



COMMUNITY CHURCH AT TELlico VILLAGE



JANUARY 2024

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

Embracing the Journey Together in 2024: "Building Bridges Near and Far"

Dear Church Family,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, the air is charged with anticipation and excitement at the Community Church. I can't help but reflect on Hebrews 10:24-25, which reminds us how we are called to "Consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not forsaking the gathering of our faith community." I truly believe 2024 promises to be a remarkable journey, marked by growth, service, and connection.

One of the most thrilling aspects of the coming year is our commitment to reaching beyond our local borders and making a global impact. We are delighted to announce not one, but two international mission trips in 2024. Our hearts are set on South Africa (February) and the Dominican Republic (March), where our congregation will have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ, spreading love, compassion, and hope to those in need. These trips will offer a chance to deepen our faith and strengthen the bonds that tie us together as a church family. Look for more details on these trips soon!

Closer to home, our commitment to local missions remains unwavering in 2024. In collaboration with Loudon County Habitat for Humanity, we are helping them embark on an inspiring project—a 35-home subdivision that will provide affordable housing for deserving families right here in Loudon County. This initiative reflects our dedication to making a lasting impact on the lives of those around us. We invite each

one of you to be an active part of this transformative journey, contributing your time, skills, and prayers to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

As we embrace these exciting opportunities in the year ahead, we understand that some of you may find yourselves exploring warmer climates or venturing into new territories. To those who roam far and wide, we extend a warm invitation: "Be here when we're here." While we recognize the joys of wintering in warmer climates or embarking on extensive travels, your presence among us, when possible, adds immeasurable value to our shared journey of faith.

Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us not to give up meeting together, emphasizing the importance of mutual encouragement. Your presence, your stories, and your experiences contribute to the vibrant tapestry of our church community. This new year, let's commit to cherishing these moments of togetherness, whether in our local endeavors or on international mission.

As we embark on this new chapter together, let us hold fast to the promise of Hebrews 10:24-25, spurring one another on toward love and good deeds. May the year 2024 be a time of growth, unity, and boundless grace for our Community Church at Tellico Village.

Expectantly,

Pastor Steve

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Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Am I REALLY Listening?

By Jeannine Wolf

Our Stephen Ministry program will be commissioning seven new Stephen Ministers and one transfer on Sunday, January 21 at the 10:30 service. They have received over fifty hours of training. One of the many skills they learn as a Stephen Minister is to listen. I know that should be easy, but is it?

Really listening takes effort. You need to be alert and focused on not only what the person says but how they say it. Their body language plays a part in what they truly are communicating. The words they choose, and their tone can make a simple statement, such as "I'm fine", into two completely different meanings. Just ask anyone who has a teenager or raised one. They can understand what I mean by "I'm fine" with attitude.

I know myself when I am doing Stephen Ministry work, I really try to listen well but how do I do the rest of the time? How do I listen with casual acquaintances, neighbors, friends, family or even God. Am I REALLY listening or just listening with only one ear and thinking about something else?

As I start a new year, I have decided that this should be a new goal for me. I have decided I must work on this and maybe you do too. In fact, if all people did this, there might be less conflict and hate in the world. I know I can't change the world, but I'm going to try to change my little corner.

Congratulations to all the new Stephen Ministers, Doris Drulard, Chuck Feise, Maurie Feise, Mike Hammond, Kaye Sandridge, Margie Stephens, Tierney Stetson and transfer Joe Thompson.

Jan Elliott • Lori York • Jeannine Wolf



Wishing Well Care & Share ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- Caps and Lids
- Cellphones
- Eyeglasses
- Ink Cartridges
- Postage Stamps
canceled; leave 1/4" edge
- Pull Tabs
- 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.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Several people recently have asked what the Congregational Care Team does. Our long-standing ministries have continued to independently do their work:

