

THE MESSENGER

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8th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Times

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM – Nave Rev. Andy Ferguson

Monday, March 3 Community Worship

6 PM - Chapel Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Upcoming Community Worship Hospitality Hosts

> March 3: Parables March 10: Youth March 17: Partners

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

Noon - Nave 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, March 2

Reservations Required Family maximum \$20.

Menu: Pancakes, French toast, Bacon & Sausage, Eggs, Fried potatoes Biscuits & Gravy

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

A Season of Service: Living Christ in Our Community

During Lent we will share an emphasis on missions and outreach called *A Season of Service*. The invitation is for each member of Church Street to find a place of service during this season and beyond. Rather than thinking about what you might "give up" for Lent, why not consider "taking on" something new? Our Lenten booklet features devotions written by Church Streeters sharing their experience of serving. The booklet also includes some places where you can serve both at Church Street and in our community. Be sure to pick up your copy of the Lenten devotional book beginning on Sunday, March 2.



As a way of kicking off the season, you are invited to attend a special presentation about our newest outreach, Beacon of Hope, during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, March 9, in Parish Hall. Richard Ginn, Program Director for Beacon of Hope, will join Pastor Darryll as they share about this exciting ministry based at Vestal UMC. Come and find your place of service

as we are Living Christ in Our Community.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. We will have two services on Wednesday, March 5, at Noon and 6 p.m. in the Nave. The later service will include a "Moments with All God's Children." In addition to the Ash Wednesday services, the Prayer Labyrinth will be open in the Chapel for prayer and meditation on Wednesday, March 5, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information on Lent at Church Street, please visit www.churchstreetumc.org. Under the **Worship** heading you will find a complete listing of all Lenten services and activities. You will also be able to download the Lenten Devotion Book and the Lenten Bible Study.

Lenten Bible Study

This Lenten Season join the Pastors as they lead a Bible study focusing on *A Season of Service*. Opportunities to join in this study are: Sundays at 9:40 a.m. in the Christian Perspectives Class, Wednesdays (beginning March 5) at 11 a.m. in room 204 led by Rev. Darryll Rasnake, and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in room 201-A led by Rev. Andy Ferguson. For Sunday School Classes wishing to use this study, you may download it at the Church Street Website or request a PDF via e-mail by contacting clamar@churchstreetumc.org.

Sunday Night Live Features Travels to Israel

The Sunday Night Live dinner program on March 2 will feature Ted Helms sharing his life-changing experience on his 2013 trip to the Holy Land with other church members. Ted went on the trip with the "Tennessee Twelve" hosted by Sue Isbell in January 2013. He has made a video highlighting his experience. Come hear and see how this trip made a difference in his life and when future trips are being planned. Those that went on the 2013 trip as well as church members who have traveled to the Holy Land are especially invited to attend. Please make your dinner reservations by calling 524-3048 or emailing reservations@churchstreetumc.org. The Sunday Night Live featured programs are sponsored by Adult Council.

Gardening Workshops

Please join us on Sunday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. for a Container Gardening Workshop, hosted by David Craig and the Hunger Helper Market. Get an early start on your spring and summer planting



and learn container gardening skills and tips. Instruction, handouts, tools, seeds, fertilizer, and containers will all be provided. A children's/family container gardening class will be offered on Sunday, March 30, at 4 p.m. Class location is just outside the Youth entrance at the west end of the Church Life Center. Please sign up by emailing Kathy Ehrnschwender at Katheaze@gmail.com or calling at 539-9721. All ages welcome!

Winter Carnival Kicks Off Lent

As we move quickly toward Lent our annual Winter Carnival/Mardi Gras celebration will take place in the gym on **Sunday**, **March 2**, **from 4-4:45 p.m.** Children will enjoy simple carnival games with crazy prizes, beads will be worn, and festive music will fill the gym as we enjoy one final afternoon of frivolity before the solemn days of Lent begin. Volunteers are needed to staff the games. If you can help, please contact Sue Isbell at 521-0282 or sisbell@churchstreetumc.org.

