



# COMMUNITY CHURCH

## January 2022 News

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

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### The Year Ahead

It is a fact, we all love opening new things. Every Christmas I always enjoy watching my friends and family open their presents. For me, it's interesting to watch others try to figure out what lies underneath all the pretty packaging. Pastor Devin was recently showing me his new Apple Watch he got for Christmas. Because his previous one is several years old, he commented about how fast his new one is, and how many new features it has compared with his old one.

Each of us love new things for a variety of reasons. Things break, get old, and wear out. Whether it's our car, our house, or bodies, our world dictates that we are either fixing up things, maintaining, or replacing our possessions. While frustrating, it is a part of life.

When I stop to think about this past year I'm filled with mixed emotions. While sad for all the people we've said goodbye to, I am also optimistic. I am thankful for where we've been and the ministry that has taken place in and through our congregation. God has been good to us, and as a result you all have been incredibly generous with your time and your resources.

In 2022 we are leaning into the words of the prophet Isaiah (43:19) which reads "God is making all things new." I am excited to share with you what that means for our congregation.

While doing some coaching over the last 8 months, our pastoral staff identified areas of giftedness that we each possess. As a result, we are adjusting our focus areas to better align with those passions and areas of aptitude. In addition to their rolls of preaching, teaching, and providing pastoral care, Jennifer and Devin's responsibilities will be shifting. Pastor Jennifer will be lending her expertise to the growth of and outreach to new members, community groups and developing leaders within our congregation. Pastor Devin will be utilizing his talents to focus on administrative areas within our church such as overseeing our IT infrastructure, software applications, and working with our Missions, Trustees, Finance and HR teams. Pastor John will continue to do what he does best, which is to lead and direct the best music ministry program around! I will continue in my role as Senior Pastor, lead vision caster, worship leader and pastoral care provider. Additionally, I will focus on New Member recruitment and assimilation into the life and membership of our congregation.

We believe these new changes will enable each pastor to minister effectively and be a blessing to our congregation. God is indeed making all things new, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for each of us at CCTV.

I pray this coming year will be a great one for you, your family, and for us as a congregation. May God's holy spirit fall fresh upon each of us in 2022!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

#### Church Calendar

You can see an up to date calendar at our church website:

[tellicochurch.com/events](https://tellicochurch.com/events)



In Concert  
**VOCTAVE**  
Thursday, February 10, 7:00 pm\*  
Community Church at  
Tellico Village  
Tickets \$10

A *cappella* sensation Voctave has had over 150 million social media views of their videos, and their

latest album, *The Spirit of the Season, Deluxe Edition*, reached No. 6 on the Billboard charts. Their previous album, *The Corner of Broadway & Main Street Vol. 2*, debuted at number 3 on the iTunes charts. Formed in 2015 by producer and arranger Jamey Ray, the voices that bring their arrangements to life represent a wealth of diverse backgrounds and musical experiences. Hailing from Central Florida, the eleven members of Voctave have performed across the globe and appear on countless recordings. The group has performed with GRAMMY, Dove and American Music Award recipients including Sandi Patty, Pentatonix's Kirstin Maldonado, Mark Lowry, David Phelps, and Jody McBryer. Voctave's eight albums are digitally available on all platforms.

\*This concert replaces the Vienna Boys Choir who have cancelled their U.S. Tour until Fall 2022.



## Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry Team is excited to announce our Women's Retreat for 2022! We will share more information in the months ahead about our theme, how to sign up, and cost. For now, save the date and be in prayer for our time together in September.

### SAVE THE DATE Women's Retreat

Lake Junaluska, NC  
September 23-25, 2022  
Speaker: Pastor Jennifer Brown



*Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate is a beautiful and heartbreaking story based on true events. In Memphis, Tennessee, Georgia Tann ran an adoption center that kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families from 1920 until 1950. This novel follows the fictional life of Avery Stafford and her quest to understand her grandmother better. Along the way she unravels this hidden history. There's also a bit of romance. This is a great read if you enjoy historical fiction or are interested in Tennessee history. It would also make a fun book club pick.

