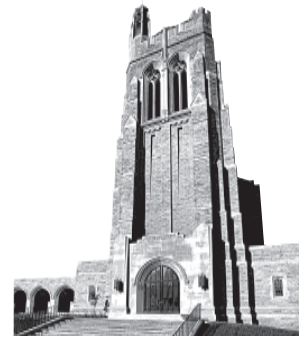


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



• **Sunday, March 7**

Worship

8:30 & 11 am

"Take This Bread"

Mark 14: 12-25

Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, March 10**

Community Lenten Service

First Presbyterian Church
(620 State Street)

12 noon - Lunch follows the service

• **Thursday, March 11**

Vespers

5:45 pm – Chapel

Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120

Rev. Darryll Rasnake



Sunday Supper

5:15 to 6 pm • Parish Hall

\$5 (12 & up) • \$3 (for kids)

See ya at Supper!

Menu:

Pizza Bar, Salad Bar,
Ice Cream Sandwiches,
Drinks

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**EARTHQUAKE
VICTIMS
NEED YOUR
HELP!**

Bishop Swanson asks Holstonians to 'give sacrificially' for Chile's relief

[Following are excerpts from a Feb. 27th letter from the resident bishop of the Holston Conference, Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.]

As the pictures from Chile emerge, we are again called to understand the depth of suffering caused in that country by the fifth most powerful earthquake ever recorded.

I've watched with pride as you have responded in such a magnificent way to the people of Haiti following their disastrous earthquake just last month. You so far have given almost \$700,000 and more than 20,000 health kits to help Haiti. You showed again that you always respond in a faithful manner when needs arise. I thank God for you and your generosity each day.

Now, I am asking you to respond again. This request, coming so soon after the earthquake in Haiti, will require each of us to dig deeply into our pockets, to give sacrificially to assist the people of Chile. UMCOR is already at work in Chile, preparing the United Methodist response.

Please make your donations and as Holston learns of other UMCOR needs, we will make you aware. More kits may be needed, but we will wait for instructions from UMCOR.

During this season of Lent, we are reminded daily of the ultimate sacrifice made on our behalf by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us show our gratitude for all that God has done for us through our sacrificial giving on behalf of the people of Chile.

Financial donations

To donate via UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), please write your check to "Church Street UMC" and reference "Chile Earthquake Relief" Advance #3021178.

Senior adults invited to Jubilation 10th Anniversary Event

Last year 23 Church Streeters attended Jubilation and came back with rave reviews. This year's **Jubilation** will be held **April 11-13** at the **MeadowView Resort and Conference Center in Kingsport, TN**. This Holston Conference event for adults age 55+ offers exciting speakers, workshops, Bible study, worship and fellowship in a resort setting.

Key leaders in this year's event include Bishop James Swanson as the keynote speaker, Bishop Richard Looney

as the Bible study leader and Bishop Mary Virginia (Dindy) Taylor as the worship leader. Several workshops will be led by noted persons such as Don Dare, Charles Maynard, John Ousley and others. Participants also have the opportunity to visit and talk with numerous professionals regarding the seven dimensions of wellness (physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual, vocational, environmental and social).

Informational and registration brochures can be found around the church or for online registration, you may visit <http://jubilation.holston.org>.



Senior Adult Event

Support church playground renovations!

Volunteers needed to help park cars March 19-21

Volunteers are needed to help park cars for the upcoming Women's Today Expo, across the street at the Convention Center.

To volunteer or for more details, please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3511 or bclibby@churchstreetumc.org.

Details
coming
soon!

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS
Special presentation - Sunday, April 11
Afternoon film & panel discussion

Census Tidbit: It's Coming Soon!



As the 2010 Census approaches, each of our households will receive a form. Since the census has such an impact on the communities in which we all live and work, Knoxville area churches have partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage participation.

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, every person living in the United States must be counted – both citizens and noncitizens. Data from this national count help determine key funding and government representation decisions. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

Lenten Devotional Resources Available



Lenten devotional booklets, provided by a private donation, are available at various locations within the church. Also the March-April issue of *The Upper Room* can be found in the literature racks. During this time of Lent and introspection concerning our spiritual lives, please make use of these devotional resources.

