

CCTV calls new Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Katie Morgan-Harper

On February 11 as part of the annual church meeting, the congregation unanimously voted to call Rev. Dr. Katie Morgan-Harper as the new Associate Pastor for the Community Church at Tellico Village. It was a busy day for Pastor Katie and her husband, Matt beginning with a welcome breakfast in the CLC. Pastor Katie gave the

opening prayer and introduced herself to the congregants in attendance. She and Matt then walked from table to table to say hello to everyone.

During worship, Pastor Katie preached and provided some additional introductory comments for people to get to know her a bit better. She has been involved in church all her life and felt the call to ministry at a very early age. The daughter of a high school coach, Katie credits sports, namely basketball, as a second influence in her life. The annual

business meeting was held directly following worship where Leslie Shuman, Associate Pastor Search Team leader, summarized the process used by the team to discern the best candidate for CCTV. She put forth the nomination for a congregational vote which was passed unanimously.

Pastor Katie is returning to full-time pastor-

al work after nearly 3 years as an interim at a Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater. She has also served two Methodist congregations there prior to this position. Throughout this time, she has worked as a teacher, first for McMinn County schools and most recently as a 6th grade ELA and Social Studies teacher at Athens Middle School.

> Rev. Dr. Morgan-Harper earned her undergraduate degree in International Missions and Children's ministry from Tennessee Wesleyan University, her Masters of Divinity from Duke Divinity School and her Doctor of Ministry in Arts and Theology from Wesleyan Theological Seminary. She was ordained in May of 2012 and served the McLean Baptist Church in McLean, VA prior to returning to east Tennessee.

Pastor Katie was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of Tennessee Wesleyan in 2021 and

was named as one of McMinn's Top 20 under 40 also in 2021. In her leisure time, she enjoys reading, is passionate about art, loves to travel and also enjoys time at home with her husband, Matt and their golden doodle, Lucy.

Pastor Katie and her husband Matt were...

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...friends for many years before tying the knot, both playing basketball at Tennessee Wesleyan. He currently works for Capstar Bank in Athens. Katie and Matt are both natives of east Tennessee and are glad to be back "home," able to spend time with extended family.

Pastor Katie's first official Sunday at the Community Church will be March 17. From that time through the end of the school term in early June, she will be at worship on Sundays as part of the preaching rotation and weekend on-call support. She will start full-time in early June.

As Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Morgan-Harper will be part of the weekly worship planning team with the staff. Her specific areas of ministry will be to support the Mission Team as well as the Women's Ministry once she is onboard full-time.

Please join the Associate Pastor Search team in welcoming Pastor Katie and her husband Matt to the Community Church!





Have you ever wondered, "Who does the Community Church at Tellico Village work with in our mission outreach efforts?" CCTV Mission Partners are non-profit organizations whose focus is to help those who are in need in our community. The CCTV Mission Team received applications from various non-profits and has worked diligently to review applications and select those whose ministries will help us to cultivate believers, disciples, and servants to transform our community and world for Christ. CCTV Mission Partners for 2024 are:

Beauty for Ashes Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Compassion Ministries* EDIFY Good Samaritan Center Good Shepherd Center Iva's Place (under CAC)
Kairos – Men
Kairos – Women
Lenoir City Family Resource Center
Loudon County Habitat for Humanity
Loudon Family Resource Center

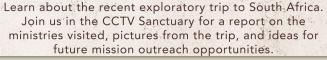
Smoky Mt. Service Dogs*
Straightway Ministries
Tellico Working Together
Young Life -- Loudon County
Young Life -- Monroe County, East Hills
* Volunteer support only, no financial support

Information has been shared about the Child Advocacy Center during our Adopt-a-Valentine campaign during February. We thank you for your generous giving in support of CAC's Kids First program services. More information will be shared about other CCTV Mission Partners in future newsletters.

Has God been tugging at your heart to become more involved in mission outreach at CCTV? If so, be sure to stop by the Mission Outreach table during the Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 17. We will have information about our mission partners, volunteer service opportunities, and future mission trips. Be sure to stop by and see what's going on in CCTV Mission Outreach and how you can share your talents and expertise in our community!









Welcome Our New Members

Don and Mary Adomaitis join us from the Philadelphia suburbs and now live in Chatuga Point. Don served in the Air Force and later as a police officer while Mary was in research and development and quality control for pharmaceuticals. Don has a Lutheran background and enjoys NASCAR and hunting. Mary has a Catholic background and is looking forward to retirement to discover new hobbies.





