



THE MESSENGER

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Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 19

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Gym

Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, January 20

No Community Worship

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Upcoming Community Worship
Hospitality Hosts

January 20: No Service (Holiday)

January 27: Followers

February 3: Discovery

Wednesday, January 15

Midweek

Worship & Communion

12 noon - Room 204

Rev. Ashley Helton

Lunch is served after in
Parish Hall. Call 524-3048 to make
reservations.

Sunday Supper

5–5:45 PM in Parish Hall

\$6.50 (12 & up) • \$3.50 (children)

Sunday, January 19

Reservations Required

Family maximum \$20. 50¢ discount per
person if paid in advance.

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu with Herb
Butter Orzo Pasta, Seasoned Peas
with Garlic Roasted Carrots, Fresh Baked
Bread, Salad and Dessert

➔ **Reservations needed by noon
on Thursday; call 524-3048.**

Worship Location Changes for January

Due to floor refinishing work in the Nave, we will hold Sunday morning worship in the gym on Sundays, January 19, 26, and February 2. In addition, Wednesday Noon Communion services will be held in room 204.

Contemplative Prayer Group Begins Sunday

A new, short-term contemplative prayer group will meet Sundays during Epiphany at 4 p.m., starting January 19, in room 201-C.

Participants will reflect each week on Henri Nouwen's writings in the book, *Here and Now*. Also, four types of contemplative prayer will be practiced. The hope is that each participant will discover greater connection between their prayer life and their interactions with others and their service in the world, as well as a deeper relationship with God and others.

Nouwen writes: "The great paradox of the spiritual life is, indeed, that the most personal is universal, that the most intimate is most communal, and the most contemplative is most active." Such a statement should provoke questions and provide interesting stepping off points for discussion.

Consider joining this group to warm and deepen your spiritual journey during the cold months of winter. Cost is \$12-15 each for the book. For further questions or to register, contact Laura Shearer at 865-805-8929. Participation is limited, so call today.

New Date for Leadership Retreat Announced

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 25

Every year the Program Council hosts an off-site planning retreat for all church leaders in early January. The purpose of the retreat is to review our past year ministries as we plan for the current year, as well as do some long-term planning and visioning. It's also a great time to get to know the other leaders and staff who serve Church Street.

New committee chairpersons and leaders should arrive at 9 a.m. for a brief orientation session. All returning committee chairpersons, leaders, and staff should arrive by 9:30 a.m. to begin our work together. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided and the retreat will conclude by 2 p.m. with a service of worship and Holy Communion.

This year's retreat will be at the CDF Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee, approximately 20 miles north of Knoxville. **Directions to the Haley Farm:** Take I-75N to exit 122. Turn West (left) onto SR61. At the second traffic light (.7 miles), turn left onto Frank Diggs Road for 300 feet and then right onto Sinking Springs Road. The entrance to the Haley Farm is approximately 300 feet on the left. Then follow the signs for the Church Street Retreat.



Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship

The next Wednesday Noon Adult Fellowship is coming up on Wednesday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Our guest will be Dr. Bob Overholt and he will speak on Winter Allergies

and Precautions. Everyone is invited; bring a friend! Lunch is \$6.50 per person. Reservations can be made by e-mailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org or by calling 524-3048 by Tuesday, January 21.



Tai Chi Lessons on Thursdays

Approximately seven of us attended the demonstration given by Bill and Linda Pickett on January 2 (even though weather was adverse) as well as the first session on January 9. With enough interest so far, the Picketts will conduct a 5-week session on Thursdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m. in the Church gymnasium. Entrance to the gymnasium will require a key code for security due to the Kay senior center. However, provision has been made for students using an alternate code.

Bill and Linda Pickett are certified (wherein Bill is a master teacher, including the national arthritic foundation and CDC). They have been offering lessons for many years. The cost for the the remaining 4 sessions is \$30.00 (\$7.50 per lesson) to be paid at the next session. The lessons are open to all per fee with 20 being a temporary maximum (fee reductions may apply for a large number). For further information, please call Gene Flinter at 579-3304.

