

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LINK

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Oh my! It is a great time to be a member of Church Street United Methodist Church! We had an incredible season of Lent. Resurrection Sunday was incredible! It is always great to be reminded that Jesus died for our sins, but death did not keep Him in the grave. God's love and grace abounds.

Our choir continues to stir me each week as they prepare our hearts for worship. If you see a member of the choir, please offer them a word of thanks!

Of course if you ask me, Church Street UMC has the best children and youth in Dallas County. The children did an awesome job of waving palm branches, ringing, and singing. Our youth serve faithfully each week as acolytes.

All these ways of serving add to the meaning of our weekly worship services. There are many opportunities to serve and you are invited to join the fun. Please let me or Polly Sellier know if you would like to serve Holy Communion or be a part of our worship experience.

May is a full month of celebrations and weddings. This is a time of the year that I look forward to. There is much laughter and opportunities to be together. Please remember to read your Mid-Week News that is emailed to you on Wednesday afternoons. This is a great way to be reminded of upcoming events.

Thank you for all the ways you support Church Street UMC! You are the best and I love you dearly.

In His Service,

Diane



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8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon



We continue to be blessed by the worship music from our Chancel Choir. How thankful I am for these dedicated individuals who have dedicated themselves to the work and ministry of music. They blessed us with beautiful anthems on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and will continue to bless as we move through the next weeks.

This summer, we bring back our Summer Guest Musicians Series with three outstanding and dedicated Christian musicians. I know you will be blessed by their worship leading and that you will make them feel right at home at Church Street.

Sunday, June 25 - Ruby Hardy Ernest, vocalist

Sunday, July 16 - The Dill Pickers (Church Wide Luncheon following)

A love offering will be taken during worship for this wonderful group.

Sunday, August 20 - Lindsey Thompson Mangum, pianist

We are fast approaching the summer months during which we will once again sing the "good-old favorite hymn" medleys during worship. Let me ask that if you have a favorite hymn you would like for me to include in these medleys, please do not hesitate to let me know. Call the church office or speak to me following our worship service. I hope to hear from you.

June is a great month to visit a Chancel Choir Wednesday evening rehearsal and to consider becoming a part of this important ministry. We rehearse for an hour in the Choir Room at 6:00 p.m. and would welcome any interested individuals. Contact me if you have any questions.

It is a joy and honor to serve our great God at Church Street.

Gordon

May News at Leika's



May 1-5 - THEME- "Things that go!"

"I will be with you wherever you go." Matt. 8:9

May 4th - Kindergarten Mother's Day Luncheon

May 8-10th - THEME- Bible Characters & Summer/ Saying goodbye

"Whom shall I send?" I said. "Here I am. Send me." Isaiah 6:8

"I will never leave you." Joshua 1:5

May 10th - Leika's last day of school

May 11th - Leika's graduation - 6:00 pm in the courtyard.

Graduation Theme - "A Little Night Music"





Children's Ministry

As the school year winds down, we at Church Street are thankful for an enjoyable and happy year for our Church Street children! We also are thankful for our teachers who are loyal and creative instructors. Each Sunday they provide our children with a positive, Christian learning environment. A very special thank you and shout-out to: Cora Smith; Callen Free; Gordon Welch; and Dawn Wendland!!!! Additionally, we appreciate each of our Sunday Nursery Volunteers who help with our expanding nursery! We have a very extraordinary group of teachers and volunteers here at Church Street and for that our Church is thankful! In the not too distant future, we will provide a Children's Church for those ages 3 years through Kindergarten.

On May 7th we will be honoring our High School and College Graduates in our Worship Service. After the service these honorees along with their families will be honored with a lunch in Windham Hall. Graduating from HS: Clay Beers; Sarah Lloyd Free; and Perrin Utsey. Those receiving Undergraduate or Graduate degrees: Ellie Adams; Bart Adams; Mary Margaret Beers; Hayden Bruner; Austin Chappelle; and Hardin Utsey.

Vacation Bible School takes place May 31st – June 2nd for children 4 years of age through those just completing the 4th grade. The Title this year is "HERO HOTLINE: Called Together to Serve God." Many of you have volunteered and we are thankful!!!! However, we still need two or three teachers. If you would like to help in any way, please let us know and we will put you to "work."

