

The Messenger
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: *Two weeks ago, snowfall hushed the city the day after Christmas. Church Street had a beautiful blanket of snow as well, captured by Kylie Irvine, Church Street's Digital Media Specialist.*

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, January 8

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 & 11 am at 900 Henley Street

Rejoice! at 11 am on YouTube

www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC

Rev. Catherine Nance

Matthew 3:13-17

Music

At the River, Aaron Copland
Connor Cowart, tenor (Online)

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day, John Gardner
Parish Youth Choir (8:30 am, nave); Parish Adult Choir (11 am, nave)

Lectionary Readings for this week:
Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

Coming Up at Church Street

SUBMIT A DEVOTION FOR

LENT



You are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Devotional booklet, to be used as a spiritual practice as we walk with Jesus through the season of Lent. Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22, and ending with Easter Sunday, April 9, devotions will be provided each Sunday of Lent and each day of Holy Week. Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal practices pertaining to this season.

Some relevant themes to consider:

- 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;
- 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.

Each 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 Katie Strangis (kstrangis@churchstreetumc.org) by **Sunday, January 29.**

Caregiver Support Group - Jan. 17

Beginning January 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (meets third Tuesday of the month) -- Room CLC 120

Topic: Navigating Through the Hospital System

Speaker - Gabrielle Blake, LCSW & Elder Care Coordinator (Franklin & Kyle Elder Law, LLC)

The first 30 minutes will be devoted to a pertinent topic; the remainder of the time will be spent as a support group.

Vicky Shelton and Valerie Nicholson, both medical professionals, have developed a plan for the care receivers of those participating in the support group. This will take place in CLC 123, and is based on models from Adult Daycare, Memory Care, and Senior Adult exercise programs. This will provide the socialization and stimulation which is so important to the health and well-being of your loved one.

If you would like to participate or if you have questions, please reply to PHMT@churchstreetumc.org. Also, please indicate if your care receiver will be with you so that Vicky and Valerie know how to plan.

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

All are invited to attend this informational panel discussion on Sunday, January 22 beginning at 4 pm in Parish Hall. Presented by Conversations on Race, this session is meant to help us better understand the concept of Critical Race Theory and how, as Christians, we may understand and respond to it from a theological lens. We hope you will join us!



- **Dr. Katherine Chiles:** Moderator and Professor, Department of English, UTK
- **Dr. Michelle Christian:** Professor, Department of Sociology, UTK
- **Dr. Stephanie Bohon:** Professor, Department Head of Sociology, UTK
- **Dr. Olga Welch:** Retired Dean of Education, Duquesne University
- **Krystal Gourley, MSW:** Compassion Coalition
- **Dr. Katherine Ellis, J.D.:** Executive Director of Knoxville Family Justice Center
- **Dwight Aarons, J.D.:** Professor, College of Law, UTK

+ Scan the QR code above to register.



The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) is a poverty simulation to help us break down our preconceived notions around poverty. In the span of 3 hours, you will live a month in the life of a low-income family. During this interactive event, you'll experience the frustrations of everyday struggles for people in our community living in poverty or just getting by financially. You might be stepping into the role of:



- An exhausted single mother struggling to put food on the table
- A lonely senior citizen who must choose between rent and medication
- An unemployed father of 4, struggling with addiction.

Daily errands like paying bills or taking the kids to day care become much more complicated when you do not have reliable transportation or need to wait for necessary resources. As you navigate the simulation, you will see the world with their eyes. A majority of prior COPE participants share that this simulation increased their empathy for those struggling in poverty.

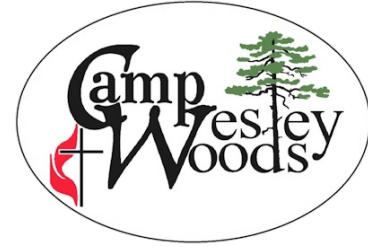
Join us on Sunday, January 29, from 4-7 pm in the Parish Hall for this transformative experience. Registration is free and open to the public.

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Announcements

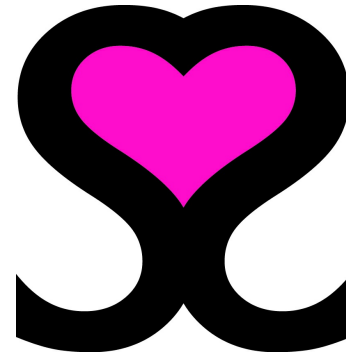
**Open Door Sunday School Class Speaker on
January 8 at 9:40 am, Parish Hall**

Tony Lea, Director of Camp Wesley Woods, will speak to Open Door Sunday School Class. He will share the impact of this ministry with children and youth.



