



# COMMUNITY CHURCH AT TELlico VILLAGE



**MAY  
2026**

*Cultivating  
believers, disciples,  
and servants  
to transform our  
community and  
world for  
Christ.*

## **“Growing Together Sunday”**

### **— Minister of Congregational Care Search Team Update —**

Dear Church Family,

There are moments in a church’s life that remind us how alive and active God is among us; moments when we can sense the Spirit at work, guiding, shaping, and growing us into who we are called to be.

In just a few weeks, we will share in one of those moments. On Sunday, May 10th, beginning at 9:00 in the fellowship hall, we will have the opportunity to gather for a light breakfast. At that time, you will have the opportunity to meet and hear from our candidate for the vacant Minister of Congregational Care position. Following breakfast, we will hold one worship service at 10:30, during which the candidate will preach.

These opportunities are designed to give us the chance to hear their heart, sense of calling, and vision for ministry among us. Immediately after the service, we will move into a brief special membership meeting, where we will have one important item of business before us: to hear the search team’s recommendation and to vote on the candidate.

As your Senior Pastor, I want to say that this is more than just a vote. It’s an exciting moment of shared discernment... a time when we, as a church family, listen together for the leading of God’s Spirit and re-

### **Sunday, May 10 Highlights**

- **Minister of Congregational Care candidate to be presented**
- **9am congregational breakfast in the Fellowship Hall**
- **One combined service - 10:30 only**
- **No Sunday School**

spond in faith. It has certainly been a long time coming!

Throughout this search process, our search team has leaned into the words of Proverbs 3:5–6, “to trust in the Lord with all our heart” and to follow where God is leading. And now we find ourselves at an exciting next step in that journey. We truly believe this day reflects what it means to be the church; not standing still but growing...not walking alone but moving forward together in faith.

So, I encourage you to make every effort to be present on this important Sunday. Come ready to worship, to pray, to listen, and to participate in this significant moment in our shared life. Because by God’s grace, we are indeed growing together.

Blessings,

*Pastor Steve*

Senior Pastor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MAY 10 - 10:30AM  
(No Sunday School on May 10)



# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, May 10

Following the  
10:30 Combined Service  
(No Sunday School)

PURPOSE:  
Membership vote on candidate  
selected to serve as  
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care



Christ caring for people through people

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### Off to the Races

By Jeannine Wolf

May reminds me of the start of the busy social events of the summer. Besides weddings and graduations, there is Mother's Day, Memorial Day, the Indianapolis 500 and for those horse lovers the start of the Triple Crown Season beginning with the Kentucky Derby. When I was growing up, May was a busy month for our family. Watching racing events were never missed. There

were always big family gatherings with an abundance of food, fellowship, games and fun watching and rooting for our favorite car or horse.

My mother often referred to May as "Off to the Races" as she cleaned, cooked and prepared for all the social events. Spring cleaning was a must if not already done and the final touches to the yard and gardens were not to be left out. Everything had to be ready and look its best. Whether it was celebrating Mother's Day with family, remembering men and women who died as my uncle did in WWII at Iwo Jima, or watching racing events, there was a constant busyness getting ready.

This busyness also happens when a death or a medical crisis occurs. There is so much to do. Funerals to plan, taking care of financial and personal matters, treatments such as PT, chemotherapy and surgery besides the endless appointments with doctors, lawyers, accountants and financial advisors to name a few. It can be overwhelming and many people feel they are in constant motion and desire some peace.

Stephen Ministry can help support you by being a calm presence, listening to you and reassuring you that you are not alone in your journey. If you feel like your life is off to the races, a Stephen Minister can help you find strength and peace during this difficult time in your life.

Jan Elliott • Lori York • Jeannine Wolf • Marjorie Stephens



## Wishing Well Care & Share

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

### Items Accepted:

- Caps and Lids
- Cellphones
- Eyeglasses
- Ink Cartridges
- Pull Tabs
- Toiletry Items  
(new; any size)

### Your help is appreciated in the following ways:

- Please put your items in the appropriately labeled baskets. There are two larger plastic bins 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.*
- If you bring your items to church in a bag, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate baskets.
- 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.*

# MISSION OUTREACH



## THANK YOU for Your Generosity

Our Easter offering for 2026 was dedicated to Compassion Ministries, Inc. This CCTV Mission Partner provides nutritional food for those in need in our local community and in rural areas across East Tennessee. Your generous giving will help Compassion Ministries to transition their headquarters to Loudon County and help to reduce food insecurity in our area. Pictured below are scenes from a recent local pantry, along with Robin Rolland, Executive Director, and our own CCTV coordinator Jerry Perata.