Have You Thanked God Today?

College students invited to meeting March 9

The Higher Education & Campus Ministry Committee will meet at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 9, in CLC 124.

ALL college students are welcome to join in our discussions! Refreshments will be served.

Macedonia UMW to host Ladies' Inspirational Seminar on March 13...Speaker: Nell Mohney

Nationally-known inspiration speaker and seminar leader, **Nell Webb Mohney**, will lead "Learning from the Past, Live Today, Trust God for Tomorrow" at **Macedonia UMW** on **Saturday, March 13** at 10 am.

Note: Reservations are required. Seminar/Lunch cost is \$15 per person for reservations received by March 10. Send check payable to Macedonia UMC with note "Nell Mohney Seminar" to Macedonia UMC, 4630 Holston Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914.

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MARCH 7-13

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)
Community Lenten Service
Wed., 12 noon
First Presbyterian Church
Vespers
Thursday, 5:45 pm, Chapel
Community Worship
Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

Youth Choir Practice
Sunday, 4 pm, Choir Room
KinderSingers
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 214
1st & 2nd Grade Choir
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 301
Boy-Girl Choir
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201
Adult Handbell Practice
Sunday, 7 pm, rm 308
Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

Faith & Film:

Norma Rae (1979 - PG)

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 to 6 pm, Parish Hall
Body Recall
Mon., Wed., Fri., 1 pm, Gym
Bridge: Mon., 6:30 pm, rm 306
Yoga: Mon. & Thurs., 7 pm, rm 306
Dance Lessons - Swing
Mon., 7 pm, Beginning, Gym
Mon., 7 pm, Intermediate, CLC 11
Dance Lessons - Ballroom
Wed., 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

CHILDREN

Children's Gym Time
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
God's Gang (1st & 2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 214
Twizzlers (3rd - 5th grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 313

SINGLES

Singles Dance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Rebuilding Workshop
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Singles Co-Ed Volleyball
Thursday, 7:15 pm, Gym
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC 124

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 119
Jesus in the Gospels (Isbell)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
New Testament Letters (Wender)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Financial Peace University
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120
Men's Book Study
Sunday, 5:30 pm, rm 103
"24 Hours That Changed the World"
Lenten Series
Sun., 6 pm, rm 118 (Rasnake)
Mon., 6 pm, rm 118 (Moody)
Wed., 7 pm, rm 204 (Ferguson)
Solo Flight (single parent support grp)
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 119
Spanish Class (District-sponsored)
Tuesday, 7 pm, CLC 11
Midweek Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202
Centering Prayer & Meditation
Wednesday, 6 pm, Chapel
Disciple I Bible Study (Jones)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm E-03
Bread in the Wilderness Study (Jones)
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 119

YOUTH

Nightlife Volunteers Mtg
Sunday, 4:30 pm, CLC 14
Nightlife: Sunday, 5:45 pm, CLC
Youth Band Practice
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 15

MEETINGS

Joint Stephen Ministry Training
Sunday, 3 pm, CLC 124, Chapel
Higher Education/Campus Ministry
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, CLC 124
Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Hunger Helper Market
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 202
Adult Council
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, rm 118
Kay Center Board
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 123
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, 5:45 pm, rm 202
Stephen Ministry Training Module
Thursday, 11 am, rm 202
Food Services Committee
Thursday, 6 pm, rm 118
Child Day Care Board
Thursday, 6:30 pm, rm 204

UMW

#6: Mon., 7 pm, offsite
#7: Tues., 10 am, rm 204
#10: Tues., 10 am, CLC 14
#12: Tues., 10:30 am, rm 118
#2: Tues., 10:30 am, rm 119
#4: Tues., 10:30 am, rm 103
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial
General Meeting - Tuesday
11:30 am, Nave/Parish Hall
#1: Tues., 12 pm, CLC 120
#3: Tues., 1 pm, rm 103
#8: Tues., 1 pm, rm 204
#9: Tues., 2 pm, offsite
#11 Mary & Martha
Wed., 7 pm, rm 103



“Reflections....What Time Is It?”