Karen Baber resides in the Mialaquo neighborhood. Having served as a surgical nurse in the Army, she has lived all throughout the country with her most recent move being from Auburn, AL. She has a Presbyterian background and enjoys reading, going to concerts, and exercising her artistic side.

Dave and Sandy Cropper both have Catholic backgrounds and live in Kahiti. Sandy is a Knoxville native and met Dave in Ohio where he is from. Dave studied at the University of Cincinnati to be a machinist before being recruited to the army where he managed finances and payroll. Dave eventually owned his own accounting business and Sandy was a career transitions coach. Dave enjoys playing golf and Sandy enjoys reading a good book, but they both enjoy hiking and walking the beautiful Smoky Mountains.





John and Dawn Fancher reside in Rarity Bay. Originally from Bloomington, IL. John has served as an executive with State Farm while Dawn stayed at home to raise their three kids (which has grown to include 7 grandkids). Dawn grew up Methodist and enjoys gardening and participating in her book club. John grew up Catholic and enjoys golfing, boating, and anything involving history.

Sue Gates lives in Toqua and joins us with a Baptist background. She attended college at Ohio Northern University which prepared her for a career as a respiratory therapist and licensed social worker. She enjoys golfing, cooking, and finding a good bargain at a thrift shop.





Mike and Lisa Herrinton are from Oakton, VA but now reside in Toqua Shores. They both studied at Michigan State University which led Lisa to pursue a career in dietetics and Mike to be a partner with Ernst and Young. For fun, Mike enjoys playing golf and pickleball, while Lisa enjoys traveling and hiking. They both come from a United Methodist background.

Randy and Janette Hoffman live in Kahiti and come from a United Church of Christ background. They both attended The Ohio State University which led to Randy serving in different positions in managed health care and Jeanette as a registered nurse. Randy enjoys boating and Jeanette enjoys singing with the Tellico Village Singers. You can find them both participating in the Kahiti darts league.



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Pat McGraw joins the Community Church and currently lives in the Chota Hills neighborhood. Her most recent move was from Minnesota but also spent 20 years in Asheville, NC. She enjoys serving and is looking forward to helping those in need.





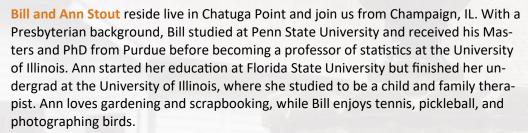
Chris and Renee Napier are high school sweethearts who met in Nashville but spent most of their lives together in Houston, TX. Chris served as a Sergeant First Class in the Army Reserves and later as an application engineer for Exxon Mobil. Renee loves to serve and has held several different professions including managing HR for a school district, managing hotels, and even as a radio personality. Chris loves to hunt and fish while Renee prefers hiking and being in the garden. They both come from a Lutheran background.

Jan Olsen is a lifelong Lutheran and lives in the Mialaquo neighborhood. She attended South Dakota State University which led to her career teaching middle and high schoolers in Montana. She enjoys quilting and painting watercolors.





Frank and Joyce Schlapinski moved to Mialaquo Coves from outside the Chicago area. Frank worked as a computer programmer while Joyce worked for her village's Public Works. Frank has a Lutheran background and enjoys coin collecting and listening to great music. Joyce has a Catholic background and enjoys caring for God's creation by rescuing animals.







Andrew and Michele Tate reside in the Mialaquo neighborhood. Andrew attended Whittier College and works in IT sales. Michelle attended Cal Poly Tech which led her to be a jack of all trades including international sales. Andrew is Catholic and enjoys golfing while Michelle is Lutheran and enjoys pickleball, hiking, and instructing classes at the wellness center.

Jim and Diane Ward moved to the Coyatee Coves neighborhood from Houston, TX. They both attended the "other" UT, the University of Texas. Jim has a Baptist background and was a database administrator. Diane has an Episcopal background and was a clinical microbiologist. They both enjoy being outdoors, hiking, and being on the water.



Your Neighbors in the Pew: Walt & Deb Marshall

By Julie A. Best

Walt and Deb Marshall were born and raised in southwest Pennsylvania. Deb lived in the little community of Dry Tavern. Tidbit of information: supposedly, it was the only dry stop on the Pony Express route! Walt's family lived in Swissvale, PA, a suburb of Pittsburgh, which is on the way to Kennywood, the best amusement park (another info tidbit)! They met when they were both stu-

dents at Indiana University of Pennsylvania - IUP, located in Indiana, Pennsylvania. (I learned that IUP has absolutely nothing to do with the state of Indiana!) Deb was a secondary English education major and Walt's degree was in business management.