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**easter**  
OFFERING

OFFERING RESULT:  
**\$13,195**

## CCTV SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Spring is the time when CCTV receives applications for our scholarship program from our local graduating seniors at Greenback, Lenoir City, Loudon, and Sequoyah High Schools. Thanks to the generosity of our church family, we were able to increase each scholarship to \$3,000 per year for a total 4-year award of \$12,000. We also added another scholarship award to a graduate of Tellico Plains High School.

- The CCTV Endowment Team established the John and Alyce Fleishman Scholarships that consist of 3 awards for \$2,000 each to be given annually at Greenback, Lenoir City, and Loudon High Schools (per stipulations of the estate will). These one-time awards will be given to students who are pursuing a career in a trade or medical field at a community college or TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT).
- The scholarship subteam completed 28 interviews of outstanding applicants and selected 5 CCTV scholarship winners and 3 Fleishman Scholarship winners. Award presentations will be made at each high school's senior awards night and all winners will be recognized during the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 31 for Scholarship Sunday. Save the date and plan to join us as we celebrate our new and continuing scholarship recipients!
- Our Scholarship subteam members this year have been: Carol Davis, Kevin Flanagan (CCTV Mission Team Leader), Linda Giffen, Bonnie Ingraham, Sue Jackson, Lois Lucas, Janis Solack, Rick Thompson, and Tricia Waldron. These dedicated volunteers reviewed all scholarship applications, did the interviews at each high school, and had the difficult task of determining the students to receive the awards at each school. Many thanks to them for their time and prayerful discernment for this task.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**MEN'S OUTING:**  
**SECOND HARVEST**  
FOOD BANK  
MARYVILLE

Join us for a morning volunteering in the food bank followed by lunch at Smoky Mountain Brewery.

**WEDNESDAY**  
MAY 20 - 9AM

Mission Outreach Opportunity - June 8-12  
Central United Methodist Church - Lenoir City

**CAMP**  
in the  
Community

Volunteer Helpers | Snack Donations | Support Tasks  
For information, email [mission@tellicochurch.org](mailto:mission@tellicochurch.org).

*(Mission Outreach - Service Opportunities continued...)*

**GET READY...GET SET...LET'S BUILD** with Loudon County Habitat for Humanity!

Watch the weekly e-news for signup details to help build the first Habitat house in the new Hilltop Hideaway subdivision! We need workers plus folks who are interested in making lunches for the workers as they construct this first house. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nancy Gregg ( [mission@tellicochurch.org](mailto:mission@tellicochurch.org)).

## **DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP UPDATE**

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8)*

CCTV is blessed to have wonderful volunteers who consistently answer the call to go forth and be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. With our church family's support, 12 CCTV members plus 4 Loudon County Habitat staff members spent a week in Kingsport, TN lending their expertise to assist Holston Habitat for Humanity. The team worked at two different project sites - one site was installing insulation and building interior walls while the other site consisted of demolishing the interior of a house to be renovated for a future Habitat resident. We are thankful that CCTV supports mission outreach work in our local communities, regionally, and around the world.



*Bathroom work*



*Clearing out the kitchen area*



*Attic Crew*



*Work at the second job site*



*Removing old flooring*



*Work at the second job site*



*Bathroom work*



*Our team visited Bristol Motor Speedway*



*Our hardworking team*

**Visit [tellicochurch.com/photos](http://tellicochurch.com/photos) to view all the pictures from our trip.**

**What skills and abilities could you bring to CCTV Mission Outreach?**

Let us know how YOU might like to serve by completing the online Mission Interest Form ([tellicochurch.com/missions](http://tellicochurch.com/missions)).

## WOMEN'S TEA - BENEFITING BEAUTY FOR ASHES



**"BE-U-TEA"**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7**  
**2:00PM**  
**TELLICO JOE & COURTYARD**



## CCTV Women's Ministry Retreat

Restoration: Streams in the Desert  
September 18-20, 2026  
Lutheridge Camp (Arden, NC)



Guest Speaker: Rev. Amy Andrews

Drop-in Info Session:

- Sunday, May 3 (after each service)
- Fellowship Hall
- Learn more about the retreat and pick up registration docs

*Save the Date*

## Spaghetti Supper

Thursday, April 16 ~ 4:30-6:00pm

Dine-in or Take-out:  
\$8/meal



No reservations needed.  
Chicken & pasta also available.



