



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

Worship Times

8:30 & 11 AM – Nave

Matthew 21:23-32

Choices

Rev. Chuck Starks

Wednesday, September 27

Midweek Communion Service

Noon - Chapel

Rev. Barbara Clark

Lunch will be served following the service in Room 118.

Lunch is \$7 and includes salad and dessert.

For lunch reservations,
call 524-3048 or email

reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

Praying Our Way Forward

By Rev. Barbara Clark

This week the Holston Conference focuses on praying for the Commission for the Way Forward as part of a 75-week prayer emphasis of The United Methodist Church.

Holy God, Your Church seeks to grow into the likeness of Christ. Transform our hearts and minds that we may be a light in your world.

Use our gifts, our minds, our resources to further the work of your Kingdom. Transform our hearts and minds that we may be peacemakers in your world.

As Jesus' eyes took notice of the woman with the widow's mite,
Open our eyes to see the value of others.

As Jesus' hands touched the sick and forgotten,
Use our hands to build communities that bring healing.

As Jesus' voice spoke affirmation to the woman at the well,
Use our voices to speak words of justice and reconciliation.

As Jesus' feet walked countless miles with his disciples,
Use our feet to travel the distance to find and retrieve the lost.

As Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
Nurture us towards growth in mind and spirit.

As Jesus' body was broken to bring wholeness to Creation,
Use the Church's brokenness to create a compassionate community.

As people scattered throughout your world, searching for a true sense of family,
Send forth your love, that we might find our home in you.

As we seek to grow into the likeness of Christ,
Transform our hearts and minds to be transformative in your world.

For the sake of Christ and his Church, we pray. Amen.

Your Gifts

Thank you for your generosity in response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We continue to pray for those impacted by natural disasters around the world. You may still give to support the work of UMCOR.



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD



We are One in Christ

UMCprays.org • A UMC Prayer Community
Holston.org/prayforward

God is still showing up and looking for us.
God is still teaching us how to be his people.
God still wants his people to be free from the illusion that there isn't enough to go around. God still wants us to know that generosity and grace is all around us. God wants us to help with the work of the kingdom. It's never too late to share in that work. God is still wanting us to help share the grace and generosity that we've been shown.



-REV. NICOLE
KREWSON

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What is your vision for Church Street?

Rick's Picks for Fall

By Rev. Rick Isbell

If your adult class is looking for a study series between now and Advent, here are some that are available and I would recommend your class considering. Details about each study can be found at www.cokesbury.com. Please let me know if you have questions or would like to order a study. Contact me at 521-0266 or risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

- *Renovate: Building Your Life with God* by Jacob Armstrong, student book, DVD with leader's guide.
- *Grounded in Prayer* by Jim & Jennifer Cowart, Matthew Hartsfield and Jorge Acevedo. Participant & Leader's books and set of DVD's. Study is based on the Lord's Prayer.
- *Fear of the Other* by William Willimon. Student book plus downloadable discussion guide. Study helps us learn to love those different than us or those with whom we disagree.
- *Fail: What To Do When Things Go Wrong* by Matt Miofsky. Student book, Leader Guide and DVD.
- *Happy: What It Is & How To Find It* by Matt Miofsky. Student book, Leader Guide and DVD.
- *Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado. Participant book, Study Guide with DVD.
- *Moses: In the Footsteps of A Reluctant Prophet* by Adam Hamilton. Participant book, Leader Guide with DVD.
- *Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way* by Elaine Heath. Student book, Leader's Guide and DVD.



World Communion Sunday

On Sunday we will participate in World Communion Sunday where Christian churches around the world share in communion. We will also take a special World Communion Sunday offering that funds scholarships for young adults to become leaders in the United States and abroad through The United Methodist Church. Learn more at www.umcsgiving.org/wcs.

Calendar: October 1-7

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WWLT-TV)
Sunday, 2 pm, MyVLT
Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel

Sunday School 9:40 AM

Personal & Spiritual Growth
Church Leadership Class
Sunday, 9:40 am, Parish Hall
Wender Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Creed Study
Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 201A
Men of God
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 201A
Wednesday Prayer Group
Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 202

Meetings & Ministry

Stewardship Draft Dinner
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall
Sharing Shop
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 126
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 126
Congregational Care Committee
Tuesday, 6pm, rm 201A
Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 202
Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday, 12:30 pm, rm 118
Lay Leadership Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

UMW

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204
Mildred Weeks Circle #9
Thursday, 6:30 pm, offsite
Lydia Circle
Friday, 12 pm, rm 119

Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306
Kinder Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Chorister Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
Primary Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Parish Adult Choir
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Youth

NightLife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, CLC Lower Level
Youth Band
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC11

Beacon of Hope

Benevolence Team
Tuesday, 12 pm, VUMC
Food Co-Op
Thursday, 9 am, VUMC

Singles

Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C
Fun Nights Dance
Friday, 7pm, gym

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Lectionary

READINGS

October 1
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 2-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Pastoral Update

By Rev. Nicole Krewson

I want to take the opportunity in *The Messenger* to let the congregation know that I am now serving part-time in my role at Church Street. Following the death of my mother-in-law, Joanne, my husband John and I have had to take a much more "hands on" role in caring for his father. It is best for us in this season of our lives that I scale back on work a bit in order for us to be able to care for our family's needs. I will retain my leadership role with Stephen Ministry and I will also maintain my current role in Sunday worship, worship planning, will still preach quarterly, and will maintain my hospital and on-call duties. I will not be present as much on site during weekdays, but please call or e-mail if you need to get a hold of me. John and I appreciate all the love and support we have received from our church family this past year and we appreciate your continued support.