To be perfectly honest, I recommend the next book with hesitations. It's called *Already Toast: Caregiving and Burnout in America* by Kate Washington. I read this book because I know caregiving is something many people in our congregation have done for an ill spouse, a declining parent, a medically complex child. It's a difficult, lonely, and undervalued job. This book tells the story of Kate's husband getting cancer unexpectedly and then it turns into a long-term disability. She narrates her perspective with courage and vulnerability. She's honest about resenting her husband at times, struggling to keep up with her professional life over the family needs, and gives voice to what I assume many caregivers feel but are not ever given permission to say. Kate is a "sandwiched" caregiver, meaning she's caring for both her husband and her little girls at the same time. Kate strongly believes sweeping policy changes are needed to support caregivers and is unapologetically feminist. Kate is Gen-X and her perspective would probably be most helpful for women who have been in similar situations.

Pastor Jennifer

**Many, many thanks to our volunteers who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season. It was beautiful! Thank you!**



Linda Giffen and Marilyn Hollis help with the poinsettia tree in the narthex.



Emily Koepp, Donna Kuzdzal and Maura Lapinski setting out more poinsettias



Gary Giffen and David Koin setting up a chancel tree.



Sharon Scott putting final touches on one of the many trees in the sanctuary.



Brenda Riordan, organizer, Sara Emery and Maura Lapinski place candles in the windows of the Founders Chapel.

## Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready To Care For You

By Jeannine Wolf



On January 23, the new class of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at the 10:30 service. These new Stephen Ministers have received 40 hours of instruction on how to care for individuals. They have been very active, engaging, and enthusiastic in their training. Please congratulate and encourage them as they go forth to minister to those in need. They are Sandy Ball, Jack Fellers, Donna Kuzdzal, Diane Rieth and Steve Tompkins. Jeannine Wolf will also be commissioned as a new Stephen Ministry Leader.

In their training they learned that Stephen Ministry equips lay members to provide one to one Christian care to people in the church and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. They learn that this ministry is confidential and the identity of care receivers and everything they discuss with them remains private. They are instructed on how to provide emotional and spiritual care during many different crises and life difficulties, such as: loss of a loved one, major medical crisis, divorce or separation, spiritual crisis, providing long term care for a loved one, retirement, unemployment or job loss, military deployment of a loved one, birth, adoption, miscarriage or infertility, relocation and recovery after an accident or disaster.

However, in order to provide care for these individuals, the Stephen Ministry team must know about them. We encourage everyone from the Ministry staff, the Stephen Ministry Team and the congregation to help us. WE ALL must be on the lookout. Keep your eyes and ears open for friends, neighbors, co-workers, or others who are going through a difficult time. They may or may not be part of our congregation. That doesn't matter – just look for people who are experiencing these kinds of needs appropriate for Stephen Ministry. Don't assume the Stephen Ministry Team knows. So I challenge you this year as we make new resolutions. Be a good lookout. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care however we will never push ourselves on anyone. All care receivers must agree to receive care and if they agree, we will be ready. Contact one of our leaders today.

Jan Elliot: 865-458-3604

Carolyn Page: 865-414-5559

Jeannine Wolf: 423-748-5152



*Note: Every year, Nick Azelborn organizes groups of carolers to go out and sing to our shut-ins. Our Congregational Care Team also delivered fruit baskets. Some thank-you notes are included below.*



I was the lucky recipient of altar flowers and I want to express my sincere thanks for that bright spot of cheer it has given me. Just want you to know how fresh those lovely flowers were. I am yet enjoying a small bouquet that I rescued from the large arrangement as part of it withered, so it is still spreading cheer in my house. Thank you for thinking of me.

Jo Neustel

What a lovely gift! I have never been given a prayer shawl before. It's meaning goes far beyond its beauty. I so appreciated the card enclosed with the shawl. It says it all! Yes, I need hope, comfort, joy and most of all peace. I pray this shawl will help me find my sacred place with God where I can just be me. What a wonderful gift! Thanks so very much!

June Ulewicz

My mantra is "God will take care of you if you let Him." He gave us a visit to paradise when we came to Tellico Village, a place filled with angels. We praise Him and thank Him every day. And thank you for the delicious fruit basket and the beautiful choir filled with music!

With love and happy holidays, Deb & Glen Strange

We would like to thank you for the lovely basket of fruit we received. A very Blessed and Merry Christmas to you.

Don & Judy Phillips

What a pleasant surprise knock on my front door—a Community Church at Tellico Village elf delivering a basket of fruit.

Tom & Pat Thomas

What a glorious surprise your music was! I shed a few sentimental tears. Thank you for your beautiful visit. You made my Christmas special with the gift of that lovely fruit basket. Thank you for being part of a caring church.

Martha Strange

We thank everyone at the Community Church for the phone calls, visits, cards, and just being you. Your responses and prayers have definitely helped.

