

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, September 22

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

*What Will We Do With Blessings?*

Rev. Chuck Starks

Luke 16:1-13

### Wednesday, September 25

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Dawn Chesser

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

Reservations may be made by calling

524-3048

#### Advent Devotional Writers Needed

The Advent Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation, is to be used as inspiration during this joyous time of the year. Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to the season. Reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to you and share your love, hope and faith with others. These inspirational booklets are provided to our congregation and homebound members, and are offered to viewers of *Rejoice!*

The booklet features devotions for every day through Christmas. Your devotion should include: title, scripture verse with reference, a devotion text of 250 words or less, and a closing prayer. Submit no later than **Wednesday, October 16** to Barry Christmas at [bearynoel@gmail.com](mailto:bearynoel@gmail.com).

## HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

### Christian Education Sunday, September 22

Sunday School teachers and teachers in our community are invited to these special worship services honoring our educators, this Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am in the Nave. We will have special liturgy during the service and recognize all Sunday School and community educators. Please join us!

### Fall Break Youth Mission Blitz, October 10-11

Please mark your calendars for a youth Fall Break Mission Blitz on Thursday, October 10 and Friday, October 11. Youth and their adult volunteer supporters will take on three projects over these two days:

1. On Thursday and Friday from 8 am - 12 pm, we will be at **Wesley House Community Center** to help the Wesley House kids make laundry detergent, blessing bags, and hygiene kits for neighbors in need.
2. On Thursday and Friday from 12 pm - 5 pm, we will be at **Beacon of Hope** at Vestal UMC to help them transition their clothing offerings from summer to fall.
3. On Thursday and Friday, from 8 am - 5 pm, we will be working to **finish a deck** for our neighbors. Construction expertise/experience is needed from our adult volunteers for this project.

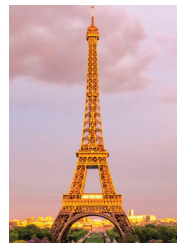
Lunch will be provided at each location. If you are able to help our youth at one or more of these projects as an adult volunteer, please contact Jenny Cross at [jcross@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jcross@churchstreetumc.org) or 521-0287.

### Donate Whipped Topping Tubs to BOH

Donate your empty tubs of whipped topping to be used for detergent for our Beacon of Hope guests. Deliver to the Sharing Shop containers outside Room 118. Thank you!

### Music of Europe Tour 2020 - Almost Full!

Reserve your spot today for the trip of a lifetime. Explore the Music of Europe, led by Tim Ward and Jeff Davis of TourPros, Knoxville. Destinations include Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Munich and Paris. Experience the culture and hear classical music performances in each city, including *Rigoletto* by the Paris National Opera. Call Tim Ward at 865-521-0276 for pricing and more information.



### Master Arts Series: Choral Evensong on Sunday, September 29, 4 pm

Join the Church Street Parish Adult Choir, Parish Youth Choir and Chorister Choir for a contemplative service in the Nave at 4 pm on September 29. A reception will follow in Parish Hall. All are welcome!



## Calendar: September 22 - September 28

### Worship

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

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Singles & Fellowship

Bridge Group  
Monday, 6 pm, rm-201C  
Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, rm-204  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Singles Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Offsite

### Music

Parish Youth Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm-306  
Primary Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-304  
Chorister Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-306  
Kinder Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-212  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm-303  
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-306

### Meetings & Ministry

Hospitality Team  
Sunday, 12:15 pm, CLC-123  
Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm-204  
Open Gym  
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym

### Meetings & Ministry

Sharing Shop  
Monday, 12 pm, CLC-126  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, Office  
Sharing Shop  
Monday, 12 pm, CLC-126  
Church Council  
Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Chapel  
Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, 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  
BOH Food Co-Op  
Thursday, 9:30 am, Vestal UMC

### UMW

Service Circle  
Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC-122

### Children & Youth

NightLife  
Sunday, 5:15 pm,  
CLC Lower Level  
Wesley House Tutoring  
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Wesley House  
Youth Band  
Wednesday, 6:15 pm,  
CLC Lower Level  
High School Prayer Breakfast  
Thursday, 8 am, Offsite

### Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles and photos that you wish to be published in the next edition of *The Messenger* by **Fridays at noon to:**  
[communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org)

### Upcoming Singles Events

**9/27:** Fourth Friday Game Night  
(6:30 pm, CLC)  
**9/28:** Road Trip to Brushy Mountain Maximum Security Prison  
(meet at 9 am at Church)  
**Line Dancing:** Every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Gym

**Yoga:** Resumes on Monday, 9/23, at 7 pm in Room 204.  
**Bridge Group:** Every Monday at 6 pm in Room 201-C.  
*For more info or to reserve your spot at these events, call the Church Office: 524-3048.*



### Donate Food for National Hunger Month

Food insecurity and the childhood hunger epidemic are global issues, and the U.S. and communities here in Knoxville are not immune. Lack of access to nutritionally-rich foods can carry long-term impact.

Please bring the following items on **September 29:**

\*Cereal  
\*Granola Bars  
\*Pasta  
\*Pasta Sauce  
\*Condiments



### Falling in Every Direction: Gravity and Grace, Women's One-Day Retreat

Somewhere around mid-life, gravity sets in. That mountain we've worked so hard to climb begins to crumble. We thought that we would have reached the summit by now, or at least an overlook on the way, where we would have a clearer view of the horizon, an assurance that we had risen above early-adult mix of over-confidence and confusion. We've learned how to perform pretty well. We've invested ourselves with achievement, acquisition of relationships and possessions and activities. We've been busy, and we have photos and resumés to prove it. We're also tired, bored sometimes, despairing over our aches and pains or the loss of friends and loved ones who sheltered us earlier in our lives. We keep bumping into our limitations and our same-old mistakes. We wonder just where the next leg of our journey will take us. Where is God in this? Before, behind, above, beneath, within, without us. Tugging at us like gravity, teaching us how to fall into the freedom of grace.