Financial Peace University Orientation Sessions

Plan to attend Financial Peace University (FPU) this coming year. Orientations for FPU will be held at 4 p.m. on Sundays, January 26 and February 9, in room 202. Cost for the 13-week course on how to budget, reduce debt, invest

and more is only \$75 for Church Street members and \$100 for non-members. Questions? Contact J.R. Hertwig at 384-7049 or by email at jrhertwig01@yahoo.com or visit the FPU website at: www.daveramsey.com/fpu.

Church Street UMC Calendar: January 19–25

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Gym
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)
No Community Worship
MLK Holiday
Midweek Communion Service
Wednesday, noon, rm 204

Sunday School–9:40 AM

Music

No Youth Choir this week
(Resurrection Weekend)
Primary Choir (1st–2nd grades)
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308
Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades)
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306
Kinder Choir (ages 4 & 5)
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 212
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 306
Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306
Concert sponsored by Singles
Thursday evening, CLC 120

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall
Young Men's Basketball
Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym
WNAF Program
Wed., 12:30 pm, rm 116
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Tai Chi Class
Thurs., 12:30 pm, Gym
BodyWorks
Thurs., 5:30 pm, Gym

Personal & Spiritual Growth

Contemplative Prayer Group
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 201-C
Disciple 3 Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 118
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Women's Bible Study
Wed., 9 am, rm 201-A
Pastor's Bible Study (Ferguson)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 201-A

Meetings & Ministry

No Benevolence Team this week
(Church closed on Monday)
Congregational Care Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201-A
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Preschool Resource Workshop
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 11
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

The Church will be closed on Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

UMW

Sarah Circle
Mon., 6:30 pm, off-site

Youth

No NightLife tonight
Resurrection Weekend
Girls Basketball
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym
Middle School Girls Bible Study
Wed., 5:45 pm, Lower CLC
Band Practice
Wed., 6:45 pm, CLC 15

Children

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
God's Gang & Twizzlers
Sunday, 4:30 pm, Gym

Singles

Singles FOCUS Meeting
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 120
Line Dance: Thurs., 7–9 pm, Gym

The Lectionary READINGS

January 19
Isaiah 49:1–7
Psalm 40:1–11
1 Corinthians 1:1–9
John 1:29–42

January 26
Isaiah 9:1–4
Psalm 27:1, 4–9
1 Corinthians 1:10–18
Matthew 4:12–23

Reflections: The View After the Flu

—Rev. Andy Ferguson

“Discover Church Street” is our adult church membership class. We ask each person who joins the church to attend one of these. One comment I make at each class is this: **There are two aspects to joining this church or any church. One is your faith in and understanding of Jesus Christ. The second is your sense that this congregation can be your spiritual family.** Usually, people smile with confidence when I name the first; they look confused when I name the second. It takes the flu to understand the importance of the second statement.

If you have read *Men are from Mars; Women are from Venus*, you know that a man who is ill just wants to crawl into his cave, where he will nurse his wounds until he is better. He will allow only occasional intrusions into that cave. Then, he will come out and return to the family and the community as if nothing has happened. The description probably fits me pretty well.

As many of you know, the flu came to our house. (Yes, we got the vaccine. We got the flu from holding sick grandchildren for a week. You understand.) I was ready for the cave.

But, this church family found ways. Ways to stay in contact. Ways to bring the prescription-strength soups and casseroles that heal. Ways to pick up something at the store. This congregation found ways to be our spiritual family so that we might get through the flu. Our thanks to each one who helped. Our thanks to each one who simply carried on and let us disappear for a week. Thank you for being the church family that found ways.

I certainly hope that the flu is not the necessary test of a congregation. There are many ways by which we are church family to one another: all the things we do together each week, sharing and probing our faith, setting an example that preaches volumes, taking a turn to do whatever jobs there might be. And so much more.

Allow this congregation to be your spiritual family. Share that pew. Join the project. Take a turn. And pray that the person sitting or working nearby will allow you to show your faith and allow you to see theirs. This is what our spiritual family does.

Discover Church Street

If you have been visiting Church Street or have recently joined, you are invited to the next *Discover Church Street* class on **Sunday, January 26, from 4–7 p.m.**, in CLC 120. *Discover Church Street* is a great opportunity to get to know the pastoral staff, learn more about the mission and ministry of Church Street and the major beliefs/practices of the United Methodist Church. If you are interested in attending or have more questions, please contact Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship at 521-0266 or risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

Church Street Snow Policy

Sundays: Worship will almost always be held. A change in worship or Sunday School will be announced on Facebook, Twitter and on the church’s blog. A change in evening activities may be announced on Sunday morning.