Walt and Deb married and moved to Canton, Ohio where Walt was the manager of a retail clothing store. There were no teaching positions available for Deb, and that really didn't matter because she was soon expecting their first child, a son, and that was her major focus. A promotion took them to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and their second child, a daughter, joined the family. When the children were older, Deb's career was as a records manager, primarily in law firms working with client files.

Another move took them to the Annapolis, Maryland area where Walt was the general manager for an automotive facility, specializing in transmissions. They were in the Annapolis area for about 30 years before retiring to Tellico Village.

In 2001, Walt and Deb began looking for a retirement location. Walt wanted golf, and Deb wanted to be near water. They found several options and planned a trip to North Carolina to check out a few. Deb told Walt that she would not live further south than North Carolina because it would be too hot and the critters would be too big! A visit with relatives in the Charleston area where they were cautioned to watch for alligators on the golf course made a lasting impression on her! In his online searches, Walt found Tellico Village. They visited the NC options, but Tellico Village was what appealed to them. The trip really was intended to be just a fact-finding outing, but they liked Tellico Village so much that they bought a lot in the Kahite Community on the spot! There was only one problem - they hadn't planned to buy, so they had no checkbook with them. The Cooper realty agent told them to just send in a check when they got home. Welcome to the trusting southern way of doing business!

Walt and Deb still had a few years to work, so during that period they would come down for a few weeks at a time to visit this area, renting a house here in the main Village. It was during those visits that they first visited our church. Deb said, "We did visit other churches, but we enjoyed the Community Church. I have always been a part of a church choir, and there was a nice choir. We enjoyed the ministers. We finally decided, we don't need to visit anywhere else; this is where we want to be." They built their house in 2012 and moved here permanently in 2013.

Walt and Deb have found numerous ways to plug into both the church and the community in general. Deb sings in the choir and serves on the Endowment Team. She is on the CASA Board (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Monroe County. Walt is an active participant in the Smoky Mountain Service Dogs organization. They both are very active in the numerous activities of the Kahite Community.

Isn't it great when you know what you want - and then find it! We are so grateful that you are a part of our fellowship. Thank you for finding Tellico Village and the Community Church and making them your home. God bless.

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- Deb Marshall -



Lent & Holy Week



2024 Lenten Series





BRUNCH

March 31 • Between 9:30 &10:30 Fellowship Hall • \$10 per person

Tickets available at the church office or in the Narthex after services on March 10, 17 and 24.



GOOD FRIDAY SELF-GUIDED MEDITATION

MARCH 29 | 12-3PM | FOUNDERS CHAPEL

Experience a candle-lit reflective time with visual arts, prayer station and a personal pastoral prayer time with Pastor Hannah.

CULTIVATE A HEART OF WONDER

He Is Ri

March 28 (7:00) **Maundy Thursday**

March 29 (12:00-3:00) **Good Friday** self-guided meditation

March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Services @ Kahite/Rarity Bay (6:45) *Worship Services @ CCTV (9:00 & 10:30)*



Darkest Before the Dawn

By Jeannine Wolf



When people go through a crisis, many things happen. Depending on how serious a crisis it is or how devastating will determine how they react. Some people have voiced afterwards that it was like living in a fog. I've heard others describe that they were just on automatic and don't remember details, especially in the early onset of the crisis. A few took everything in stride. Some people's faith was strengthened, while others not only was it tested, but they even questioned God himself. All of these are normal responses.

This month as we journey through the Lenten season, I have been thinking of those who were the closest to Jesus and how they reacted, especially through Holy Week. Emotions were joyous when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, but that quickly changed as the week wore on. Scripture tells us that people who were the closest to him like his disciples, experienced many different emotions and behavior. Those emotions ranged from denying him, not guarding and staying awake in the garden of Gethsemane, and of course betrayal. They also must have suffered emotions such as guilt, fear for their own life and grief.

I have often heard the expression "it is the darkest before dawn." That was certainly true for the family and friends of Jesus. After Jesus's death on the cross, Good Friday was anything but good. It was the hardest day of their lives; but on Easter morning when they heard that Jesus was not in the tomb and remembered what he said about rising from the grave, then the darkest time started to turn. It gave them hope in the midst of their grief.

Sometimes what we need when we are going through a crisis is hope. Just like the disciples, we need the support of our friends who will be there for us, listening and caring. Stephen Ministers do just that and more. We can help you as you journey through the darkest time of your life to the dawn. Call one of the Stephen Ministers Leaders today.

