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# CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE LINK

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Often, we wish for things that other people have. Many years ago, I had neighbors that lived across the street from me. Both worked hours in their respective yards. They had beautiful flowers that bloomed during every season. In the spring our street was busy with slow moving traffic as people passed by just to admire the beauty of these immaculate gardens. I commented to one of my neighbors that I wish my yard was as pretty as her yard was. She quickly told me that if I would get out and work in my yard, it could be. Touché.

Do we want thriving ministries at Church Street? Do we want to provide a loving and encouraging place to grow in our faith? I am sure your answer is yes. And the great news is that everyone is invited and encouraged to be involved in the life of our church.

People are hard at work preparing for events to strengthen and grow our faith. Plans for children, youth, and adults are scheduled to kick-off on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. This is exciting and I am looking forward to spending time with each of you.

We will have a new face with us on Sunday evenings. We have Connor Bradford joining us as youth minister. Connor is a sophomore at Huntingdon College. He is a religion major with a minor in math. Connor is a wide receiver for the Huntingdon Hawks. Hawk ‘em (I’m sorry I had to give a shout out to my Alma Mater). I have spent some time with Connor and he is a young man of faith and will bring energy to our youth group.

Frances and Gordon have been busy at work preparing for our children. I look forward to hearing their giggles and voices as they enjoy being together on Sunday evenings. I am preparing for a activities for the adults as well. We will learn and grow as we spend time together.

Beau Boyd and Andrea Livingston are busy preparing for our upcoming stewardship campaign. This is a very important ministry in the life of the church. Stewardship is about much more than our financial giving. We have been given the responsibility of being stewards of many things. Our Baptismal Covenant is the best expression of what stewardship looks like in a community of faith:

“As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?”

Your response was: **“I will”**.

(Baptismal Covenant I, The United Methodist Hymnal)

I live with great anticipation of all that God is doing in us and through us. I pray that you will make plans to participate fully in the life of Church Street UMC as we work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be a light in our community and in our world.

Diane



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### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday  
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Music Ministry Notes From Gordon

As we quickly move into our fall season, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your great "summer singing". It has been a joy to create and lead the wonderful "hymns of our faith" these past 13 weeks. Thank you for suggesting the hymns and thank you for singing with excitement! I look forward to our summer singing in 2022!



I am ready to lead our children in music experiences beginning Sunday evening, September 19th. Our fall activities actually begin on Sunday afternoon, September 12th, at which time we will have a Fall Family Kick-Off, with good food, fellowship and fun activities for ALL ages in Windham Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. Plan to be a part of our first Sunday evening activity on the 12th and parents plan to have your grade one through six child/children involved in our children's activities with " Mr. G" and "Miss Frances" beginning Sunday afternoon, September 19th.

We still have vacancies in our Chancel Choir. No experience is necessary! Please contact me if you feel led to be a member of our wonderful, outstanding Chancel Choir. I especially want to invite willing vocalist to come join the Chancel Choir as they begin work on the Christmas musical **Morning Star**.

Gordon

## YOUTH NEWS

**Congratulations**  
to  
**2022 Dallas County**  
**Distinguished Young Woman**  
**Maryanna Turner**

**Upcoming Youth Dates:**  
**Sunday, September 12th -**  
**Fall Family Kick Off**  
**5:00 pm in Windham Hall**  
**Come and Meet**  
**Conner Bradford,**  
**Our New Youth Minister**

## I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... WITNESS

**Living Treasures**  
**September 16, 2021, at**  
**12:00 - 1:00, in Windham Hall**

Hope you will join us!

This group of senior adults (60 and above) meets the third Thursday of each month for a catered lunch at 12:00 noon and the program ends at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per person and reservations are not required.

### Circle Meetings

#### Catherine Revel Circle

will meet Monday, September 13th,  
at 3:00 pm in Windham Hall



Selma Emmaus Cluster will meet Tuesday, September 7th, at 6:00 pm, in Windham Hall. If you have attended Emmaus, please make plans to attend the Selma Emmaus Cluster meeting.

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday Bible Study led by Martha Jackson will resume meeting Tuesday, September 7th, at 12:00 noon, in the Old Parsonage. The new study will be decided upon at that meeting.

United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, September 26th, at 8:00 am, in the Old Parsonage. All men of the Church are invited to attend.



