. We should all be so thankful!

Now I ask you to actively say *THANKS* to our Church Street Staff, pictured, by generously giving to this year's Love Offering in one of these ways:

1. Mail a check marked "Staff Love Offering" to the church office (P.O. Box 1303, Knoxville, TN 37901)
2. Go online and give through the website at [www.churchstreetumc.org/give](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/give) and designate to "Staff Love Offering" (you can also simply scan the QR code at the bottom of this page)
3. Give from your phone! Use the new Vanco Mobile app (download on Google Play or Apple store), set up or link your account to Church Street, and give to "Staff Love Offering"

**All contributions should be noted as *Staff Love Offering*.** Any amount is appreciated. As we celebrate the season of Advent, let us celebrate our staff with gratitude and giving.

Kerry Atkins, Chair  
Staff-Parish Relations Committee

We are pleased to welcome three new members to our staff team this fall!

- **Rhonda Auberle**, part-time Bookkeeper
- **Lara Toepke**, part-time Receptionist
- **Jimmy Roberts**, part-time Custodian

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## ***Sunday School Classes - Exploring Advent!***

The **Open Door** Sunday School class will explore the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary this week as they continue their study of the Angels of Christmas (Luke 1.26-56). Rev. Andy Ferguson will be teaching this class.

The **Parables** Sunday School class is exploring Advent through a Jewish lens each Sunday. The class is being taught by Steve Roberts.

***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](mailto:dlively@churchstreetumc.org)) or call the office at 865-524-3048 **by this Sunday, December 11**. You may also make a payment online to reserve your plant by visiting [www.churchstreetumc.org/give](http://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.

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## *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, have been 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 pm 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 am on YouTube and on Rejoice at 10 am. **Please note:** there will be no Children's Worship on 12/25 or 1/1, and no nursery care on 12/25.*

## *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.

***Save the date! More information coming soon:***

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE PRESENTS:

# WHAT IS CRITICAL RACE THEORY

# AND WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD CARE

Sunday, January 22 | 4-6 PM

Church Street UMC Parish Hall, Free

## ***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](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:**

- **Youth and Children's Choirs Rehearsal:** Saturday, beginning at 10 am, Rehearsal Room & Nave
- **Worship:** Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave; *Rejoice!* at 12 Noon (WBXX); YouTube at 11 am

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

- **Angels of Christmas Advent Study:** Sundays, 4 pm, Zoom
- **Word Became Flesh Advent Study:** Mondays, 10 am, Room 204

- **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 Christmas Party** - Sunday, 12 Noon, CLC Lower Level
- **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
- **Singles Bridge**: Mondays, 6 pm, 201C
- **Community School of the Arts Holiday Recital**: Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Nave
- **Trustees**: Wednesday, 5:30 pm, 201A
- **Almost Christmas Advent Study**: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Chiles Room
- **BOH Food Co-Op**: Thursday, 9 am, Vestal UMC
- **Soup Kitchen**: Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Sharing Shop**: Thursday, 11:30 am, CLC
- **Staff-Parish Relations**: Thursday, 6 pm, 201A
- **Education Committee**: Thursday, 6 pm, Chiles Room & Zoom
- **Circle #12 Lunch with Wesley House**: Friday, 10 am, Nave & Parish Hall

### **Our Prayers**

#### ***Christian love and sympathy to:***

The family and friends of Jennifer Ann Hall, daughter-in-law of Dr. Glen Hall, who died on December 5 in Florida.

#### ***In the hospital***

Elizabeth Green - Ft. Sanders

#### ***Recently hospitalized***

Marie Brabson

Joe Trahern - Shannondale Maryville

### **Our Presence**

**November 27 - 621 Total**

**Online Worship - 135**

**In-Person Worship - 486**

*8:30 am - 212*

*11 am - 258*

*Nursery - 16*

### ***Memorials***

#### **Vicky Gardner**

*Beacon of Hope: Steve & Linda Wise*

*Music Ministry: Ann Marie Tugwell*

*Sterchi Lodge: Lynda Speckhart*

#### **Albert Ritchie**

*Building Fund: Ann Marie Tugwell*

***Honorarium***  
**Powell Richardson**

*Accessibility Fund: Ed & Valerie Nicholson*

***Altar Flowers***

The Chancel Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Betty and Carl Bell given by Celia & Andy Ferguson and Rachel & Alan Burley.

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

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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.*

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



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