

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

The Lamb of God

Rev. Chuck Starks

John 1:29-42

Wednesday, January 22

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Chuck Starks

Lunch in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm (\$8.00).

Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

Martin Luther King Day Holiday

Please note that Church offices will be closed on Monday, January 20 for the Martin Luther King Day holiday. If you are experiencing a pastoral emergency, please use the Pastor On-Call number to reach a clergy member: **865-320-9100**.

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

Celebrating Our Past, Discerning Our Future Feedback Session

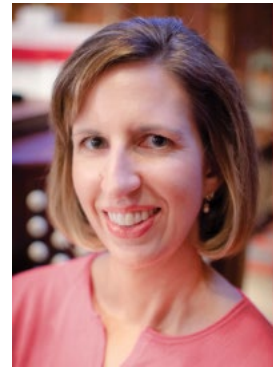
We will close out the first part of the "Celebrating Our Past, Discerning Our Future" process by providing an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the liaison team about the listening circles and feedback report.

In the spirit of **collaboration, transparency, and connection**, this session is open to all. The goals of this session are to provide a safe space for the congregation to comment on the feedback report given on January 11, to have a discussion about the first phase of this process, and to share the next step of this work. Please join us in Parish Hall on Sunday, January 26 at 9:40 am.

Master Arts Series Organ Recital Featuring

Eddie Johnson: January 28

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Louis Vierne (1870-1937), Church Street's own organist Dr. Eddie Johnson will present Vierne's *Sixième Symphonie pour Orgue, Op. 59*. Composed in 1930 while he was organist at Notre Dame Cathedral, this masterpiece was Vierne's last great contribution to organ literature. Works by earlier French composers that inspired Vierne will round out the program. Join us in the Nave on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30 pm. Sponsored by Susan and Tracy Thompson in memory of Susan's beloved mother, Mary Lee Hart.



Souper Bowl of Caring to Benefit Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op

On Sunday, February 2, Church Street will participate in tackling hunger: the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please join this effort to support our neighbors served at the Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op and bring the food items listed below or **gift cards to Kroger or Food City** that will help stock them throughout the year. This is a national effort to serve those facing hunger, with an immediate impact in our local community. Please share your donations in the Breezeway on **February 2** and give generously!

Most needed food items are Pasta, Coffee (not K-Cups), Crackers, Cereal.



DEADLINE JANUARY 22: Contribute to the 2020 Lenten Devotional

You are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation. Your 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 Barry Christmas at bearynoel@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, January 22.** Artwork submissions are encouraged as well, preferably in black and white as a PNG or JPG file.



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.

Calendar: January 19 - January 25

Worship

Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:00 am, WVLT-TV
Midweek Service & Lunch Resume
Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel
Lunch, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall (\$8)

Sunday School 9:40 AM

Singles & Fellowship

Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Singles Game Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124

Meetings & Ministry

Parish Health Team
Sunday, 12:15 pm, Chiles Room
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm-204
Food Service Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm,
Chiles Room
Education Committee
Wednesday, 6 pm, rm-201A
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Beacon of Hope

BOH Benevolence Team
Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC

Beacon of Hope

BOH Sharing Shop
Thursday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC

Children & Youth

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
NightLife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC
Youth Basketball
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym &
Monday, 6 pm, Gym
Wesley House Tutoring
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Offsite
Youth Band
Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Lower CLC
High School Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, 8 am, Offsite

Children & Youth

Resurrection
Friday through Sunday, Offsite

Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 pm, rm-306
Kinder Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-212
Primary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-304
Chorister Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-306
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm-303

Next Messenger

Please submit written articles and photos that you wish to be published in the next edition of *The Messenger* by Friday at noon to communications@churchstreetumc.org.

Sunday School News - Find Your Small Group Home!

+ **New Class Forming:** A new intergenerational Sunday School Class is forming. The first meeting will be January 19 in the Chiles Room located at the stage end of the Parish Hall. The class will review and discuss videos. The first video we will study is *Forgiveness*. It centers on finding peace through letting go and is led by Adam Hamilton. The class will view one section per Sunday, discussing how it relates to our own personal lives. All are welcome.

+ **Open Door:** Rev. Palmer Cantler will speak on January 19 on the topic "What I Wish I Had Learned in Seminary."

+ **Parables:** This class (Room 118) is noted for its diversity, both in membership and in topics of study. While most members are couples in their 50s to 70s, the class also has members who are single, younger and older. Lesson topics range from traditional Bible study to current issues, both sacred and secular. Upcoming topics include:

January 19 & 26: Prophecy | February 2 & 9: Parables of Jesus | February 16 & 23: Church History

+ **Friends In Christ:** On January 19, Friends in Christ (Room 202) will begin a five-week titled "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. Taught by Rev. Rick Isbell, the study will look at some of the parables told by Jesus. All are invited to attend.

**1/19: Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son(s) | 1/26: The Pearl of Great Price
2/2: The Good Samaritan | 2/16: The Mustard Seed | 2/23: The Laborers in the Vineyard**

Young Adults Book Club

Crafted for adults in their 20s and 30s, this book club will dive in and discuss the winter selection, *Searching for Sunday*, by Rachel Held Evans. The series will last approximately six weeks **beginning February 13**, and the group will convene at Schulz Bräu Brewing Company. If interested, or if you know someone interested, please contact host Rev. Palmer Cantler, at 521-0298 or pcantler@churchstreetumc.org. Participants are responsible for their own books.



