

***The Messenger***  
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: *Brenda Griffith and Rev. Rick Isbell discuss their progress Tuesday in the garden, where they spent the majority of the day cleaning out the dead vegetation from winter. If you have questions or wish to help with our garden ministry (there are several major garden areas at the church), please respond to this email and we can put you in touch!*

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***Worship Opportunities***

**Sunday, March 5**  
*Second Sunday of Lent*

**Rev. Catherine Nance**  
John 3:1-17 (CEB)

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

***Rejoice! at 11 am on YouTube***  
[www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](http://www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC)

**Music**

*Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Joseph Haydn*  
*Parish Adult Choir with Sean Claire and Rachel Loseke, violin; D. Scot Williams, cello; Herb Hall, bass (8:30 and 11 am, nave)*

**Lectionary Readings for this week:**

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

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**Coming Up at Church Street**

**Parables Class to host Betty Asha of South Sudan on March 5**

Betty Asha, now a senior at Maryville College, returns to Church Street on March 5 to share the story of her recent mission to aid the people of her native South Sudan. Because she refused to agree to a prearranged marriage at age 13, Asha was beaten, tortured, and eventually cast out of her home village. She existed over three years in the jungle before she fled to a refugee camp in neighboring Uganda. Civil war subsequently broke out in South Sudan in 2013, bringing about the deaths of 400,000 and the displacement of millions. It was during this period that Betty was instrumental in rescuing over 2,300 women and children from South Sudan, delivering them to safety in the refugee camp. Through the help of United Methodists in Blount County, Betty was eventually granted a visa to study at Maryville College. Church Street's UWF and others in our congregation offered financial support.



In late 2022, Betty had a dream of providing a very rare commodity to the Sudanese refugees – meat. The Parables Class joined other donors in funding her purchase of cattle to provide sufficient beef for thousands of these emigrants. **All are invited to CLC 120 this Sunday at 9:40 am** to hear more about her remarkable return venture and the changes it promises to bring about in the lives of her people.

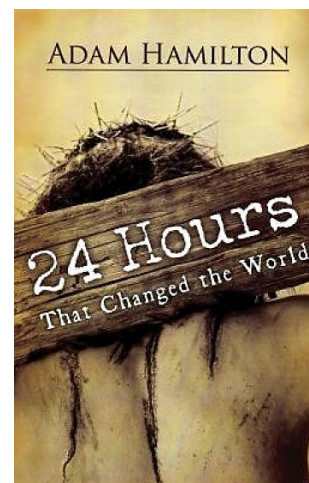
*(Note: the Epworth Class will meet March 5 only in Room 118.)*

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**Study with Cattywampus Sunday School Class**

The Cattywampus Class, which meets on Sundays at 9:45 am in CLC-123, began a new Lenten study last Sunday with Adam Hamilton's book "24 Hours That Changed the World."

*No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Hamilton will help you experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. He retraces the day that changed human history in his usual straightforward yet easy, conversational style that*



*speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion.*

*This new edition includes devotions for each chapter and travel notes from Adam's trip to the Holy Lands. (From [www.adamhamilton.com](http://www.adamhamilton.com))*

The seven-week study began on 2/26 and ends on Easter Sunday, 4/9.

Cattywampus is a discussion-based class in a casual atmosphere of camaraderie and fellowship. Cattywampus can mean "going badly, askew, or in disarray". Our class serves as a place of respite to come together in community when life feels cattywampus.

CONNECT WITH KNOXVILLE'S DOWNTOWN CHURCHES FOR  
Wednesday Noon Lenten Services with Lunch

3/1

First Baptist Church

3/8

Church Street UMC with guests from Crossings Knoxville

3/15

Immaculate Conception Church

3/22

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral

3/29

First Presbyterian Church



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**Grief: What We Carry - New Group!**

Beginning **Tuesday, March 7**, Rev. Dennis Loy from Emerald Avenue UMC, will host a conversational grief support group for Church Street UMC titled "Grief: What We Carry". There is no study element or book to purchase -- this is an informal group that will meet on Tuesdays in March (7, 14, 21, & 28) between 11 am and noon in the Parlor.



Sessions include:

- What We Know, What We Share
- Night Hiking
- Grief is Spiritual Formation
- That Our Joy May Be Complete

+ Please register using the QR code at right.



## MAJESTIC MUSIC

For organ, brass and percussion  
Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

The magnificent sounds of the Tennessee Brass Quintet, comprised of Arthur Zanin, trumpet; Katie Johnson-Webb, horn; Alex van Duuren, trombone and Alexander Lapins, tuba, enhance our worship at Easter and Christmas. In March, hear this stellar group in concert with CSUMC organist Edie Johnson and percussionist Clark Harrel as they perform a wide variety of works for these regal instruments.

Our next Master Arts Series event is ***this Tuesday, March 7*** in the nave at 7:30 pm: *Majestic Music for Organ, Brass and Percussion*. The program will include works by Eugene Gigout, Victor Ewald, Jennifer Higdon, and Craig Phillips.