- The Stephen Ministry has 17 certified Stephen Ministers who have served 21 individuals this year as they walk through journeys of loss or other struggles. A new class of 17 has completed their 50 hours of training and will be commissioned in early 2024.
- Our Bereavement Team has served 14 families with funeral receptions of punch and cookies (provided by our Cookie Ministry volunteers).
- The Caregiver Support Group meets twice a month to provide support, education and tips to those who are caring for a loved one with dementia or medical problems and finding they need support for themselves.
- Our Parkinson's Support Group meets monthly for mutual support and education. They also offer a once monthly exercise group that is crucial in maximizing mobility for folks with Parkinson's.
- The Lay Communion Team delivers communion weekly to folks at Premier Residences and The Neighborhood.
- Grief Share is a 13-week nationally developed grief support group for those with losses. Our group provides this program at least once a year in rotation with other churches in our area.
- Our Prayer Chain is a group of individuals who pray for those requesting prayer in confidence and who do not want to be identified in the weekly bulletin prayer list.
- The Prayer Shawl Group crafts handmade shawls with prayer going into every stitch. Shawls are available to take to anyone who might appreciate the comfort of being wrapped in prayer.
- Our Soup Ministry makes homemade soup that is available for those recovering from health issues or suffering a recent loss.
- Visitation is provided for those of our congregation who live in care facilities. In addition Guy to Guy provides individual support to men who would benefit from companionship and a listening ear or opportunity to get out of the house for coffee.
- Care Calls pairs callers with individuals who live alone. Daily calls assure that the person is well.
- The Safety Awareness trains and assigns The Shepherds who monitor church services to assure safety and assist with any medical events that occur.
- Our newest venture is a Caregiver/Carereceiver Social Group that provides activities, socialization and light refreshments in an accepting environment.
- We also have sponsored workshops such as Matter of Balance and Photo Preservation. In January we are hosting a six-week class for Savvy Caregivers.

In sum, we work hard to carry out our Biblical mandate from Romans 12:9-13, *"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil, do what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves...share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."* Our Steering Team supports the individual ministries and is alert to discern new congregational needs and develop means of meeting those needs.

If anyone is interested in joining any of these ministries or if you know of additional needs, please contact the church office or Team Leader, Lynne MacConnell.

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00AM ♦ ROOM 1C
Starting Sunday, January 14

Leviticus reveals the heart of Old Testament law. Portions of the law teach the holiness God requires of his people. Other portions teach the forgiveness God offers to restore sinner to holiness. The major focus of Leviticus is atonement, God's provision for forgiveness.

Reading Leviticus is like rummaging through an old chest in the attic. Though confronted with many strange items from a bygone era, the photos you encounter present faces of ancestors with a striking resemblance to your own.

Likewise, the rituals of Leviticus are unfamiliar relics of a bygone era, but in them we discern the early outlines of the same gospel we cherish as Christians.

Endowment Investment Team

The Endowment Investment Team was appointed by the CCTV Finance Team to oversee the investments held in a Fidelity account for endowment and church reserve monies. Approximately 10% of the value is needed each year, so the long-term investment objective of the account is for growth in value with income as a secondary goal.

In the current high interest rate environment, the short term (1 to 2 years) investment objective is to utilize a more balanced diversified portfolio with an even split between common stocks and income producing assets (money market, CDs and government backed bonds).

The investment portfolio is reviewed regularly to evaluate the overall results and the individual asset performance compared to others in their asset class. Monthly reports are provided to the Finance Team along with more detailed periodic updates as requested.

The Investment Team realizes that even with good investment results the amounts earned can in no way replace the importance of new endowment gifts which allow larger and larger grants to fund the mission needs of our community.



The Tellico Village Community Church Crafters are looking for anyone who likes to do crafts. You may enjoy knitting, sewing, making floral arrangements, painting or even making jewelry but it sometimes gets lonely by yourself. You may decide you would like to learn a new craft.

Come join the Crafters, Monday mornings from 9:30am – 11:30am in the CLC. No experience is necessary, and all proceeds of sales go to local charities. Contact the church office for more information.

2023 New Members

We would like to say another welcome to everyone who joined CCTV throughout 2023.

Debbie Allard

Norm and Carolyn Curtis

Dave and Robin Dodds

Karl "Dutch" Dutcher and Keri Richmond

Tom and Sara Dutton

Dwayne and Dana Elliott

Ed and Joanne Faberzak

Chuck and Maurie Feise

Kevin and Denise Flanagan

Rick and Beth Gilbert

Rory and Cheryl Gilbert

Lina Godoy

Ernie and Pat Goulet

Ron Hansen and Bev Sikorski

Joe and Cindy Hartge

Jim and Gail Hockerman

Harry and Linda Humbert

Linda Jamison

Dave and Barb Klever

Mark and Monica Kreiter

Debbie LaMar and Trish Ray

Bob and Beth Loos

Al and Chris Luloff

Marty Neil

Randy and Mary Beth Neuhaus

Marilyn Ortega-Walsh

Jill and Larry Papa

Sue Payne

Scott and Joan Reich

Lynn Sheldon

Diane Sloan

Betty Ann Sterner and Barry Corle

Greg and Nancy Stoker

Joe and Jean Thompson

Jim Tobin

Wayne, Lori, and Krystal Torrisi

Kevin and Kathryn Ward

Sandi Weston

Welcome Our New Members

Ed and Joanne Faberzak live in Chatuga Point after having retired in the state of Washington. Ed served in the Army and later with the New York Department of Corrections. Joanne served in the Marines and also with the New York State Police and the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Ed grew up Catholic while Joanne grew up in the United Methodist Church. They both love attending church and hosting friends for dinner.