Weekdays: If Knox County Schools close, ALL activities and meetings at the church are cancelled, with the exception of Thursday’s Soup Kitchen.

KINDER CHOIR news

Kinder Choir (for children ages 4 and 5), led by Shirley Smith, begins Sunday, January 19, at 5:15 p.m. in room 212. You may contact Ms. Shirley at 681-2919, or via email at: fcounts@charter.net for more information or to sign up.



PRESCHOOL news

The Church Street Preschool currently has openings for two and three-year-olds. Our preschool is a three-star facility open from 7:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 865-524-3048.

WRITERS needed

Church Street is preparing a book of devotions to distribute during the Lenten season. We need writers to submit devotions for the publication. If you are interested in participating in the book, please e-mail Caroline Lamar at clamar@churchstreetumc.org to receive the writing guidelines.

UMW news

The date for the church-wide variety show is changing to a later date in March. The new date will be announced soon. For more information about the event, or to participate, please see Pat Bellingrath.

OTHER news

Remember to check out the newly updated church website online at www.churchstreetumc.org. Filled with beautiful photographs of the building, you are sure to enjoy the visit!

Stewardship

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

Our Prayers

Home from the hospital:

Randall Scott, Kate Spencer, Missy Taylor and Baby Avery

In the hospital:

Parkwest: Jacqueline (Jackie) Newman
Ft. Sanders: Frances McConnell

Christian Sympathy to:

Nancy Horton on the death of her brother-in-law, Charles W. Cook, on January 7, in Macon, Georgia.

To the family and friends of Ellie Rader who died on January 11, 2014.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	695
Sunday School	437
Wednesday Worship (1/8)	24

Our Gifts

Contributions toward budget	\$30,609.66
Other	\$2,128.84

Altar Flowers for Sunday, January 19

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



The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
Exodus 15:2, NIV

Our Church Family

Births:

- **Brooke Avalon Bullard Baker**, daughter of David and Kandice Baker, was born on December 28, 2013.
- **Avery Thomas Taylor**, son of Jayme and Missy Taylor, was born on January 9, 2014. Grandmother is Gail Redding.

In Memoriam

Mary Eleanor "Ellie" Rader

Joined: 12/25/1949 Died: 1/11/2014

Honorariums

In Honor of:

- **Doug & Kate Spencer**
Benevolence: Frank & Clatty Word
- **Powell Richardson**
Accessibility Fund: George & Lou McNutt

Memorials

In Memory of:

- **Wilbur Warwick**
Memorial: Fred & Susan Brackney
Memorial: Dan & Ellyn Cauble
Memorial: Carole & Bob Martin
- **Agnes Lay**
Memorial: Len & Pat Bellingrath
Memorial: Carl & Barbara Ensor
Memorial: Norma Holmes
Memorial: Anne Trent
Memorial: Seekers Sunday School Class
- **Ouida Lowry**
Parish Hall Renovation: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bearman
Parish Hall Renovation: Margaret Fogleman
Parish Hall Renovation: Anne Trent
Parish Hall Renovation: Virginia Walters
- **Scott Collins**
Memorial: George & Lou McNutt
- **Frederick Boynton**
Memorial: Len & Pat Bellingrath
- **William N. Robinson, Sr.**
Master Arts Series: Ann Robinson-Craig
- **Kenneth Bloomer**
Memorial: Dr. & Mrs. Jim Rodgers

Contact Us

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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:

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Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson–260
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake–279
Associate Pastor	Ashley Helton–263
Associate Pastor	Nicole Krewson–298
Special Needs Pastor	Cabel Trent–264
Minister of Discipleship	Rick Isbell–266
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward–276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson–277
Children's Director	Sue Isbell–282
Child Care Coordinator	Jamie McKinney–290
Interim Youth Director	Jenny Darden–287
College Intern	Merry Reid Sheffer–548-7979
Preschool Director	Beth Libby–524-3511
Kay Center Director	Judith Winters–293
Kay Center	Kay Center Staff–289
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
Part-time Secretary	Julie Hill–278
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands–295
Head Custodian	Mike Plyler–274
Custodians:	Brandon Amburn, Matt Newberry, Nita O'Dell, Chris Graves



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