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## I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... SERVICE

### Teams Serving in September

**Ushers:** Bill Porter, Randy Lovelady, David Ousley, Andy Arrington, Les Smith, James McNeill, Claude Anderson, Owen Nichols

**Security:** Andy Wendland, Brad Utsey, Beau Boyd, Derek Chappelle, Gail Lovelady, Caroline Anderson

**Worship Stewards:** Polly Sellier and Em Moore

**Collection Counters:** Frank Speed and Jim Sims

If you are unable to be present, please find a replacement or contact your captain.



### Sunday Night Supper Schedule

**September 12th - Women of Strength Class**  
Pizza, Ice Cream Sandwiches, Peanut Butter and Jelly

**September 19th - Pairs and Spares Class**  
Tacos/Taco Salad with Fixings, Ice Cream sandwiches, Peanut butter/jelly sandwiches

**September 26th- Believers/Cornerstone**  
Hot Dogs w Fixings, Chips, Peanut Butter and Jelly and Cake

**October 3rd—Seekers Class**  
Lasagna, Green Salad, French Bread, Dessert, Peanut Butter and Jelly

### September Meetings

#### Trustees

Tuesday, September 14th, at 5:00 pm

#### Finance

Thursday, September 30th, at 5:00 pm

#### Church Council

Thursday, September 30th, at 5:45 pm

**All meetings take place in the  
Grist Library.  
Please contact the Church Office if you will  
not be able to attend.**



**Anyone who would like to assist Pastor Diane with serving Holy Communion elements on Communion Sundays, please contact Polly Sellier @872-5327 (H) or 419-5773 © or call the church office  
Many thanks and God Bless,  
Polly Sellier  
Worship Chairperson**



### *Children's Ministry ~ Let the FALL begin!!!*

*Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm!!!! Our CHURCH FAMILY will gather for FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN, and there might be a few surprises! This is the kick off for our Sunday night activities which will begin on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. According to Diane, we want this for your children, you want this for your children, and we need your participation for this to happen! I agree with her! Don't you?*

*Our Sunday night activities for children, youth, and adults will begin at 5:00pm (September 19<sup>th</sup>) with a light Supper served in Windham Hall. After supper, all "activities" and Bible "lessons" will be in the Education building with the adults gathering in the Calhoun Parlor. The evening's activities will conclude by 6:30pm.*

*Our Church Street family continues to grow, and we have many new little ones!!!! We hope and seek to nurture the little ones, share God's love with them, and help to plant a STRONG CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION for them! So that as they go through life, they will have NO doubt of God's love, mercy, and grace for them.*

*We serve a loving and faithful God!!! As it reads on the front of our church bulletin, we are "[t]o be disciples of Jesus Christ through love, worship, service and evangelism." Please join us as we grow!*

*In God we trust,*

*Frances*



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PRAYERS**

**Current:** Martha Cobb Roberts, Dub Deavor, Gail Hawkins, Ronnie Holladay, Susan Anderson, Charlotte Speed, Caleb Harrison, Wayne Vardaman, Ellie Adams, Paul Portwood, Lucille Sellier, Robin Gentry, The Family of Dick Dunaway,

**Ongoing:** Quintilla Wood, Helen Edwards, Suzanne Ingram, Sherie Sherrer, Linda Harris, Will and Kelly Hawkins, Katie Collins, Anita Waldrop, Scott Scroggins, Rick Williams, Jennifer Williamson Stone, Brandon McHugh, John & Suzanne Stringer, Caroline Thomas, Daniel Jordan, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Blake Flanagan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Russ Jackson, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

**Homebound:** Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Helen Rogers, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Barry Blanton, Camille Salter, Lucille Jordan Sellier

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GIFTS**

**Memorials**

**Wayne Stewart**

- By: Sister Pitts
- By: Eleanor Reynolds
- By : Larry & Edie Jones

**Richard E. Dunaway**

- By: Claude & Caroline Anderson
- By: Larry & Edie Jones
- By: Wayne & Frankie Gaddy Family
- By: Nora Downard
- By: Gail Hawkins
- By: Eleanor Reynolds
- By: Myrna Hollis
- By: Judy Spivey
- By: Pairs & Spares Class
- By: Sharon Hardy
- By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman

- By Elton & Edie Birch
- By: Mariam & Van Carter
- By: Judy Moore
- By: Charlotte Speed
- By: Debe Henry
- By: Gordon & Elaine Welch

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PRESENCE**

**Average attendance in August**

Sunday School: 75    Worship Service: 110

**We hope to see each of you each week for our regular Sunday Schedule with Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Afternoon Swim & Fun at the Taylor's Home**

Youth and Pastor Diane

getting to know each other and making plans for more fun together!!



**September Communion Offering**  
*The Communion Offering on Sunday, September 5th, will be given to Safe Harbor.*