Jan Elliott • Lori York • Jeannine Wolf



- Caps and Lids
- Cellphones

- canceled; leave 1/4" edge • Pull Tabs

Postage Stamps

Ink Cartridges
 Toiletry Items (new; any size)

Complete list available on the church website.

Helping Hands with Hygiene Program through the Family Resource Center for Loudon County Schools

New items include: body wash, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner (or combined), deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, bath scrubbies, skin lotion, hair styling products

Your help is appreciated in the following ways:

- Please put your items in the appropriately labeled baskets. There are two larger plastic bins in the open bin of the Wishing Well for caps and lids.
- Please only donate the items that are requested. There are 3x5 cards in a stand on the top of the Wishing Well that list all of the collections on one side and the specifics for the cap and lid collection on the other side. Feel free to take one home with you as a reminder of what is acceptable.
- If you bring your items to church in a bag, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate baskets.
- Please only donate the items that are requested.
- For those responsible for picking up the donated items for an agency, please clear out the basket(s) on a regular basis. If you are unable to do so, please ask someone to do it in your place.

The Wishing Well Care and Share collection area is located under the grand staircase.



Crafters Spring Sale

By Jeannine Wolf

The Crafters Spring Sale will be held at the CCTV on Saturday, April 13 from 9am to noon in the Christian Life Center of the church located at 130 Choto Center in Tellico Village.

Check out the baked good first while there is an abundant supply of cakes, cookies, pies, breads, snack items and other treats such as Jezebel jam. The Crafters Spring Sale has floral arrangements, mailbox covers, a variety of sewing items, jewelry, bridge tallies, homemade cards, needlework items and other decor items. Bring cash or your checkbook as credit cards are not accepted.

Monies raised from the Spring & Fall Crafters Sales along with a Fall Garage Sale with Habitat for Humanity benefit local charities in Loudon and Monroe counties, including Child Advocacy Center, Good Samaritan of Loudon County, Tellico Village Fire Department First Responders, Good Shepherd of Monroe County, Shelter My Sheep (veterans) and the CCTV Scholarship Program.

Crafters meet most Mondays at the CCTV Christian Life Center 9:30am-11:30am throughout the year creating items for sale. Everyone is welcome and no experience is needed. You can continue to enjoy the craft you love to make or learn and new craft skill. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends especially for those who have moved just recently to Tellico Village.

GriefShare Program - Upcoming Events



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION - ALL ARE WELCOME March 7, 2024 • Founders Chapel • 7pm

Our GriefShare program offers participants a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Thirteen weekly sessions lead them to relief, comfort and the peace given by God.



Emotional, spiritual, practical support and encouragement for men & women who have suffered the death of a loved one.

Thursdays, 10am-12pm (April 4 to June 27) Classrooms 2A & B - Christian Life Center

Call the church office for more information or to register.

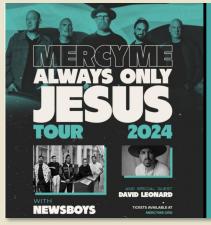
Associate Pastor Candidate Breakfast











Join Pastor Hannah and Jettrey

April 21 @ 7pm

Thompson-Boling Arena Knoxville

Visit ticketmaster.com to purchase tickets.

LIMITED TICKET AVAILABILITY

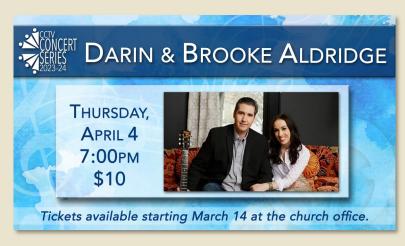




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March 8 @ 7pm Abba House Hixson, TN

Visit ticketsonsale.com to purchase tickets.



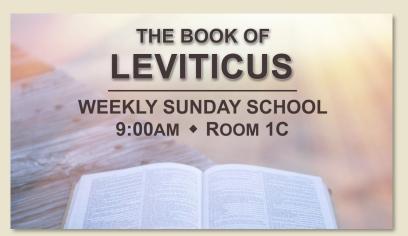


God's Special Time

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Bake Cookies // Pray // Buy a Meal Ticket Pick up cookie dough after the Sunday services in the Narthex on March 3 & 10.