+ If you haven't already bought your tickets to see The Tallis Scholars on April 14, visit [www.churchstreetumc.org/master-arts](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/master-arts) to reserve your tickets & pay.

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## *Service of Prayer & Self-Denial*



**Welcoming Rev. Glenna Manning,**  
Retired Deacon, Concord UMC! Members  
of other district UWF chapters will join us  
for this meeting and lunch.

When: **Tuesday, March 14, 11 am**

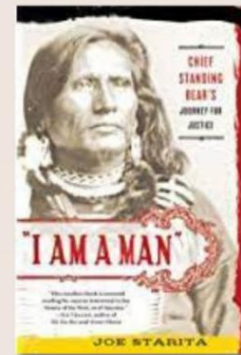
Where: **Chapel then Parish Hall for lunch**

Lunch Reservation: **Call 865-524-3048 by 3/7 (\$15)**

### *UWF Book Review*

#### **"I Am a Man" Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice**

By Joe Starita



When: **Wednesday, March 15, 1:30 pm**

Where: **Chiles Room -- all are welcome!**

Reviewer: **Dona Bunch, Communications Chair**

### *Announcements*



### **Children's Choir Camp!**

CSUMC Children's Choir Camp will take place Monday, July 10 to Wednesday, July 12 from 9 am - 2 pm each day. This camp, open to rising first through rising fifth graders will include singing, music theory games, hand chime sessions, delicious lunches and snacks, a trip to World's Fair Park Fountains, and bowling! Cost is \$50 per child.

+ Please visit the Church Street Kids webpage ([www.churchstreetumc.org/childrens-ministry](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/childrens-ministry)) to sign up for this opportunity and more fun kids' activities this summer.

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### **Beacon of Hope Staff Position:**

Church Street is hiring for the Director at Beacon of Hope. [Please click here to view the job description](#); share with anyone you think might be interested!



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## **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**

**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 123
- **Covenant** - 309-E
- **Discovery** - CLC 124

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Lenten Study - Adam Hamilton's *Jesus/Outsiders*:**  
Sundays, 4 pm, CLC 123

**Singles Bridge:**  
Mondays, 6 pm, 201C

- **Epworth** - 118 (this week only!)
- **Friends in Christ** - 202
- **Followers** - room 310
- **Murphy Builders / Pathfinders** - 204
- **Parables** - CLC 120 (this week only!)
- **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
- **Partners** - Parlor
- **Crossroads** - 201-A

**Youth Choir Rehearsal** - Sundays, 3:45 pm, Rehearsal Room

**CS Kids Afternoons** - No CS Kids programming on 3/5 or 3/12

**Children's Choir** - Sunday, singing off-site

**Youth Dinner & Nightlife** - Sundays, 5 pm, CLC Lower Level

**College Bible Study** - Sundays, 8 pm, CLC Lower Level

**Downtown Lenten Worship & Lunch:** Wednesday, 12 pm, Nave & Parish Hall

**Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Rehearsal Room

**Youth Band** - Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC Lower Level

**UWF Executive Board:**  
Tuesday, 10 am, 204

**Grief Group:** Tuesdays, 11 am, Parlor

**Master Arts Concert:**  
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, nave

**Trustees:** Wednesday, 5:30 pm, 201A

**Missions Committee:**  
Wednesday, 6 pm, 202

**Lenten Study - Five Marks of a Methodist:**  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, 204

**Circle #11:** Wednesday, 7 pm, Chiles Room

**Stephen Leaders:**  
Thursday, 10:30 am, Zoom

**Soup Kitchen:**  
Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall

**Line Dance Lessons:**  
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Gym

***Our Prayers***

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

The family and friends of Lou Paulson, brother-in-law of Barbara Paulson, who died on February 26.

***In the hospital***

Fran Wheeler - Parkwest

***Birth:***

Robert (Roe) Ellis Leonard, Jr., was born to Rob and Morgan Leonard on February 25. Maternal grandparents are Tom and Pam Degges.

***Our Presence***

**February 22 (Ash Wednesday) - 295 Total**

**Online Worship - 69**

**In-Person**

*Drive-thru - 19*

*12 pm - 73*

**February 26 - 495 Total**

**Online Worship - 127**

**In-Person Worship - 395**

8:30 am - 154

11 am - 226

Nursery - 15

### ***Altar Flowers***

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Carol and Jess Brown by Sharon Butler, Donnie Brown and Kit Brown.

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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.*

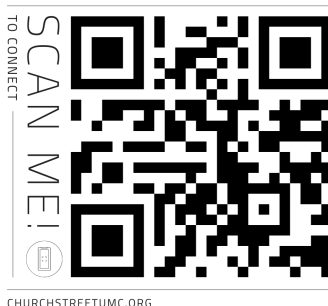
#### **Church Street United Methodist Church**

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



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