YOUNG
ADULTS
BOOK
CLUB

Year-Long Bible Challenge

Chapter Readings, January 20-26:

January 20: Exodus 7-9
January 21: Exodus 10-12
January 22: Exodus 13-15
January 23: Exodus 16-18
January 24: Exodus 19-21
January 25: Exodus 22-24
January 26: Exodus 25-27

CLERGY CONNECTION

Together, let's think about ... *Resurrection*

As a teenager, I always looked forward to the annual youth gathering called Resurrection. On a Friday afternoon each January, the entire youth group would pile into cars and church vans and head toward Gatlinburg. It was a weekend of faith, fun, and relationship-building as a youth group. Each year, the speaker would lead us in worship and challenge the gathered youth to examine our relationships with Christ.

It was at Resurrection in 2006 that I dedicated my life to Christ and the following year that I began to explore my call to ministry. Resurrection has been a place for youth to experience God on a spiritual mountain top for decades. Many of the young leaders



and clergy in Holston Conference have been shaped by Resurrection in some way.

Next weekend, our own Church Street youth will be making their own journey to Resurrection. This can be a weekend of spiritual significance and will be a time of worship with thousands of other youth.

In spending any time at all with our youth, it is evident how smart, talented, articulate, and reverent they are.

Church Street youth are more than just the future of our church: they are serving as great leaders in the present.

As their church family, it is our responsibility

to pray for and support them spiritually. Pray that our youth find God in their worship sessions, small group discussions, and fellowship time with one another. Let us also pray for their leaders, their parents and their chaperones who work day in and day out to support their growth and will continue to uplift them at Resurrection this year. May we surround our youth with prayer during their retreat next weekend.

— Rev. Cantler



Church Street will provide a comprehensive workshop for caregivers of loved ones with dementia on **February 15, 2020** in Parish Hall. We will cover the science of the aging brain and dementia, the legal considerations when the diagnosis is dementia, and caregiving from a spiritual lens.

Throughout the day, participants will have the opportunity to visit a number of resource tables from local organizations who work in this field and will be invited to ask questions of a panel of experts at the end of the day. Contact Rev. Dawn Chesser for more info: dchesser@churchstreetumc.org.

A boxed lunch is included in the cost (\$12). Please reserve your space online at ChurchStreetUMC.org, scanning the QR code above or by calling the office.

Celebrating Our Great 90s!

Many of our members who were in their 90s died in 2019. Please name them in your prayers this week, thank God for their faithfulness, and remember the loved ones they left behind. They are enjoying the reward of the faithful!

Mary Nell Baker
Zurma Caldwell
Winky Clark
Sue Cox

Evelyn Davis
Lloyd Davis
Ann Exum
Bob Goff
James Lees

Jacob Ray Martin
Madge Neblett
Marylett Robinson
Jantina Tallman

Soles4Souls Report

Nancy Carmon (pictured, right) just returned from a trip with Soles4Souls to the Dominican Republic where the group distributed more than 200 pairs of new shoes to children. These shoes were donated by shoe manufacturers in the United States. The used shoes you have donated provide a life-changing solution: a good pair of shoes.



They provide individuals in developing countries the ability to start small businesses. They sell these shoes. Your donated shoes give a powerful and sustainable way for people to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

In many developing nations, walking is the primary mode of transportation. Every day, millions are exposed to unsanitary conditions that lead to diseases. This keeps children out of school leaving them without an education and continuing the cycle of poverty. Since 2006, S4S has kept 51 million pounds of shoes and clothing out of landfills and instead created opportunities for people in need around the globe.

Thank you, Church Street family, for your donations of used shoes!

Our Prayers

In the Hospital:

Dorothy Swearingen: Tennova Turkey Creek

Home from the Hospital:

Susan Fowlkes: NHC Farragut
Sherrie Russell
Jim Reego
Larry Best

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

The family & friends of Shirley Kanipes, who died January 11.

The family & friends of Howard Herndon, who died January 13.

Our Presence: January 12

Sunday School 367
Sunday Worship 655

Our Gifts: January 12

Operating Budget \$33,222.61
Building Fund \$490.00
Other \$2,499.00

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE (as of 1/9/20)

2020 Pledges 284
123 Increased Pledges

2020 Pledge Budget \$1,750,000
Current Amount Pledges \$1,582,862
Shortfall \$167,138

If you have not made your commitment for 2020, please do so NOW! You may complete a pledge card, make a pledge online via our website or simply contact Kate at 865-521-0268 or kspencer@churchstreetumc.org.

Thank you for your generous gifts to Church Street UMC!



Give Plus App

It's easier than ever to tithe and give to Church Street. In three steps, you can download, set up, and give directly from a secure mobile giving app. Please search for the GivePlus app in your App Store or Google Play, select Church Street UMC, and begin your donation.

Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Shirley Kanipes

Joined: 12/3/2006 Died: 1/11/2020

Howard Herndon

Joined: 12/25/1949 Died: 1/13/2020

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Tom & Velma Howell**
Memorial Fund: Angela & Scott Chramer
- **Dr. Lynne Taylor**
Building Fund: Bill & Alicia Weeks
- **Carol Reeder McNish**
Building Fund: Paul & Susie Siler, Janie Dempster
- **Sue Cox**
Building Fund: Mary Ann Gibson, Claire Shepherd, David & Nancy Goodson



Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Rachel Moncier by Herbert, Adam and Nicholas.

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 19

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Contact Us

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