Ernie and Pat Goulet grew up Catholic and were married in the Lutheran church. Ernie was a 2nd class radarman in the Navy and later worked as a government accountant. Pat taught junior and high school Spanish and French. They recently moved into Chota after having lived in Kahite for 13 years. Ernie volunteers at the hospital and serves in the honor guard while Pat enjoys playing cards and making greeting cards.



Harry and Linda Humbert live in Tanasi Shores and join us from the United Methodist Church with roots in Presbyterian and Baptist traditions. Linda is a retired educator having taught junior high for 33 years. Harry is retired from the Army where he was a criminal investigator and also retired from the Department of Interior. Harry enjoys woodworking and Linda enjoys knitting. They both enjoy the outdoors and visiting National Parks.



Mark and Monica Kreiter are high school sweethearts who live in Kahite. They first met in junior high in Aurora, Illinois and began dating in high school. Mark was a middle school teacher and administrator for the school system while Monica worked in the healthcare industry before becoming a stay at home mom. They are lifelong Lutherans and love being in nature hiking, boating, and golfing.



Randy and Mary Beth Neuhaus recently moved back to Tennessee after spending several years in North Carolina. They both attended the University of Oklahoma where Randy studied to be a civil engineer and Mary Beth studied to be a music teacher. They currently live in Chota Woods where Randy enjoys golf, woodworking, pickleball, and boating. Mary Beth also enjoys the outdoors but is also passionate about music and playing the violin. Having served in the Lutheran church, they are excited to be back in Tennessee and closer to their grandchildren.



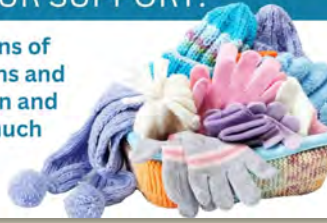
Jim Tobin is originally from Mentor, Ohio. Growing up Catholic he enjoyed teaching and serving youth as he served with confirmation classes and children's liturgies. Jim attended the University of Pittsburg and is a retired turbine blade casting engineer. He enjoys boating, golfing, pickleball, and watching his wife Lindsay sing in the church choir.



Cap, Sock and Mitten Collection

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for the wonderful donations of new and handmade caps, socks, mittens and scarves. The clients at Good Samaritan and Good Shepherd Center are always much appreciate of these gifts—over 700 items collected in all!



Spaghetti Supper

Thursday, January 18 ~ 4:30-6:00pm

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

RSVP online by Monday, January 15
at tellicochurch.com/EVENTS



THE CANADIAN BRASS

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 23
7:00PM
\$10



Tickets available at the church office.

"If you said the Canadian Brass represented the 'gold standard' among brass quintets, you'd be right on the mark. The group, led by its avuncular tuba master Chuck Dellenbach, essentially put the idea of the brass quintet on the map." *NPR Music*



JOHN JORGENSEN QUINTET

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 15
7:00PM
\$10



Tickets available starting January 25 at the church office.

John Jorgenson is perhaps best known for his guitar work with bands such as the Desert Rose Band and The Hellecasters. Jorgenson has earned a reputation as a world-class musician, evidenced by his collaborations with Earl Scruggs, Bonnie Raitt, Elton John, Luciano Pavarotti, Bob Dylan and others. The John Jorgenson Quintet creates a unique musical experience that equally enthralls the most discerning and the casual music fan and has a style that is best described as "Gypsy Jazz."



STARTING POINT

learn **about us**
meet **new people**
get **connected**

Sunday, January 14
Following Each Service • Fireside Room



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The CHOSEN



Join Pastor Hannah and Jeffrey Perry for lunch and the kickoff of Season 4 of *The Chosen* on Friday, February 9 at Regal Cinebarre in West Town Mall (Knoxville). *The Chosen* is a TV series around the life of Christ wrapped in contemporary music in a biblical setting.

1:30pm - Dutch lunch, location TBD

3:40pm - Music and series showing

Go online and pick your favorite seats now for the Regal Cinebarre West Town Mall site in Knoxville. For additional information or assistance, please contact Pastor Hannah.

In the near future we will organize fellowship around occasional contemporary concerts in Knoxville or Chattanooga area. Stay tuned!

Recap of Events

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Three groups of volunteers participating in caroling around the village this year. This is an annual tradition led by Nick Azelborn that ministers to shut-ins throughout the village.



