



COMMUNITY CHURCH AT TELLICO VILLAGE



MARCH 2025

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

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NEW THIS YEAR - Join us for Lenten Lunch 'n Learn as part of Lent 2025

Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Easter that marks the journey of Christ to the cross. It is a time to reflect on our faith, both in belief and practice. Some may choose to fast from common indulgences such as sweets or meats. Others choose to spend the time honing their faith practices in prayer, Bible study, and giving. This year during Lent, CCTV is offering an opportunity to reflect on our faith through a series of lunchtime lectures. These Lenten Lunch 'n Learns will take place on most Thursdays during Lent from noon until one in the Fellowship Hall. The program will have the option of a brown bag lunch for \$6. Reservations are not required to attend the program but ARE required to reserve a lunch. You are invited to bring your own lunch if desired. Week one will include Victoria's famous chicken salad sandwiches, and reservations can be made on Sundays in the Narthex each week, at the sessions a week in advance, or by calling the church office. Featured speakers and programs include:

March 6: The Passion Narrative through Art
Led by Pastor Katie, this lecture highlights famous and lesser-known pieces of art that have been inspired by Jesus' journey to the cross.

March 13: The Passion through Music
Enjoy a sampling from the buffet of musical examples inspired by The Passion of Christ from Bach to Parton with Marjorie Stephens, CCTV member and retired Area Coordinator for Voice/Opera at UT.

March 20: Stories of War - Faith Amid Suffering
This session will include a panel discussion on how faith informs our suffering and how suffering affects our faith. Panelists include: Anne Cloud (US Airforce flight nurse), Mavis McLean (British Royal

Airforce nurse), and Mike Kitchens (founder of Smoky Mountain Service Dogs), and moderated by Scott Duncan (Grief Share Leader).

March 27: Hoping for Spring - Spiritual Renewal after Winters of Doubt

Led by Rev. Dr. William McDonald, chair of Religion and Philosophy and Associate Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at Tennessee Wesleyan University. This lecture examines two church fathers from the past, Martin Luther and John Wesley, as they dealt with spiritual doubt and anxiety.

April 3: Women in the Passion Narrative

Led by Rev. Ingrid Schalk, retired from Our Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, this lecture highlights the role of women during Jesus' final days.

April 10: A Dramatic Retelling of the Passion

We prepare our hearts for Holy Week with a dramatic reading of monologues written by our own Debra Thompson and performed by various church members.

The Lunch n' Learn series is open to the greater Tellico Village community, so bring a friend or neighbor. May our Lenten journey be enriched through the company of a suffering Savior.

Joyfully,
Pastor Katie

**LENTEN
Lunch 'n Learn**

Thursdays - 12:00-1:00
March 6-April 10
CLC Fellowship Hall

\$6 Optional Brown Bag Lunch

Welcome Our New Members

Jim Kern is from the Methodist tradition and joins us from Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City. He is a retired engineer and worked primarily in nuclear power. His hobbies are woodworking and boating. He currently is combining the two by building a wooden boat. He is an active volunteer with the Loudon County Habitat for Humanity. Long time member, Kathie Agrell is pictured with him.



Tom and Annmarie Krause join us from Athens, New York, with a reaffirmation of faith. They have Catholic and Presbyterian backgrounds. They owned a confectionery shop and enjoy golf, hiking, painting, cooking, and learning new things.



Kathy Streffacio joins us from New Hyde Park, New York with a reaffirmation of faith. She has a Catholic background. She is a New York State Licensed Real Estate Salesperson and previous operations manager in financial services. Kathy enjoys travel, camping, interior design and music. Her husband, Pat, is retired. They have two children, Patrick who lives in Washington, DC and works for the government and Melissa who is a teacher in New York.



Diana Vita is joining on reaffirmation of faith. She was raised Catholic. She is originally from Westchester, New York and now lives in the Chatuga Neighborhood. She is a wellness coordinator in Maryville at a retirement community. Her hobbies are walking, outdoor activities, and reading. She has two daughters and a new grandson.



Sandy Webb joins us from First United Methodist Church in Ellijay, Georgia. She worked as a social worker and counselor for trauma victims. She likes to hike, garden, and cook. She joined BSF, the chancel choir, and was part of a folksingers group. She loves mission trips. She recently married longtime member Dean Webb. They reside in Maryville.