## STARTING POINT

learn about us  
meet new people  
get connected

**Sunday, May 17**  
Following Each Service • Fireside Room



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[tellicochurch.com](http://tellicochurch.com)

## New Bible Studies

- First Look (April 9-May 7)  
Led by Tricia Waldron
- Visio Divina (April 14, 28; May 12, 16)  
Led by Pastor Katie
- Men's Study: Romans (April 23-May 28)  
Led by Ken Kinzler & Bill Barbour
- Missions Book Club: *Educated* (May 1-29)  
Led by Nancy Gregg
- Women's Summer Study (June 3-24)  
Led by Deb Thompson

Sign up through the church office.



Sponsored by the Congregational Care Team

## LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS



LOUDON COUNTY  
**U-EXTENSION**  
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE



**June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14 3-5pm**

This evidence-based group education workshop meets once a week for two hours. This program teaches people to be self-managers of their disease. The workshop provides support for continuing normal daily activities and dealing with the emotions that arise from having a chronic health condition.

## SIGNS & WONDERS: MIRACLES OF JESUS

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:00AM ♦ ROOMS 1A/B

NEW CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

## LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

**2nd Thursday of the Month - STARTING JUNE 11**  
**4pm - Fireside Room**

A confidential circle for parents of adult children to share, listen, and support one another in a spirit of love, faith and understanding.

# FINAL CONCERT OF THE 2025-2026 SERIES



**DALLAS BRASS**

**CCTV CONCERT SERIES 2025-26**

**DALLAS BRASS**

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**  
7pm • \$10

*Tickets available at the church office.*

Since its founding in 1983 by Michael Levine, the Dallas Brass has become one of America’s foremost musical ensembles. The group has established a unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion, which creates a performing entity of extraordinary range and musical challenges. The Dallas Brass repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, Swing, Broadway, Hollywood and patriotic music.

## CCTV ENDOWMENT FUND NEWS

Congratulations to our 2025 Endowment Grant recipient, Watauga Community Church, who is the newest member of the International Council of Community Churches! Our endowment grant provided funding for start-up costs for this church, and we are proud to have played a part in them reaching this milestone.

This is just one example of the good work that is done through the Endowment Fund. Now it is time to find other opportunities to serve our community. The 2026 Endowment Grant application period is open and will close at 4:00 p.m. EDT on May 15th. Please go to the website at [tellicochurch.com/endowment](http://tellicochurch.com/endowment) to find out more about how the endowment can serve our community nonprofits and our church.

### CCTV ENDOWMENT FUND

The 2026 grant application process is now open.

Visit the church website at [tellicochurch.com/endowment](http://tellicochurch.com/endowment) for additional information.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MAY 15 @ 4PM**



## SHARING OUR VISION - ROUNDTABLES

In January, our pastors participated in a two-day visioning retreat where they spent meaningful time together discerning God’s guidance for our church’s future. The pastors shared their vision with the church council and an *Ad Hoc* team was formed to explore the feasibility and impact of pursuing these dreams.

This team has been busy since February laying the groundwork for a churchwide visioning effort based on the pastor’s direction. The church received a gift which provided funds for the team to hire a professional church consulting group, Horizons Stewardship, to guide our process. We invite you, the congregation, to join the team as we Share Our Vision for our church and the community we serve.

“Sharing Our Vision” Roundtables are scheduled for 10am, 2pm and 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 12 in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to select a time and sign up to attend one of the sessions. You can either register at the table in the Narthex, or call the church office (865-458-1516). Your input is important to the formation of our church’s future, so sign up today!

### SHARING OUR VISION ROUNDTABLES

be a part of the process

Sign up in the Narthex or church office by May 10.

**TUESDAY, MAY 12 ~ 10am / 2pm / 5:30pm**



# 4 WAYS TO GIVE



## MAIL

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



## DROP OFF

BRING YOUR GIFT TO  
THE CHURCH OFFICE  
MON - THURS 9-4



## SUNDAYS

PLACE YOUR GIFT IN  
AN OFFERING PLATE



## ONLINE

GIVE ONLINE AT  
TELLICOCURCH.COM/GIVE

## FINANCE NEWS

In an effort to make the budgeted lines items more transparent the finance team will highlight a few of the line items over the next few months. The first will be the personnel budget.