CHERISHING CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On December 2, the beautiful Cherishing Christmas Luncheon took place with 128 ladies attending in the CLC. They arrived to handmade canapés and punch, as well as music provided by Pastor Hannah. The women settled to various, gorgeously-decorated tables, met their hostesses and heard inspiring Christmas arrangements from Take Five. Our gentleman servers served a delicious meal of Nordstrom tomato basil soup, a large cheddar cheese biscuit with orzo chicken, and feta cheese salad. The gourmet meal ended with Texas sheet cake garnished with raspberries. To top the perfect morning off, Pastor Hannah gave a devotion on Mary that inspired all, and the program was closed with her singing “Mary, Did You Know?”.



BREAD DELIVERY December 5 was an exciting day for 50 of our shut-ins. They had a visit and were given a loaf of homemade bread from one or more of our 23 volunteers. The afternoon began with the volunteers embellishing the breads with Christmas bows. The day culminated with visits filled with prayers and laughter—the magic of the season cherished by all. The blessings were a true reason for our season.



Recap of Events

FRIENDSHIP KITCHEN The Friendship Kitchen had the opportunity to prepare 90 meals in December.



ADVENT DINNER The Advent Dinner was held on Sunday, December 3 at CCTV. This event provided a great opportunity of food and fellowship as we focused true meaning of the Advent season.



KINDRED SPIRITS The Kindred Spirits enjoyed a trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse to watch the live on-stage production of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* on November 30. This activity was led by Patti Thompson.



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
TELLICOCHURCH.COM/GIVE



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Stewardship Campaign Update

As we come to a close on 2023 and the Stewardship Campaign of 2024, the Finance Team would like to give you an update on our progress and thank all of you who have generously pledged of your monetary treasures.

At this point we have received 86% of our budgeted pledge amount with an additional 8% of faithful pledgers that will be coming in by the end of the year. If you have not made your pledge, please prayerfully consider your contribution to be part of CCTV's commitment to "Cultivate believers, disciples, and servants to transform our community and world for Christ."

Wouldn't it be great to exceed our pledge goal!

Finance Facts

NOVEMBER YEAR-TO-DATE 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
INCOME	\$1,848,871	\$1,780,702
EXPENSES (including mortgage principal)	\$1,685,263	\$1,785,559
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$163,608	(\$4,857)
Mortgage Principal Year-to-Date		\$209,069
Mortgage Interest Year-to-Date		\$60,383
Mortgage Balance		\$2,068,664
Endowment Fund		\$357,958

Memorial Gifts Remembering...

Ed Boyce

Bob & Sue
Brackenridge

Barbara Brunson

Jo Neustel

Roger Covert

Robert & Ramona Brunetti
Dick & Anne Parkhill

Keith & Catherine Wiley

Darrel & Barbara Irwin

Pamela & Don Coonley

Kim & Kathleen Rohde

Connie Vitz

Susan Valle & Stanley Parker

Barbara Crescenzo

& Darrel Wilkes

Euchre Group

Gary Hilton

Rich & Marge
Planzo

Bob & Sue

Brackenridge

Bill & Emily Koepp

Betty Lepley

Jennifer Dean

Ed Morris

Alyce Fleishman

Ron Souder

Jo Neustel



Thank You

Thank you so much for the delicious loaf of bread. We so appreciate that you take the time to remember us during this very busy season!
George & Pat Walter

Thank you for our Christmas treat. The pound cake was delicious, and we enjoyed our visit.
Pat & Tom Thomas

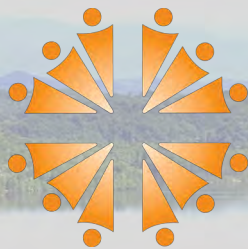
Thank you for the delicious lemon bread.
Dave & Lovina Halko

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the lovely cake that you sent to us. How great of you to think of us. Please have a blessed and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Bud & Diane How

God's timing is perfect! I was thinking about how to word a thank you note to all of you when your card and bread arrived. I am thankful for this church and every one of you for the sermons each week always ending with a note of hope, for the ever-beautiful music, and for Pastor Hannah's lovely voice and talents. The gift of bread is an unexpected blessing. Thanks to the sweet baker and Christmas love to each of you.
Martha Strange

Thank you so much for the delicious loaf of banana bread. We so enjoyed it!
Joan Huking-Sheill

Thank you, Pastors Steve and Hannah, for being here at a very hard time for me. Many thanks to our altar guild for the delivered flowers.
Karen Bush



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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..... Resumes January 14

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

Associate Pastor Rev. Devin Phillips

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

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..... Jeff McDaniel

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.

Fostering Joy Update

The Fostering Joy Ministry, an inspiration of Devin and Lauren Phillips, had a wonderfully successful year. A total of 289 foster children received special gifts with 189 of them sponsored by our family at CCTV.

Thank you to Devin & Lauren and Bonnie Ingraham's Community Group (The Pearl Girls) for all your help through time and prayer.



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).*