Rick and Bev Woodard join us from Howell, Michigan, with a reaffirmation of faith. They have Presbyterian and Methodist backgrounds. Rick worked in electronics and installed admin telephone systems at Disney World in 1970. Bev worked in education and likes crafts, painting wine glasses and sewing. They had identical twin boys in 1975 that were a surprise to everyone. Both Rick and Bev sing in our Chancel Choir.



MISSION OUTREACH



ADOPT A VALENTINE
to support Kids First Child Advocacy Center

Thank you to our church family for your generous support of Adopt a Valentine.

CCTV Disaster Recovery Mission Trip

CCTV Mission Outreach plans to continue our efforts to help our neighbors recover from Hurricane Helene's disastrous floods. The damage was extensive and our assistance is needed now and in the months to come. CCTV's first opportunity is to work with **Holston Habitat for Humanity in upper East Tennessee** where over 1,100 homes were damaged or destroyed.

WHEN: Monday, March 31 - Thursday, April 3, 2025

WHERE: Upper East Tennessee (Washington or Carter County) - work site will be determined by Holston Habitat for Humanity

WHO: CCTV members who are interested in helping to rebuild homes that were damaged by flooding. Skills needed include light construction, painting, electrical, or other building skills. We will also need some "floaters" to run equipment to other workers or go pick up additional supplies. Work sites will be supervised by a certified Habitat for Humanity foreman. Jerry and Lisa Noeth are serving as our coordinators for this mission trip.

COST: \$150/person (double occupancy); \$300/person (private room) - includes 3nights lodging, meals & transportation to/from work site

How do I sign up to be part of this CCTV Disaster Recovery Mission Trip?

Sign up by Tuesday, March 11 to reserve your spot on this team – maximum will be 20 participants. See Jerry and Lisa Noeth in the Narthex on Sunday, March 2 or Sunday, March 9 after worship services or contact them directly (jerryo161@gmail.com; 317-919-5567). Make checks payable to CCTV with "Disaster Recovery Mission Trip" in the memo line.

TRIP SCHEDULE:

Monday, March 31

- 10:30am Depart from CCTV (CCTV bus and private vehicles)
- Lunch at Yoder's Country Market, Bulls Gap, TN
- Meet officials from Holston Habitat for Humanity and tour our work site
- Check in at our hotel in Johnson City, Tennessee, followed by team dinner

Tuesday, April 1 and

Wednesday, April 2

- 7:00am Breakfast at our hotel
- 8:00am Begin our work at our recovery sites; lunch on site
- 6:00pm Team dinner at a local restaurant

Thursday, April 3

- 7:00am Breakfast at our hotel
- 8:00am Begin our work at our recovery sites; lunch on site
- Return home; debriefing dinner on the way home



MISSION OUTREACH



Additional Opportunities for Mission Outreach



Compassion Ministries is hosting two food pantries in March and YOUR help is needed!

- Thursday, March 13 – Local pantry at Cornerstone Church of God
- Saturday, March 29 – Mobile food pantry in Grainger County

Be sure to sign up at the Compassion Ministries table in the Narthex on Sunday, March 16 to get all of the most current information about volunteering for this ministry throughout the year!



Prayers Warriors Needed

Sister Didi Mojapelo sends greetings to CCTV from South Africa. She and her husband Pastor Moalusi Mojapelo are hosting “Restoration with God Revival” as part of their ministry with the Refilwe Bophelo Clinic and The Good Shepherd Healing Ministries in Johannesburg, South Africa during the first week of March. Didi asks that our church family pray for this revival to bring the saving love of Jesus Christ to the communities surrounding the clinic.

Thank you for your prayers!



God's Special Time

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Bake Cookies // Pray // Buy a Meal Ticket

Sign up in the Narthex after Sunday services on March 2, 9 and 16.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Volunteers will be selling cookie dough in the narthex after the worship service on March 2, 9, and 16. Kairos Prison Ministry's purpose is to establish a Christian community inside prisons by sharing the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

What skills and abilities could you bring to CCTV Missions Outreach?