Mona & Elton Pierson

## Finance News

Your Finance Team thanks everyone who supported our "Together For Joy" stewardship campaign. We are very grateful we received twenty new pledges and one hundred and seventy pledging units increased their pledges. We also had thirty two decrease their pledge and 215 pledges remained the same as last year. At this time we have fallen short of our goal by \$151,213. Our goal was \$1,665,000 and we have received \$1,513,787 or 91% of the goal. We have received a total of 437 pledges for this year.

In addition to the regular financial status as of November 2021 we thought you would like to see a breakdown of our "Together For Joy" pledge statistics.

### Pledge Statistics "Together for Joy"

<u>% PLEDGES</u>	<u>% PLEDGE</u>	<u>\$ AVERAGE PLEDGE</u>
20% Top	49%	\$8,544
60% Majority	47%	\$2,676
20% Bottom	4%	\$ 765
100%	100%	\$3,464

## Finance Facts

Year-to-Date as of November 30, 2021

	ACTUAL
Income	\$1,623,612
Expenses (incl. mortgage principal)	\$1,590,580
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 33,032
<b>MORTGAGE</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL</b>
Mortgage Balance	\$2,539,769
Endowment Fund	\$ 386,239

## Kitchen News

Hi Everyone!

I hope you all had a good holiday season! The upcoming event for January, 2022 is the Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, January 20th. It will be dine in. Reservations will be taken for the dinner. Once again, please consider in 2022 helping with the cooking of the chicken. The ministry could use another backup. If more information is needed, please let me know. Thank you. Have a healthy and blessed 2022. Take Care.

Blessings,

Nadine Mazienis, Krazy Kitchen Coordinator

## Church Bus Ministry

Are you interested in joining the current (6) member team? Drivers pick the dates that work for them and drive about once per month. For more information, contact the church office.

### Bus Driver - Volunteer Requirements:

- Applicants under age 75
- No special driver's license required
- Background check & Physical
- Training program to operate 13 passenger church bus
- Flexible driving schedule

## 2022 Council Voting Members



Shauna Oden  
Council Chair



Don Lucas  
Treasurer &  
Finance Team  
Leader



Judy Heard  
Worship &  
Music Team  
Leader



Lynne  
MacConnell  
Congregational  
Care Team  
Leader



Bonnie  
Ingraham  
Council  
Vice Chair



David Brunson  
Corp. Secretary  
& Trustee  
Team Leader



Chuck Martin  
Mission  
Team Leader

## Memorial Gifts Remembering...

### Ted Lethen

Wes & Mary McNeal  
Bill & Emily Koepp  
Bill & Peggy Crowder  
Don & Susan Scott  
Jeffrey Cox  
Avis Babb  
Ann Sneden  
Ike & Connie Eichenauer  
Alice & Harry Curnow  
Anne McNeer

### Lucille Luton

Carol Ann Labo

### Kathy Kinzler

CCTV Handbell Choirs

### Avis Oliver

Elton & Mona Pierson  
Shauna & Bill Oden

### Doris Ryan

Shauna & Bill Oden  
Wayne & Barbara Bailey



Pictured above Compassion Ministries and volunteers served about 250 families on Saturday, October 30. There was a steady cold fall drizzle, but that didn't prevent us from helping folks that needed some food and a "Have a Blessed Day" greeting.



## Compassion Ministries

By Scott Duncan

Left are three pictures from the December 11 Coker Creek Mobile Food Pantry. The weather created some new challenges for us. The weather forecast included rain, thunderstorms and lightning so setting up the usual pop-up tents was not possible. Instead, Executive Director, Robin had us arrange the food in the middle of two rows of cars in an effort to distribute food as quickly as possible. Fortunately, we were able to set up and be ready for "business" before the rain began. Another new process for me was the distribution of a true bounty of meat: pork roasts, hams, beef roasts, beef tenderloins, whole chickens, bison, ground beef, chicken tenders, chicken breasts, catfish, bacon, Boars Head deli meat and cheese. We gave each family a heavy duty green plastic bag with a variety of these meats: probably 20 pounds or so per family. As can be seen in the last photo, the weatherman got the forecast right, it rained and there were a few thunder and lightning bursts. The team continued to distribute food to a thankful crowd of 200 families (my best guess). Surplus food was packed up and returned to Compassion Ministries around 2:30PM.

Thanks to the CCTV folks that participated, Robin and her dedicated crew of truck drivers, fork truck operator and helpers. God's abundant blessings of food was appreciated by all.

thank you!



