



SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL EDITION

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 22

First Sunday After Pentecost
Heritage & Friends Day

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Rev. Dr. James R. Bailes

I Have Called You Friends

John 15:12-17

Wednesday, May 25

Midweek Communion Service

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Jan Wade

Lunch will be served afterwards in Parish Hall. Call 524-3048 to make a meal reservation.

Thursday, May 26

Recovery Downtown

6:30 PM - Chapel

Rev. Tim Kobler

General Conference



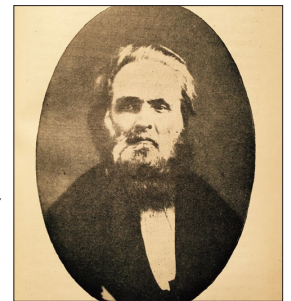
Rev. Graves continues to serve as a delegate to General Conference through May 20 in Portland. Please continue lifting Rev. Graves up in prayer along with the Holston Conference delegation. Watch live streaming at www.gc2016.umc.org (note all times are Pacific Standard Time).

200 Years
CELEBRATION
1816-2016

Heritage and Friends Day: May 22

Educate: Did you know that Church Street UMC is the oldest Methodist church in Knoxville? In May 1816, Tennessee Supreme Court Judge, banker, and U.S. Senator Hugh Lawson White executed the deed donating land for the first Methodist church, called "White's Chapel". By 1834 the congregation had moved to a site on Church Street, thus the origin of the church's name. The history of CSUMC is rich and faithful. You can learn more about the history of the church at:

www.churchstreet200th.wordpress.com.



Isaac Lewis, first pastor of CSUMC.

Celebrate: As a celebration of CSUMC's 200th birthday we are throwing a party! Join the Heritage and Friends Day celebration and invite others to join you on Sunday, May 22 for worship and brunch:

Worship

8:30 & 11:00 am

Featuring former CSUMC associate pastor Rev. Jim Bailes preaching

Friends Day Tablescape Brunch

9:00-11:00 am, Gym (In between worship services)

Fellowship over brunch delights, coffee, tea & juice

Free brunch. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend! No need to RSVP.

Hosted by Sunday School Classes, Parish Adult Choir and the 200th Anniversary Committee

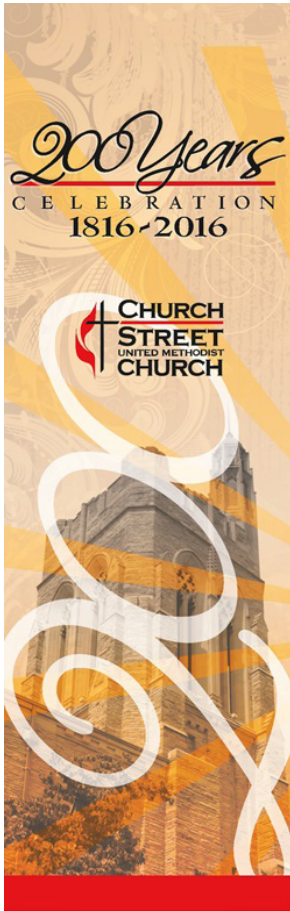
Demonstrate Christ's Love: We invite you to demonstrate Christ's love by sharing hospitality and inviting a friend to join you for worship and brunch. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to experience Church Street UMC and help us celebrate on May 22. This is an opportunity for others to become familiar with our church, church family and celebrate how God continues to move through CSUMC.

Celebrate Through Music: Parish Adult and Youth Choirs

Blessed Be the God and Father, by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, will be the anthem for our bicentennial celebration. A musical setting of scripture in 1 Peter, reminds us of God's mercy and the Resurrection; admonished to "love one another with a pure heart fervently;" and assured that God's word "endureth forever" - truths that have served Church Street for 200 years and will guide us into the future.

Reflections: A Matter of Perspective

Suzanne Matheny



When I was younger and sometimes commented on my age with, "I'm getting old," my mother would reply, with a twinkle in her eye, "that sounds young to me." A matter of perspective.

Church Street is the oldest Methodist church in Knoxville; but is Church Street old or young? In our country, two hundred years sounds old; but someone in another part of the world might say it sounds young. Again, a matter of perspective. Young or old, a bicentennial is definitely a milestone to be understood and celebrated. Knowing and appreciating our church's history is important.

Thank you to Dwight Wade who is helping us learn and understand our history through his extensive research of Church Street. He is sharing the stories online at www.churchstreet200th.wordpress.com. Reading about the history of our church is worth your time.