At 4:45 p.m. we will move to the courtyard where our pastors will lead us in the burning of the palms from last year's Palm Sunday parade. The ashes from the palms will be used for our Ash Wednesday observance on March 5. Everyone, not just children, is invited to participate.

The festivities will continue at Sunday Supper in Parish Hall. The menu and reservation information can be found on page 1.

Church Street UMC Calendar: March 2 - 8

Worship

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Gym
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Community Worship
Monday, 6 pm, Chapel
Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, noon, Nave
Wednesday, 6 pm, Nave

Sunday School-9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir Sunday, 4 pm, rm 306 Primary Choir (1st–2nd grades) Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 308 Chorister Choir (3rd–5th grades) Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm 306 Adult Handbell Rehearsal Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 306 Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Children

Winter Carnival Sunday, 4 pm, Gym Burning of the Palms Sunday, 4:45 pm, Courtyard

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Sunday Supper Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall BodyWorks Monday., 5:30 pm, Gym Young Men's Basketball Tuesday, 6 pm, Gym Wednesday Lunch Wed., 12:30 pm, Parish Hall Men's Basketball

Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Tai Chi Class Thurs., 12:30 pm, CLC 11

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

Stephen Ministry
Sunday, 12:30 pm, rm 201-A
Financial Peace
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
Benevolence Team
Monday, noon, CLC 124
Worship Committee
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, 201-A
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5 pm, rm 202

Soup Kitchen Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall Lay Leadership Committee Thursday, 5:30 pm, CLC 122

Records/History Committee Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201-B

UMW

Social Media Workshop & Executive Meeting Tuesday, 9 am, rm 204 Lydia Circle Friday, noon, rm 119

Youth

NightLife Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC 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

Singles

Line Dance: Thurs., 7–9 pm, Gym First Friday Dance Friday, 7 pm, Gym

The Lectionary READINGS

March 2 Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

March 9

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Reflections

-Rev. Andy Fergusor

I fell into the Rabbit Hole of cultural change this past weekend. Traveling through Cleveland, I stopped for tea. On the phone as I arrived, I went inside and found a place to sit to finish the conversation. As the conversation continued, a team member from the McDonalds came over to interrupt: "Do you know how to change a tire?"

"Well, yes."

"There is a lady outside who needs help changing a tire; she doesn't know how."

I finished the conversation, and then went outside. There I found a young mother with two small children beside a Pathfinder with a very flat rear tire.

"Do you know how to change a tire?"

"Yes, but never on this car," was my reply. I'm not sure where everything is. Someone else stopped by to offer the jack and such from her car. "Not a good idea," I said. "Let's see if we can find the jack that goes with this car. They can be pretty specific to the car."

So, we started looking. The spare was easy enough to find, but the jack was nowhere to be found. We looked in the back, underneath, under the hood. Nothing.

"Maybe it's in the owner's manual," the young mother offered, and she set out for the glove box. She found the owner's manual, but the index in the back never considered that anyone might want to change a tire at a McDonalds. I guess they assumed all tire changing would happen at Goodyear.

That is when I fell into the Rabbit Hole of cultural change. The index being exhausted (10 seconds max), she moved on to her cellphone. "Maybe I can google it." (Note the verb, "to google.") Having a daughter of my own with two young children and being the generation older, I realized that my solution was completely different. Figure the book out. Maybe the people who wrote the book did not think like Americans; maybe they use different terms. I was determined that the book had the answer.

She was all google; I was all owner's manual. There is the cultural divide. We found the answer. It was in the owner's manual. Good thing; the jack was in a place no one of us thought. By now, we were attracting a crowd: a truck driver who was happy to get down and dirty with a flat tire, an equally young friend of the young mother with more small children. The tire got changed. She offered money, which I refused. "I can't take that; you've given me a story for Sunday morning."