## Tornado Victims

Community Church is accepting monetary donations for disaster relief related to the tornado damage across the Southeastern United States. In the aftermath of a disaster there is always an initial rush of aid but the deepest needs emerge later. We will work through vetted non-profit organizations to ensure our gifts go towards the long term project of rebuilding and recovery. You may give by designating your gift "Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check or online by selecting "Disaster Relief Fund" from the drop down menu. We will collect funds through the end of January 2022.



**Thank you** for your generous support over the years. Your gifts have helped many kids have the best week of their lives and some begin a relationship with Jesus. These are some of the boys your church sponsored this summer. The one on top needed this win!

Lindsay, Young Life East Hills



### *Wishing Well Care and Share Ongoing Collections*

Cellphones  
Eyeglasses  
Hearing Aids  
Ink Cartridges  
Pill Bottles **ORANGE ONLY**,  
(clean, with labels removed)



Plastic Caps and Lids  
Postage Stamps- canceled (leave 1/4" edge)  
Pull Tabs  
Toiletry Items (new/any size)  
Complete list available at 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 scrubbers, skin lotion, hair styling products.

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

- Please put your items in the appropriate basket. They are all labeled. There are 2 larger plastic bins in the open bin of the Wishing Well. The one on the courtyard side is for medicine bottles. The one on the sanctuary side is for caps and lids.
  - Please only donate the items that are requested.
- \*There are some 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.
- \*Medicine bottles: Only the orange colored bottles with lids on them are being collected.
- If you bring your items to church in a bag, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate basket.
  - Please only donate the items that are requested. **NOTE: We no longer collect the Boxtops for Education or Campbell's labels/proofs.**
  - For those people who pick up the donated items for one of the agencies, please try to 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.

# More About Our Church

## General Information

**Worship Services** at 9:00 & 10:30. Child care is provided for the 10:30 service. **The 10:30 worship service is streaming live every Sunday!** Visit our website to watch Sunday's service live. This allows you to worship with us no matter where you are!

**Want to Explore Membership?** Please call the church office for details if you are interested. You may inquire about membership and other spiritual matters.

**Televised services** are available on YouTube. Find the link at [www.tellicochurch.com](http://www.tellicochurch.com).

**Find us on Facebook:** [facebook.com/tellicochurch](https://facebook.com/tellicochurch)

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact the church office for you pastoral care needs.

## Staff

**Senior Pastor** Steve Prevatte  
**Pastor of Connections** Devin Phillips  
**Pastor of Worship and Music** John Orr  
**Associate Pastor** Jennifer Brown  
**Pastoral Resident** Shawn Klein  
**Pastor Emeritus** Rev. Martin C. Singley, III  
**Office Manager** Pat Ouderkirk  
**Director of Media Ministries** Mark Powell  
**Financial Assistant** Cathy Bradley  
**Receptionist/Secretary** Candy Smith  
**Facilities Manager** Jeff McDaniel  
**Kitchen Coordinator** Nadine Mazienis  
**Child Care** Cynthia McMahan, Brittany Thompson



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**Church Office is open Monday-Thursday, 9-4 and Friday, 9-noon.**

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## Spiritual Support

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

*Every Monday at 7 p.m., lower CLC  
Women every Friday at 11:30 a.m.,  
lower CLC*

### **Al-Anon**

*United Methodist Church—Loudon  
Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.*

### **Caregiver's Support Group**

*(Includes Alzheimer's Support Group)  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month at 1 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall  
Lynne MacConnell*

### **Grief Support Group**

*Bob Kryter or Marce Strickland*

### **Guy to Guy**

*Chuck Hitch*

### **Hospitalization Support**

*Call the church office*

### **MS Support Group**

*3rd Tuesday of month at 11 a.m.,  
lower CLC  
Patricia Garrett*

### **Parkinson's Support Group**

*1st Thursday of month at 1 p.m.,  
lower CLC  
Marian Smith*

### **Pastoral Counseling**

*Pastor Steve Prevatte*

### **Prayer Chain**

*Jan Elliott*

### **Prayer Shawls—Knitters & Crocheters**

*2nd Monday of month at 11:00,  
Conference Room  
Jan Martin*

### **Stephen Ministry**

*Jan Elliott*

*Carolyn Page*

*Jeannine Wolf*

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

### **Please help us stay current!**

If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address and have not yet notified the church office, we request that you do so. Thank You!

**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 the transportation.