– Jan Buxton-Wade, associate pastor

Buddhist monks from Tibet once came to the Knoxville Museum of Art to work painstakingly on a unique design. For many days the monks put down different colors of sand, a few grains at a time, to create intricate shapes and patterns inside a wooden frame. The result was an astonishingly beautiful sand painting. After special viewings of their fascinating artwork, the spiritual leaders took the piece to the Henley Street Bridge, turned it over, and let the wind carry the sand to the waters below.

This was an expression of their belief that all things change, that life is transitory. We Christians also know that life is fleeting. There are beginnings, midpoints, and endings. For everything there is a season, we read in Ecclesiastes. Something inside us, however, tightly grips the familiar. We ignore the signs even when time for change does come.

Maybe it takes longer for you to climb the steps to the door of the nave. Maybe you forget to return that important phone call or you keep retelling the same stories in your homilies. Someone once said that the mark of true wisdom is knowing what time it is in your own life. All these signs are like dots on the face of a clock.

In recent months I have been reflecting about what time it is for me, and I have come to recognize my own limits. I realize that I am not as resilient or as energetic as I was when I became your pastor in 1998. At the close of this conference year, therefore, I have decided to retire from regular pastoral work. This decision did not come easily for me, as the pastoral role has become who I am. It's difficult as well, because the worship, ministries, pastors, and members of

Church Street are surely the best in the conference. I will be saddened not to be part of it all.

In her book, *The Gift of Years – Growing Old Gracefully*, Joan Chittister urges us to look closely at the rapid pace which devours our days. She challenges us to ponder the depth of our existence on this good earth, saying: *It is time to accept the invitation to go light-footed into the here and now – because we spend far too much of life preparing for the future rather than enjoying the present.*

After June, my husband and I have no big plans to explore the world, no great projects to undertake. But perhaps I will have time to watch the birds on the back fence or to photograph some of the wildflowers we recently planted in the side yard. Maybe I will have fun sweeping the steps of the family cabin along the Little Pigeon River, a place which we generally visit only three days a year.

As a youngster, we used to frequent Flint Rock near Emerts Cove in the mountains. I remember holding onto the edge of the big rock ever so long, while my brothers and sisters called from below: Come on in, the water's great! When I mustered my courage, I finally released my grip on the granite and slipped headlong into the cooling depths.

Somehow that image returns to me as I think about what retirement might look like. It's problematic, though, as God doesn't recognize the word "retirement." He just keeps fashioning plentiful opportunities for Christian service, then calls us to trust.

There is a season for everything under heaven, says the sage in the Hebrew scripture. True wisdom is knowing what season it is in your own life. It is knowing when to let go.



News & Needs

Children's News

- **God's Gang** (1st & 2nd graders) meets in room 214 and will continue their study of Moses.
- **Twizzlers** (3rd-thru-5th graders) meets in room 313 and will continue their Lenten study.

Youth News

- **Hey Youth!** We'll have our regular schedule on Sunday. Be sure and check email and facebook for other announcements.

CollegeLife News

- **College Students:** To be added to the email distribution for the online *Word on the Street*, our way of sharing CollegeLife news, please contact John Shearer at jshearer2@comcast.net.

Young Adult News

- **The Gap Class** is collecting Juice Boxes for Wesley House. Donations are appreciated and can be brought to the bin outside the church office. Questions?...Call J.R. Hertwig at 384-7049.

Singles News

- **Donations for "The Cart"** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with "Shampoo" as the item for March. The Cart is located outside Parish Hall.
- Call Chuck Jones at 521-0298 or pick up a copy of **SingleVision** from the church literature racks for a complete listing of opportunities & reservation information.

Web News

www.churchstreetumc.org

- To read *The Messenger* online, go to the *News & Events* category and select *Newsletters*. *The Messenger* is usually online by Wednesday afternoons.

Music News



Mass in G by Franz Schubert
Sunday, March 21

The Parish Adult Choir, soloists and instrumentalists will present this timeless choral classic during both morning services.



Feeling Down?

Our Stephen Ministry can help!