With thanksgiving,

Frances

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Proverbs 31:26

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:31

"You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God." 1 Peter 3:4



I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRAYERS

Current: Dorris Sherrer, Joy Beers, Reynolds Boyd, Eleanor Reynolds, Jerry Shelby, Katie Barrette, Jewell, Mary Nell Mayo, Mark Rogers, Caroline Thomas, Brenda Glover, Dub Deavor, Bill Sellier

Ongoing: Buc & Gwen Shaw, Blake Flanagan, Tom Roberts, Robert Revel, Jimbo Barrett, Becky Rives, Gloria Adams, Lee Calame III, Ray Delp, Ann Buster Payne, Kathryn Britnell, Bert Beers, Evan Trauai, Cassandra Steele, Peggy Cross, Glenn Carter, Bobby Phillips, Sonny Nelson, Bob Simpson, Linda & Jesse Harris, Danny Jordan, Shelby Breedlove, David Saylor, Abigail Flanagan, Jim Kennedy, Arthur "Deedle" Sullivan, Amy & Jim Sims, Kathryn Hardy, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Camille Salter, Anita Waldrop, Mary Ann Hornsby



**Congratulations to
Our
Church Street UMC Senior Class**
**Please remember them in your prayers as they move
to the next
chapter in their life story.**

We are proud of you!

Sarah Lloyd Free

Randall Clay Beers, Jr.

Perrin Bradley Utsey

"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within"

Maya Angelou

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRESENCE



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.

If you miss a service, be sure to listen to the prior
week's sermon on Sundays, at 9:00 am on
Dixie Country - WDXX 100.1.

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... GIFTS

Memorials

Milton Wendland

By: Melanie Culpepper
By: Larry & Edie Jones
By: Randy & Cora Smith
By: Claude & Caroline Anderson
By: Myrna Hollis
By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer

Mildred Crovato

By: Myrna Hollis
By: Sharon Hardy

Lucille Sellier

By: Larry & Edie Jones
By: Claude & Caroline Anderson
By: Randy & Cora Smith
By: Melanie Culpepper
By: Jim & Amy Sims
By: Myrna Hollis

Pat Blevins

By: Sharon Hardy

Income vs. Expenses 1st Quarter 2023

Month	Income	Expenses	Month End Balance	
			Negative	Positive
January	45,780	38,762		7,017
February	44,501	44,098		403
March	49,809	43,150		6,659
Year to Date	140,089	126,010		14,079

May Communion Offering

*The Communion Offering on Sunday, May 7th,
will be given to All In Sports.*

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

Teams Serving in May

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

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

Collection Counters: Linda Haskell & Gail Lovelady

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

May Meetings

Trustees

Wednesday, May 9th, at 5:00 pm,
in the Grist Library

Finance

Thursday, May 25th, at 5:00 pm,
in the Grist Library

Church Council

Thursday, May 25th, at 5:45 pm
in the Grist Library

Circle Meetings

Catherine Revel Circle

will meet Monday, May 1st,
at 3:00 pm, in Windham Hall

Roberta Sample Circle

will meet Monday, May 8th,
at 11:00 am in Windham Hall.



Signing up to provide flowers for the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. If you would like to sign up, simply contact the Church Office.



Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the
city gate.

Proverbs 31:31

Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14th

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

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is now OPEN!

Ages: 4 years through 4th Grade

**Dates: Wednesday - Friday May 31st-June
1st-2nd**

Time: 9:00am until 12:00pm

Where: Church Street UMC

**Drop off and Pick Up from the Leika's Drive
Through**

Please go to

**<https://csumc.mycokesburyvbs.com> to register
your child or drop by the office to pick up a
registration form!**



Leika's Lambs at Church Street United Methodist Church is an outreach and nurture daycare program for children ages 2 months to two years. The Lambs program has three classes (Babyland, Crawlers/Walkers, & Toddlers) serving approximately 28 children with 8 teachers. Though DHR exempt, the program still must follow certain DHR guidelines (employee background checks, fire marshall inspections, yearly DHR reports, et al.).

WE consider it a joy to provide a loving environment for the children of working parents in our community or the parents who just need a little "time-out!" If you would be interested in being on the Lambs' substitute list, please let me know.

Thank you,

Frances

Living Treasures

**will meet Thursday, May 18th,
at 12:00 noon in Windham Hall.**

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 \$8.00 per person



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