She also gave us a lesson. The younger generations do not speak the same language; they do not assume the same authorities as the older. The task of the church is to proclaim the love of Jesus to every generation, old and young, google-ers and book-ers. We must learn the language to use; we must have the desire to tell. Finally, McDonalds was not a bad place to do church. "Why is a story for Sunday better than money?" It turns out that she also is a Christian. We shared our church stories. We had more in common than we thought – even if she did assume that google.com has all the answers.



KAY CENTER n e w s

It's time for Heels and Wheels 2014. The Kay Senior Care Center is participating in the 2014 Wells Fargo Heels and Wheels Duathlon on Saturday, April 12, at Johnson University. It's an exciting event in which competitors raise money for local organizations, including the Kay Center. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the Kay Center. In 2013, we were able to raise close to \$4,000. This year we hope to raise even more. Consider joining the Kay Center team or sponsoring a competitor. Call Judith Winters at 521-0293 for more information.

UMW n e w s

Please join us for our annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial program on Tuesday, March 11, at 11 a.m. in the Nave. Jettie Hess, Holston Conference UMW Vice-President will give the program. Lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. To make a reservation for lunch, please call 524-3048.

PRESCHOOL n e w s

The Church Street Preschool needs volunteers to help park cars for the upcoming News Sentinel Women Today expo on Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2. The most critical need is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2. To volunteer or for more details, please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3511 or bclibby@churchstreetumc. org. The money raised supports the Preschool's field trips.

CSUMC: "A Beacon—Living Christ, Teaching Christ, Offering Christ"

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:

Fort Sanders: Dr. Robert Chapman

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of **Sara Dickson** on her death on February 20.

To **Stephanie Blue** on the death of her father, William Davis, on February 14. To **Steve Roberts** on the death of his brother, Ramsey Roberts, on February 18.

Our Presence

Sunday Worship	777
Sunday School	418
Wednesday Worship (2/19)	43

Our Gifts

Contributions toward budget \$38,845.54 Other \$6,203

In Memoriam

Sara Dickson

Joined: 11/26/1950 Died: 2/20/2014

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 2

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Wilbur Warwick and Jane & Boyd Dudley by the family.

The Chapel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Rachel Cochran by Bennett & Evelyn Horton.

Our Church Family

Baptisms:

• Mary Anne Beall Hillmer, daughter of Andy & Veazey Hillmer, was baptized on Sunday, February 23, at the 11 a.m. service.

New Members:

• Frank Moore joined by transfer from Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson, MS, on Sunday, February 23, at the 11 a.m. service.

Honorariums

In Honor of:

• Rev. Cabel Trent

Rejoice: Ruth DeFriese Special Needs: Marion Bloomer

• Rev. Darryll Rasnake
Beacon of Hope: Marion Bloomer

Memorials

In Memory of:

• Art Olson

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Rejoice: Murphy Builders
Memorial: Mildred Sterchi
Memorial: John & Anne Langley
Master Arts Series: Verna McLain &
Herman Sain
Rejoice: Ruth DeFriese
Memorial: Larry & Loretta Best
Memorial: Anne Trent
Memorial: Eugene & Dorothy Olson
Memorial: Anonymous
Memorial: Mr. & Mrs. James White
Johnson

- Wilbur Warwick
 - Memorial: Don & Andrea Brewer
- Wilson Reynolds

Murphy Builders Class Fund: Debbie, Charlie & Candy Reynolds

- Dorothy Mae Long
- Holston Home: Robert Long
- Taylor Collins

 Library Fund: Marion Bloomer

Contact Us

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On the Web:

www.churchstreetumc.org

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Staff Directory

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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 Beth Libby-524-3511 Preschool Director 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 Kelly Woods-262 Administrative Assistant 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

Summer Camp Registration

It's time to start thinking about summer camp! Holston Conference summer camp brochures are available in the children's and youth areas. Our local camp is Wesley Woods located in Townsend. For scholarship information, please see Sue Isbell. There is an early bird discount if you register by April 1.



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