SEND YOUR GIFT TO: 130 CHOTA CENTER LOUDON, TN 37774







GIVE ONLINE AT TELLICOCHURCH.COM/GIVE

March Finance Notes

Wondering what the easiest way is to give to the church? We currently have five options:

- Mail You can mail in a check to 130 Chota Center Loudon, TN
- **Drop Off** Bring your gift to the church office (Mon-Thurs, 9-4)
- Sundays Place your gift in an offering plate
- Online Visit the church website (tellicochurch.com) and click on Give. On the next screen there will be a button which says, "Click Here to Give Online." You now can set up a (1) one-time or (2) recurring donation. You will use the drop-down screen to select the fund you would like to give to. Next, put in the dollar amount you would like to give. Once completed, the payment information will appear where you can enter your debit or credit card information. It will also give you the option to add an additional 2.5% to help cover the processing fee. While this is not necessary, it is appreciated.
- Recurring withdrawal from your checking account Contact Cathy Bradley for an ACH and Credit Card Authorization Form. Fill it out and return with a void check. You will be gifting hassle free for the year.

Whatever way you choose to give, it helps with God's work and is appreciated.

Greeters Needed

Do you enjoy meeting new people and are you looking for a simple way to get more involved at CCTV?

We are looking for people who are interested in serving as greeters at the 10:30 service. Simply come to church about 35 minutes early and greet people as they arrive for service. You will serve 2-3 Sundays every 4 months and only be scheduled when you are available.

If this sounds interesting to you, and you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact the church office.

Finance Facts

JANUARY YEAR-TO-DATE 2024

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME	\$176,643	\$223,023
EXPENSES (including mortgage principal)	\$156,147	\$168,411
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$20,496	\$54,612
Mortgage Principal Year-to-Date		\$19,067
Mortgage Interest Year-to-Date		\$4,856
Mortgage Balance		\$2,031,249
Endowment Fund		\$373.277

Memorial Gifts Remembering...

Al Johnson

Bill & Shauna Oden Jim & Jan Elliott

Ray Scott

Jim & Jan Elliott Larry & Jo Ellen Campbell



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GENERAL INFO

Worship Services		
Watch our livestream (YouTube) each Sunday at 10:30.		
Visit our website to watch Sunday's service live.		
Sunday School 9:00		
Find us on Facebook facebook.com/tellicochurch		
Church Calendar tellicochurch.com/events		
Want to explore church membership?		
Please call the church office for details if you are		
interested. You may inquire about membership		
and other spiritual matters.		
Pastoral Care		

Please contact the church office for your pastoral

care needs.

STAFF

Conjor Doctor	Dr. Stanban P. Brayatta
Senior Pastor	•
Associate Pastor	Rev. Devin Phillips
Pastor of Worship and Music	Rev. Dr. John Orr
Associate Pastor	Rev. Dr. Katie Morgan-Harper
Pastoral Resident	Rev. Hannah Perry
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Martin C. Singley, III
Office Manager	Pat Ouderkirk
Director of AVL	Rex Prather
Director of Communications	Gregg Randolph
Financial Assistant	Cathy Bradley
Receptionist/Secretary	Candy Smith
Facilities Manager	
Kitchen Coordinator	Lee Rook
Organist/Accompanist	Andrew Duncan

The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm and Friday, 9am-noon.

BUS TRANSPORTATION is available for the 10:30 service from anywhere in the village. If you wish to ride the bus, please call the church office by Thursday of the week you wish to use transportation.

Columbarium Niches & Plaza Bricks



Columbarium niches are available at the CCTV Memorial Gardens for CCTV members as well as Village residents and their family. Bricks are also available for purchase for the Veteran's Plaza. Please contact the church office for more information

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Spiritual Support

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Monday at 7pm, Lower CLC Women every Friday at 11:30am Lower CLC

Al-Anon

United Methodist Church - Loudon Every Tuesday at 7pm

Caregiver's Support Group

(Includes Alzheimer's Support Group)
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month, 1pm
Fellowship Hall
Lynne MacConnell

Grief Support Group

Scott & Suzanne Duncan

Guy to Guy

Chuck Hitch

Hospitalization Support

Call the church office

Parkinson's Support Group

1st Thursday of month, 1pm Lower CLC

Kathy Milam, Peggy Crowder

Pastoral Counseling

Rev. Dr. Stephen Prevatte

Prayer Chain

Jan Elliott

Prayer Shawls

Knitters & Crocheters

2nd Monday of month, 11am Conference Room Jan Martin

Stephen Ministry

Jan Elliott, Jeannine Wolf, Lori York

For more information please contact the church office (865-458-1516).