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

Bearing One Another's Burdens

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” – Galatians 6:2

One of the greatest gifts of Christian community is that we do not walk this journey alone. Life brings seasons of joy and celebration, but also moments of hardship and loss. As your pastors, we are here to walk alongside you, to bear one another’s burdens, to pray with you, and to remind you of God’s steadfast presence—especially when life feels uncertain.

But sometimes, folks hesitate.

I didn’t want to bother you.

I wasn’t sure if this was serious enough to call.

I didn’t want to be a burden.

Let me say this clearly: If you are struggling, you are never a burden. If your heart is heavy, if life feels overwhelming, if you need someone to pray—that is exactly why we are here.

So, people often want to know when they should reach out.

Call Your Pastors When...

- You are confronting a crisis. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, if you are experiencing grief after a loss, or if a significant life event has shaken you—call.
- You need spiritual guidance. If you’re wrestling with questions of faith, facing a tough decision, or shouldering a burden you can’t bear — call.
- You are getting ready for a major life transition. Whether it’s a move, a significant change, or another milestone—you don’t have to face it alone. Call.
- You need prayer. Whether it’s before surgery, during a difficult season, or simply because life feels heavy—call.
- You are feeling isolated or discouraged. If life is weighing you down and you need encouragement—call.

When NOT to Call Your Pastor (But Someone Else at the Church)

- If you’re wondering about the time of next week’s event, where to find the bulletin, or how to sign up for something—our church office is happy to help!
- If you need financial assistance, we have a designated process for that. Contact the church office.
- If it’s 3am and not an emergency, we love you, but it can wait until morning.

After-Hours and Weekend Pastoral Care

We know that life’s challenges don’t always follow office hours. If you need to contact a pastor after hours or on the weekend, please call the church number (865-458-1516) and leave a detailed message. That message will be forwarded to the pastor on call, who will return your call promptly.

We Are Here for You

Being the church means being in this together. Paul’s words in Galatians remind us that bearing one another’s burdens is not just a suggestion—it’s at the heart of what it means to follow Christ. This applies to us as well, your pastors. We do not carry our burdens alone; we bear them together. So, you should do the same.

If you find yourself hesitating and wondering whether it’s okay to reach out, let me answer that for you: Yes, it is. Please call. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9am to 4pm and Friday from 9am to Noon. The office number is 865-458-1516.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Steve

2024 Missions Giving

Each year a summary of missions giving is prepared and each year the generosity of our congregation grows. In 2024 we gave over \$395,000 to various community organizations, world ministries and scholarships. This represents 22% of our total spending, net of our mortgage.

Where does all this money come from? It comes from you! Through our annual budget that you support, the proceeds of the TVCC Crafters’ sales, endowment fund grants, special offerings, and designated gifts.

What are these gifts used for? Everything from providing food for the hungry and power bill assistance to the poor, building affordable housing and making critical repairs to homes of seniors and people with disabilities, serving prison populations and those coming out of incarceration, educating youth through scholarships, and providing funds for disaster relief and recovery.

Thank you for your past gifts, and may you continue to live generously in the coming year. If you have any questions about our mission outreach, please email mission@tellicochurch.org.



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Friend

By Collie McCarty

A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.

A friend is a living treasure, and if you have one, you have one of the most valuable gifts in life....

A friend is one who will always be beside you, through all the laughter, and through each and every tear.

A friend is one thing you can always rely on; the someone you can always open up to; the one wonderful person who always believes in you in a way that no one else seems to.

A friend is a sanctuary.

A friend is a smile.

A friend is a hand that is always holding yours, no matter where you are, no matter how close or far apart you may be.

A friend is someone who is always there and will always-always care.

A friend is a feeling of forever in the heart.

A friend is the door that is always open.

A friend is the one to whom you can give your key.

A friend is the one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.

Stephen Ministry can be your friend in the darkest days of your life.
Give the Stephen Ministry Leadership team a call. Let them be your friend.

Jan Elliott • Lori York • Jeannine Wolf • Marjorie Stephens



Wishing Well Care & Share

ONGOING COLLECTIONS


Items Accepted:

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



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SACRED — IN THE — ORDINARY

A LENTEN JOURNEY
STARTING MARCH 5




Ash

Wednesday
March 5- 6:00

FOUNDERS CHAPEL



THE TELLICO VILLAGE SINGERS BROADWAY "The Musical"



SATURDAY, MARCH 8 SUNDAY, MARCH 9
3:00PM • \$10 3:00PM • \$10

Check ticket availability at the church office.