Serving Everyone in Christ

By Ian Hennessey

This season, as a congregation we focus on "serving everyone in Christ" – or "S.E.C.!" When I hear "S.E.C.," I typically think of football. Among the many maxims football coaches often share with their players is the concept of being "all in." To be "all in" means that you are singularly focused and devoted to the team and its goals on the playing field. In an infinitely greater and eternal sense, Christ invites us to be "all in" with Him to share in His divine life. Every time we gather for communion, we reaffirm that we are "all in" when we boldly proclaim: "and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again." Christ is "all in" for us in His life, death and resurrection. So too must we be, as we serve everyone in Christ! Our stewardship is but a portion of the sacrifice we are called to make to Christ. But it is an important one nonetheless. As St. Teresa of Avila says,



*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.*

Together, we are Christ's body indeed. So, my sisters and brothers, what sacrifice do you make? Are you all in? Are you S.E.C?

Blessing of the Animals

All animals are invited to be part of Church Street's Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. Humans are welcome too! Join us for this unique service of worship where we thank God for our furry, fuzzy, feathered and/or scaly friends. (Pets should be on a leash or in a cage if appropriate.) We will celebrate our pets and continue the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and his great love for all God's creatures.



NEWSONG concert

The Church Street Parish Adult Choir will present a concert of sacred music on the NewSong Concert Series at First UMC, Oak Ridge on Monday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. All are invited. The concert is in conjunction with the Knoxville Area American of Organists.

BIBLICAL lectures

Join us for the Strawn Biblical Lectures on October 21-22. The Rev. Dr. Brent Strawn, Professor of Old Testament and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Candler School of Theology, Emory University will be our guest lecturer. Strawn's Books will be on sale for \$15 beginning October 1 in the breezeway on Sunday mornings. The lectures will focus on "The Old Testament Is Dying: A Diagnosis & Recommended Treatment." Come hear this intriguing series of lectures. Lectures on October 21 will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lectures on October 22 will begin during Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. with a final session from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (All in Parish Hall.)

PASTOR'S study

A new Pastor's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, October 4 led by senior pastor Chuck Starks. The study will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m in room 202 through November 15. The study will go deeper into the scripture for the next week's sermon. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S study

A new 6-week women's study focused on the "I Am" statements of Jesus will begin Wednesday, October 4 and conclude on November 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 201A. (No meeting on Oct. 11.) The cost of the workbook is \$15. Childcare is provided. Please contact Juanita Cowles at 865-712-3262 or Juanita.cowles@att.net for information and to sign up.

Our Prayers

Parkwest: Bernard Hall
Fort Sanders: Alvis (Junior) Lively
Home from the Hospital: Paul Watkins, Jenny Cross and baby Cooper

Christian Sympathy

• To Blake Thatcher on the death of his father, Jimmy Ray Thatcher, who died on September 24.

Our Presence September 30

Sunday Worship	808
Sunday School	420

Our Gifts September 17

Received Toward Budget	\$24,701.34
Capital Campaign	\$29,085.00
Other	\$8,494.00

Have you remembered Church Street in your will?

Altar Flowers

October 1

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Margaret Anne and Larry E. Nicholson by their family.

Our Church Family



Births:

Jordan "Cooper" Cross was born on September 23 to Jordan and Jenny Cross. Jenny serves as Church Street's Director of Youth and College Ministries.

Ellen Louise Wunderlich was born on September 20 to Kimberly and Richard Wunderlich and big brother Oscar. Grandparents are David and Sue Ellen Cochran.

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Jimmy Cox**
Memorials: Bill & Jane Dempster, Remonda Alleyne
- **Doris Hall**
Rejoice!: Fay Adams
Memorials: Shelia Hoffman
- **Jimmy Price**
Music: Lynn & Bonnie Sheeley
- **Reuben Hunter**
Music: Pat Hunter

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Staff Directory

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Senior Pastor	Chuck Starks–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
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Communications Director	LeRae Collins–299
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods–262
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Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken–270
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Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey-295
Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose–274
Custodians:	Dedra Ellison, Jason Smith, Ruth Dalton
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell 599-5047

Hunger Helper Matching Donations

Donations are still being accepted toward the Hunger Helper Market's goal of \$5,000. A generous anonymous donor will give \$400 to match your donation to the Hunger Helper Market this month! Any size gift helps and will be matched. Your donations help support our ministry partners: Wesley House, Sharing Shops and Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op.

Beacon of Hope Grocery Gift Card Drive

The ministry has to start now to purchase groceries to help meet holiday needs. Your help is needed! Donate a grocery gift card and the BOH Food Co-Op will use them to purchase special holiday items for our Co-op families. Can you purchase a Kroger, Food City, Ingles gift card while you're doing your own grocery shopping to donate? Any amount helps. You may drop your gift cards off on Sundays in Parish Hall or the CLC hallway between worship services or to the church office during the week.



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