And, what a joyful celebration we had several weeks ago with the potluck supper and our attempts at line dancing! This coming Sunday, Heritage & Friends Day, is yet another opportunity for celebration, details of which are mentioned elsewhere in this Messenger; but especially on this day, we celebrate the May 1816 start of Church Street and have a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to worship and fellowship with us. Let's make this day even more memorable than the line dancing! Help us fill the pews at both services and invite your guests to enjoy the Friends Day Brunch between services.

As we learn the history and celebrate, the question remains, is Church Street old or young? Yes, old enough to have a history; old enough to have reason to celebrate, including two centuries of "demonstrating Christ's love." At the same time, might two hundred years not also be considered young from the perspective of looking into the future? Barna Gibson, 200th anniversary co-chair, has said:

The celebration of our two hundred year history reminds us to look forward and backward. Our look back...gives us courage and hope for the next two hundred years. We can learn a lot from the past but its most important function is to lead us into the future.

I love the history and the celebration while also choosing to think of us as young. Church Street's life is in front of us, and in the words of Pope Francis,* "Jesus keeps telling his disciples (us) to go out...without fear, without hesitation. Go out and proclaim this joy which is for all people." Church Street is young with a divine mission and a bright future. It's a matter of perspective, commitment and God's grace. Let's begin this new era by inviting a guest to visit and worship with us this Sunday.

** Excerpt from Pope Francis' homily, Madison Square Garden, September, 2015*

Jim Bailes Returns

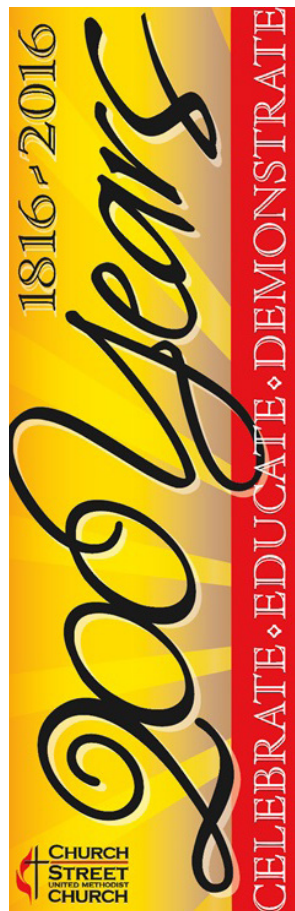


Preaching in worship on Heritage and Friends Sunday is the Rev. Dr. James R. Bailes (Jim), who recently retired from pastoral ministry after more than 40 years serving in the Holston Conference, including as associate pastor at CSUMC during his early ministry. While at CSUMC, Jim significantly contributed to the church's expansion of urban ministries. He recalls his Church Street tenure as "mutually transforming" and a time of personal renewal.

Jim remembered that Church Street, while known for so many things, also became known as a place where urban folks were were not ministered "to" and "for" but "with". An urban ministry that has continue to expand since his years serving CSUMC.

Jim was honored with the Denman Evangelism Award from the Holston Conference in 1991, and is well known for his passion for urban ministry. He was recently been named president of Disciple Bible Study Outreach Ministries of Tennessee. He and his wife, Diane Smelser Bailes, have a daughter and granddaughter.

Welcome home, Jim and Diane!



Celebration Banners

It's a year of celebrations! The city of Knoxville will celebrate 225 years this year and Church Street UMC is celebrating its bicentennial. Be on the lookout for banners celebrating Church Street UMC's 200 years around the church. Thanks to CSUMC member, Chad Young for the unique banner design. (Banners pictured on page two and left.)

Thank you: Company's Coming Clean Up Days

More than 100 volunteers of all ages rolled up their sleeves, cleaned the church from high to low. The day wasn't just filled with work. Volunteers shared fun, fellowship and demonstrated their stewardship.

The woodwork sparkles, furniture is dusted, the air is fresher, closets are organized and a truckload of items was donated to KARM. The church is clean and we're ready to welcome our friends, neighbors and all of Knoxville to help us celebrate 200 years of Church Street UMC!

Thank you to all the volunteers for their time, elbow grease and, most of all, for their love and commitment to Church Street UMC. A special thanks to Clean Up Days organizers: Mary Ann Gibson, Jo Terry and Charlotte La Fevor.

(Pictured right: Frank Word and Mary Ann Gibson.)