Sharing Shop Needs: Please bring men's pants -- NOT DRY CLEAN ONLY -- to Sharing Shop. Place in the bin in the hallway located between the Kitchen and Room 118.

These additional Sharing Shop needs at CSUMC and Beacon of Hope will be collecting at our Sharing Shop Drive on January 15 in the Welcome Center:



- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Dish Soap (small)

- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap (small)
- Towels
- Blankets

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!* on 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** - Education building second and third floors
- **Sunday School Classes Meeting in person and online (hybrid)** currently, at 9:40 am on Sundays:
 - **Open Door** - Parish Hall

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Stephen Ministry:** Sunday, 1:30 pm, 201-C
- **Worship Committee:** Monday, 6 pm, 204
- **Singles Bridge:** Mondays, 6 pm, 201-C
- **UWF Circle 10:** Tuesday, 10 am, 204
- **Congregational Care Committee:** Tuesday, 6 am, Zoom
- **Trustees:** Wednesday, 5:30 pm, 201-A

- **Partners** - Parlor
- **Crossroads** - 201-A
- **Youth Choir Rehearsal** - Sunday, 3:45 pm, Rehearsal Room
- **CS Kids Afternoons** - Sundays, 3:45 pm, Gym
- **Children's Choir Dinner & Rehearsal** - Sunday, 4:45 pm, Parish Hall & Rehearsal Room
- **Youth Dinner & Nightlife** - Sundays, 5 pm, 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

- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Church Offices Closed:** Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

[Click here](#) to see the online calendar.

Our Prayers

IN MEMORIAM

Bart Rohrbach

Joined: 6/24/2002 Died: 12/10/2022

Lora Jean Johnson

Joined: 6/23/1996 Died: 12/26/2022

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Bart Rohrbach, who died on December 10.

The family and friends of Lora Jean Johnson, who died on December 26 .

The family and friends of Sybil Danner, mother of Larry Danner, who died on December 24.

The family and friends of Christine Inman, mother of Stan Inman, who died on December 24.

The family and friends of Barbara Joyce Powell, sister of Teresa Sterchi, who died on January 2.

In the hospital

Elizabeth Green - Parkwest
Roseanne Barker - Parkwest

Recently hospitalized

Anne Mintz - NHC Farragut
Susan Greene

Our Presence

December 24 - 1,459 Total

Online Worship - 266

In-Person Worship - 1,193

Noon - 174

3 pm - 241

5:30 pm - 523

December 25 - 227 Total

Online Worship - 127

In Person Worship - 100

January 1 - 319 Total

Online Worship - 139

In Person Worship - 180

Memorials

Jim Crook

Memorial Fund: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Sybil Danner

Memorial Fund: The Heatherly Family

Vicky Gardner

Sterchi Lodge: Mary Cartwright & Bill Stoess, Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

UWF: Bill & Alisa Weeks

Hugh Hixson

Soup Kitchen: Troy & Katie Logan

Lou McNutt

UWF: Bill & Alisa Weeks

Rose-Delia Rios

UWF: Bill & Alisa Weeks

Bert Ritchie

Soup Kitchen: Pat & Len Bellingrath

Michael Rowland

Memorial Fund: Jonathan & Amanda Hampel

John Scott

Sterchi Lodge: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Lisa Stanley

Memorial Fund: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Honorariums

Ann & Tom Callcott

Sterchi Lodge: Bill & Alisa Weeks

Sylvia & Wayne Davis

Sterchi Lodge: Bill & Alisa Weeks

John, Cindy & Sarah Grace Hollingsworth

Sterchi Lodge: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

Youth Teachers & Leaders

Youth Program: Bill & Alisa Weeks

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers on January 1 were given memory of Mr. and Mrs.

R.M. Murphy, Sr., and Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Murphy, Jr., by John P.

Murphy.

The Chancel Altar Flowers on January 8 are given in loving memory of Alan and Linda Fletcher by their daughters Susan Edwards, Jennifer Maulick, and

Amy Portnell.

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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