Stephen Ministers aren't just there for "big" crises. They're also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down.

For details about Stephen Ministry, please contact a member of our clergy staff.

Domestic Violence Helpline
(865) 521-6336

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Our Prayers

In the hospital:

Ft. Sanders: Louis Browning, Boots Shuman
Mercy West: Ira Floyd

Home from hospital:

Cindy Hollingsworth

Christian Sympathy to:

Hortense Pagni and family in the death of her brother, Tannis Vath, on Feb. 25.

Jane Martin and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Dwight Burke, on Feb. 26.

Our Presence

Sunday Morning Worship	699
Sunday School	485

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$31,882
Capital Campaign	\$200
Other Designations	\$2,910

Our Church Family

New Members - February 28

- **Jaelyn Carter** joined by Profession of Faith and baptism.
- **Corky Brooks** joined by transfer from Bearden UMC.
- **Steve and Sara Mundy and daughter, Julianne**, joined by transfer from Aldersgate UMC, Shelby, NC.

Infant Baptism - February 28

- **Wyatt Edward Skinner** is the son of Chris and Tiffany Skinner.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 7

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Charlotte Nall Eddins by Rachel Nall Cochran.
- **The Chapel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Boyd Dudley by his family.

Memorials in memory of

• Curtis Buchanan

Soup Kitchen: Dottie Winfrey

• Izzy Armbrister

Rejoice! TV Ministry: David & Sugar Adcock, Larry & Loretta Best; *Library Fund:* Barbara & Scott Collins; *Kay Center Scholarship Fund:* Verna McLain & Herman Sain, *Accessibility Fund:* Steve & Mary Ellis Richardson; *Soup Kitchen:* Dottie Winfrey

• Helen Faulkner

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Stephen Boyd

• Peg Jamison

Soup Kitchen: Dottie Winfrey, Jewell Pritchard, R. G. Pratt, Alice & Michael Megna, Ernestine & Fred Shaver, Vera & Richard Love, Walker Hunter & Associates, Inc., Fernando & Gail Angeletti, Jr., James & Mary Lou Clark, Philip & Nahida Jallouk, Sandy & Jack Morgan, Carolyn Johnston, A. T. Johnson Produce Co., Inc., Jason & Monica Johnson, Kathy Susan Johnson, Dorothy Wilkinson, Calvin Mathis & Debra Lavender, Robert & Stella DeBakker, Nancy Cleland, Janice & Hugh Hixson, Donald & Dolores Ham, A. B. Fuller, Fran & Greg Rooker; *Kay Center Scholarship Fund:* Verna McLain & Herman Sain

• Roland (Rolly) Jordan

Soup Kitchen: John & Patsy Ellis

• Mattie Sue Langford

Library Fund: Barbara & Scott Collins

• Virginia Neal

Memorial Fund: Hal & Jo Robinson

• Robert (Bob) Seigmann

Music Master Arts Fund: Ann Fendley, The Misty River Band & Sandra Reagan; *Youth Mission Trips:* Tom & Kathy Ehrnschwender

Honoraria

in honor of

• All Church Street Clergy

Pastors' Discretionary Fund: Rick & JoAnn Armbrister

• Marc Gamble

Youth Ministry Budget: Shirley Stanberry



Lectionary Readings

• March 7

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

• March 14

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-260
Associate Pastor	Jan Buxton-Wade-278
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Moody-263
Special Needs Pastor	Cabel Trent-264
Minister of Program	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Missions	Marc Gamble-287
Singles Ministry Director	Chuck Jones-298
Communications Director	Teresa Williams-299
Child Day Care Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Kay Center Director	Monica Casey-293
Kay Center	Kay Center Staff-289
Church Administrator	Charlotte LaFevor-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Food Services Director	Donna Robert-273
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary Emerita	Loretta Best-280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Secretary	Martha Greene-269
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Custodians	Kevin Compton, Johnny Cox, Laurie Grooms, Crystal Mills

Knoxville District Coordinator of Latino Ministries
Jeanet Berruecos Xicohtencatl-292

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After 3 short beeps, enter your phone number plus "#." Hang up. A pastor will call you.

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