You're invited to attend a Day Apart on Friday, 10/11, 9:30-2:30 at CSUMC, where Rev. Claire Keene will lead us in exploring the spiritual gifts of living "over the hill." Cost is \$30 for materials and lunch. Space is limited. Call the front office at 524-3048 to make your reservation. Scholarships are available.

## "I Love This Church"

A variety of persons in a variety of settings have shared these words with me since I've been at Church Street. I have never doubted the sincerity of any person as they speak these words, and they have been delivered from places of great passion for this community and ministries. I gladly stand in agreement with all who make this statement, for I too love this church!

Let me introduce you to two couples who have most recently and emphatically said, "I Love This Church." Bill Barkley and Pat Rule and Neil and Katie Heatherly are two couples who will co-chair our Stewardship Emphasis for our Operating Budget. The degree to which we underwrite the daily operations of Church Street speaks directly to the strength of our commitment to this great church and its mission for Christ.

Bill and Pat have been part of the vibrant life of this congregation for many years, working hard every week to make our youth program grow, among their other important efforts.



Neil and Katie Heatherly have been at Church Street for a few years, but they also have embraced this congregation as through our choir and Missions team and as leaders among our families with young children. Both couples swim in the deep end! They are fully committed to loving and supporting this congregation with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness, and I know they

will deliver our Stewardship Emphasis of **Behold & Be Bold!** with the love and care needed to support this holy place.

Our mission is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Worship of God and ministries with children, youth, young adults and older adults are foundational to this mission. Bible study, prayer, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, being a friend to the friendless are foundational to this mission. Care of these facilities where much of the disciple-making occurs is foundational to this mission, as it is the starting gate for being sent into the world each week.

Let us all **Behold & Be Bold!** as we say by our words, support and actions, "I love this church." God bless you!

— Chuck

### Mark Your Calendar: Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat is Sunday, October 27.

Join Children's Ministries and Adult Council for the following activities:

- potluck dinner from 5:00-5:30 pm
- trunk-or-treating from 5:30-6:00 pm,
- a 30-minute movie, *Toy Story Terror*, at 6 pm.

Let's pack our Magnolia parking lot with 30 cars so kids may trunk-or-treat! If you want to provide your trunk, we invite you to decorate it any way you wish; please plan to provide candy for about 200 kids. We will have a car decorating contest, with 3 groups of judges, so bring your most creative spirit to the evening! Contact Katryn Bancroft by Sunday, October 20, if you would like to provide a trunk for the festivities.

**CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**TRUNK OR TREAT AT CHURCH STREET**

Join Church Street for car decorating contests, games, a potluck dinner, and more activities for the whole family!

**Sunday, October 27**  
**Beginning at 5:00 PM**

Contact Children's Director Katryn Bancroft with questions:  
[kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org)



### Parking Reminder

Your CSUMC parking decal allows you to park in our parking lots for worship and church business. Please do not park in our lots for work or school. Since UT leases our large lots during the week for commuters, our Magnolia and Hill Avenue Upper lots are for staff and those attending worship or meetings.

## Our Prayers

### *In the hospital*

Shirley Kanipes: Tennova Turkey Creek  
Shirley Stanberry: Ft. Sanders

### *Home from the hospital*

Rev. Larry Best  
Susan Olfe

### *Christian love and sympathy to:*

The family of Betty Pryor, mother of Wanda Craig, who died September 15.

### **Our Presence: September 15**

Sunday School 241  
Sunday Worship 520

### **Our Gifts: September 8**

Operating Budget \$36,604.68  
Building Fund \$760.00  
Hunger Helper \$418.45  
Other \$16,874.85

### **Our Gifts: September 15**

Operating Budget \$25,325.79  
Building Fund \$475.00  
Other \$17,675.71

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 8/31/2019

Look for this information each month in the *Messenger* to stay updated on our financials.

### Expected Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,334,266

### Received Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,266,578

Shortfall \$67,688

### 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.

**GIVE  
PLUS<sup>+</sup>**

## Our Church Family

### *New Member*

**Peggy Zbinden** was received by transfer from Trinity United Methodist Church, Yorkville, IL.

## Memorials

*In memory of:*

- **Michael Ford**  
*UMCOR:* Janice Hixson
- **Eva Payne**  
*UMCOR:* Janice Hixson
- **Ron Kyle**  
*Capital Campaign:* Rev. Larry & Loretta Best
- **Jeannine Chapman**  
*Capital Campaign:* Rev. Larry & Loretta Best, Ann Warwick

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Amos 8:4-7  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

You are invited to join the Pastor's Bible Study to follow the lectionary, each Wednesday at 7 pm, rm-204.

## Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given from the wedding of Keller Poore and Anthony Cosimano in honor of Bobbie Carder and JoAnn and Wendell Mohr. They are also given in loving memory of Charlie Poore, Sam Carder, Joseph and Evelyn Poore, Dr. Salvadore J. and Alice Cosimano and Deborah Mohr.

## Contact Us

**Church Office** (865) 524-3048

Hours: Mon.– Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**Pastor On-Call Number** (865) 320-9100

For emergencies, call the On-Call Number and the pastor on call will answer or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

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