CSUMC Calendar: May 22-28

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT
Midweek Communion
Wed., noon, Chapel
Recovery Downtown
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Chapel

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Friends Day Tablescapes Brunch
Sunday, 9 am, Gym
Jesus in the Gym
Monday, 6 pm, Gym
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
WNAF
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 9:30 pm, Parish Hall

Singles

Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Singles Council
Monday, 6 pm, Chiles Room
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 7 pm, Gym

Youth

End of Year Party
Sunday, 5 pm, Off Site

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 6 pm, 202

Music

Youth Choir
Wednesday & Thursday,
6:00 pm, 306

Lectionary

READINGS

May 22
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Meetings & Ministry

Hunger Helper Market & 200th Anniversary Items
Sunday, 8 am, Breezeway
Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Sunday, 12:45 pm, Parlor
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Sharing Shop
Monday, noon, CLC 18
Capstone Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, 201-A
Records & History Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, 201-C
Preschool Board Meeting,
Tuesday, 5:30 pm, 202
Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC-120
Building Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, 201-A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Childcare Leaders Networking
Friday, 9 am, CLC-120

May 15
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

Sunday, May 22:

Annual Conference
Offering for Children in
Poverty

Mission Project: School Kits

Remember to bring your mission project school kits for Zimbabwe on Sunday, May 22 to the breezeway.

Requested items for each school kit:

- 1 large backpack
- 3 packs wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 compass/protractor set
- 1 small, solar-powered calculator
- 1 (12 inch) ruler
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 (10-12 pack) of black or blue pens
- 1 (10-12 pack) of pencils
- 1 small English dictionary
- 1 box of Crayola crayons (24 count preferred)

\$5 donation for packing and shipping. Please tape an envelope with the cash to the outside of the backpack (do not put the money inside).

Stewardship

We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Our Prayers

In the hospital:

UT: Jennie Poynter,
Fort Sanders: Brad Thompson

Home from the hospital:

Edward Basham, Bob Harrison,
Kathryn Freeman

Our Presence

May 15

Sunday Worship	583
Sunday School	323

Our Gifts

May 8

Received toward budget	\$39,818.06
Capital Campaign	\$1,620.27
Hunger Helper	\$269.00
Other	\$3,431.00

Our Church Family

Birth:

Gray Allen Pattillo, son of Brittany Bemis & Matt Pattillo, was born on April 19.

In Christian Sympathy to:

Allison Rosenberg on the death of her grandmother, Elizabeth Smith, on May 11.

New member:

Nick McDonough joined by transfer of membership from Central UMC at the 8:30 am service.

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers

May 22: Given in loving memory of Dr. Lucian Trent by his family

Memorials

In Memory of:

Brian Trammell

-Memorial Gardens:

Shawn & Chuck Cape
Annice Hix

-Benevolence Fund:

Natasha Metcalf
The Key West Tennis Ladies

Robinson (Bob) Myers:

-Capital Campaign:

Larry & Loretta Best

Andrew Freeman:

-Music Fund:

Fay Adams

Jones:

-Prayer Room:

Pate Family

WNAF Luncheon

Learn more about the ways Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) serve as bright spots in our legal system. Britney Sink, Executive Director of CASA, will be our guest speaker for the WNAF luncheon on May 25. Make your reservations by calling the church office no later than Monday, May 23.

BEACON of hope

Beacon of Hope (BOH) needs lunchtime meals for its new Getting Ahead class, held on Mondays and Wednesdays starting May 23. You may prepare the meal and bring it to Vestal or make monetary donation and BOH will buy the food. BOH is also grateful for nursery volunteers during the class. Call 599-5047 for details.

DRIVERS wanted

Golf carts make it easier to navigate on Sunday mornings. Drivers are needed for this ministry. There is an immediate need for volunteers from 10:00 am to noon. Interested? You must be at least 25 years old, fill out simple paper work and take a drive around the parking lot with an existing driver. Contact Rick Isbell for more information at 521-0266.

Contact Us

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Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Fax number (865) 521-0288
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.

On the Web:

www.churchstreetumc.org
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Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	David Graves-260
Associate Pastor	Matt Hampton-279
Associate Pastor	Barbara Clark-263
Associate Pastor	Nicole Krewson-298
Minister of Spiritual Enrichment	Jan Wade-264
Minister of Discipleship	Rick Isbell-266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	Katryn McKinney-282
Child Care Coordinator	Sarah Burtch-290
Youth/College Ministries	Jenny Cross-287
Preschool Director	Beth Libby-524-3511
Church Administrator	Kate Spencer-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Communications Director	Caroline Lamar-299
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Ministers' Secretary	Emerita Loretta Best-280
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Food Services	Mike Weatherly-273
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Maintenance	Keith Bailey
Head Custodian	-274
Custodians:	Jeffery Rose, Jacob Lively Gerald Ferguson, Lee West, Ruth Dalton

Beacon of Hope Dona McConnell 599-5047

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Save the Dates:
August 19-20

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