Spaghetti Supper

Thursday, March 20 ~ 4:30-6:00pm


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



No reservations needed.
Chicken & pasta also available.

GRIEF SHARE

Grief recovery support groups



Experience help and encouragement in a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Thirteen weekly sessions lead to relief, comfort and the peace given by God.

Thursdays 10am-12pm - March 13-June 12
Classrooms 2A/B - Christian Life Center (CCTV)
Contact the church office (865-458-1516) to register.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Service Outing

Second Harvest Food Bank

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Morning Volunteer Time at the Food Bank | Lunch in Maryville
Sign up in the Narthex on March 9 & 16



Crafters Spring Sale and Baked Goods Sale

Craft & Bake Sale

All proceeds benefit local organizations & scholarships

Drop off donated baked goods
April 11 (9-10:30a) or April 12 (8-9a)

Saturday, April 12 | 9:00-Noon
Fellowship Hall | Cash & Checks Only



ANDREW DUNCAN WITH THE KNOXVILLE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA




THURSDAY,
APRIL 10
7:00PM
\$10

Tickets available starting March 20 at the church office.

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

Finance News

In the fiscal year 2024, as a congregation we experienced a notable financial achievement by generating a surplus of \$89,000. This surplus stemmed from diligent budgeting and effective financial management, coupled with budget under runs that allowed us to allocate additional resources strategically. During the membership meeting on February 9th, it was unanimously approved to allocate the \$89,000 Surplus as follows:

- Building Reserve: \$44,500
- Debt Reduction: \$44,500

Memorial Gifts

David Halko

Charlene Barton

Elaine Hitch

Cindy Kohl

Charlene Barton

Warren Parthen

Cindy Kohl

Patty Pridemore

Christmas Offering Update

In December we told you about a special house build – a Faith Build house - that Loudon County Habitat for Humanity will start in April. Our church is one of twelve area churches participating in this project and because the number “12” is so significant in our faith, the project will now be called an Apostle’s Build. Part of the \$32,400 raised through our Christmas offering has already been sent to Habitat to help fund this project.



In addition to the Apostle’s build, the funds we raised at Christmas will be used to participate in other Loudon County Habitat projects and Habitat disaster recovery builds in East Tennessee. Be on the lookout for announcements on these projects and how you can volunteer to help. In Habitat everyone is welcome and everyone has a skill that can be used, whether it is building a wall or building a meal to serve to volunteers.

Thank you for your generosity. Please pray for these upcoming projects and for the families that will be served through our gifts.

If you have any questions about our mission outreach, please reach out via email at mission@tellicochurch.org.

Sunday School - Starting March 9

SACRED IN THE ORDINARY

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00AM ♦ ROOM 1A/B
Starting Sunday, March 9



VETERAN’S PLAZA - PAVER BRICKS -

All past and present members of CCTV and Tellico Village residents (and immediate family) are eligible to purchase a Memorial Paver Brick for \$150 engraved with the veteran’s name, branch of service, active service years, and rank.

ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 11
to be engraved and installed by Memorial Day.
Contact the church office (865-458-1516).

Finance Facts

JANUARY YEAR-TO-DATE 2025

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME	\$207,158	\$227,675
EXPENSES <i>(including mortgage principal)</i>	\$112,087	\$169,280
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$95,071	\$58,395
Mortgage Principal Year-to-Date		\$19,047
Mortgage Interest Year-to-Date		\$4,876
Mortgage Balance		\$1,686,291
Endowment Fund		\$409,907



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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 PastorDr. Stephen B. Prevatte
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 Jeff McDaniel
Kitchen Coordinator..... Victoria McComb
Director of Missions Nancy Gregg
Organist/Accompanist Andrew Duncan

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

2025 Council Voting Members



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



(L-R): Lynne MacConnell - Congregational Care Team Leader
Leslie Shuman, Chair of Trustees
Judy Heard, Chair of Worship & Music Team
Don Lucas, Chair of Mission Team

Spiritual Support

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Monday at 7pm
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
Lower CLC

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, Marjorie Stephens,
Jeannine Wolf, Lori York

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