Based on a survey down by Leadership Network the Personnel Budget among churches lies between 46-60% of the total budget. We fall right in the middle at 52%. This includes 9 full-time and 5 part-time employees.

The break down is as follows:

Salaries	72%
Insurance	15%
Retirement	7%
Statutory Benefits	2%
Sabbatical	1%
Other Employee Expenses	3%
<b>Personnel Budget</b>	<b>100%</b>

If you have any further questions, please contact the accounting department ([accounting@tellicochurch.org](mailto:accounting@tellicochurch.org)).

**PLEASE NOTE: The finance facts for March were not available at the time of finalizing the May newsletter.**

**CCTV Columbarium**

The columbarium in our memorial garden provides perpetual peace and perpetual care for the remains of our loved ones. Niches can be purchased by any area resident.

Double: \$4,000    Single: \$3,000

Contact the Church Office:  
865-458-1516 - [mail@tellicochurch.org](mailto:mail@tellicochurch.org)

## Memorial Gifts



Judy & Ted Valentini  
Scott & Suzanne Duncan

Roger VerVelde  
Mary & Thomas Butcher

## Thank You

Thank you so much for letting me borrow some health care items for my recent knee replacement. They worked out great, and this is such a wonderfully generous service you offer to our community.

*Laurie Benken*

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were delivered to me. They brighten each day as I recover from my knee surgery.

*Linda Stickler*

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers delivered to me after Sunday's service. They brightened my day. Surgery is over, and I'm feeling good. Just need a minute to get my strength back. Mostly, thank you for all the prayers.

*Robin Zang*

## Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

## Scholarship Follow-up Story

I recently visited a church member recovering at UT Medical Center. When I arrived at the room, our church member was being attended to by a second-year nursing student from Carson Newman University. Her name is Landria Benson from Madisonville, Tennessee. She was in the Sequoyah High School class of 2024. She is a recipient of the Scholarship Fund from Community Church at Tellico Village.

With tears in her eyes she said, "I could not go to college if it were not for the scholarship from your church." How wonderful! One of the beneficiaries of those scholarships was literally taking care of a member from CCTV!

*Pastor Leonard Markham*



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## GENERAL INFO

**Worship Services** ..... 9:00 & 10:30

*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

**Senior Pastor** ..... Dr. Stephen B. Prevatte

**Pastor of Worship and Music**.....Rev. Dr. John Orr

**Associate Pastor** ..... Rev. Dr. Katie Morgan-Harper

**Interim Pastoral Care Pastor**.....Rev. Ingrid Schalk

**Interim Pastoral Care Pastor**.....Dr. Leonard Markham

**Pastor Emeritus** ..... Rev. Martin C. Singley, III

**Office Manager** ..... Pat Ouder Kirk

**Technical Director** ..... Mark Townsend

**Director of Communications**..... Gregg Randolph

**Financial Assistant**..... Cathy Bradley

**Receptionist/Secretary** ..... Candy Smith

**Facilities Manager** ..... Jeff McDaniel

**Kitchen Coordinator** ..... Victoria McComb

**Director of Missions** ..... Nancy Gregg

**Organist/Accompanist** ..... Andrew Duncan

The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm and Friday, 9am-noon.

## 2026 Council Voting Members



**(L-R):** Chuck Martin, *Council Chair*  
Jim Sandridge, *Council Vice-Chair, Chair of Personnel Team*  
Patty Pridemore, *Chair of Engagement Team*  
Peggy Welch, *Chair of Finance Team*



**(L-R):** Maurie Feise - *Congregational Care Team Leader*  
Leslie Shuman, *Chair of Trustees*  
Judy Heard, *Chair of Worship & Music Team*  
Kevin Flanagan, *Chair of Mission Team*

## Spiritual Support

### Alcoholics Anonymous

*Every Monday at 7pm  
Lower CLC*

### Al-Anon

*Every Monday at 10am  
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall*

*United Methodist Church - Loudon  
Every Tuesday at 7pm*

### Caregivers Support Group

*(Includes Alzheimer's Support Group)  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month, 1pm  
Lower CLC*

### Grief Support Group

*Scott & Suzanne Duncan*

### Guy to Guy

*Dave Lillemon*

### Hospitalization Support

*Contact the church office*

### Parkinson's Support Group

*1st Thursday of month, 1pm  
Lower CLC  
Kathy Milam*

### 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, Marjorie Stephens,  
Jeannine Wolf, Lori York*

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