

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 14

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Worship

10 a.m.

Church Street's YouTube Channel

[Youtube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](https://www.youtube.com/ChurchStreetUMC)

My Treasured Possession

Rev. Chuck Starks

Exodus 19:1-8

"Canzone"

Samuel Barber

Joanna O'Hagan, flute, Edie Johnson, piano

Monday, June 15 & Thursday, June 18

12 p.m.

Devotion - YouTube Channel

June 15: Rev. Cantler

June 18: Steve Richardson

*All are Welcome at
Church Street!*

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation.

We respect diversity of opinion and expressions of Christian faith. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally! As God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ.

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

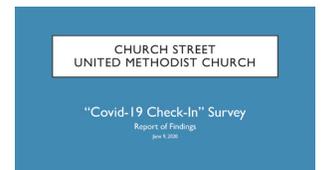
Upcoming Clergy Transition

Over the next two weeks, our clergy team will be changing. Sunday, June 14 will be Rev. Starks' last day at Church Street. We wish him and his family a smooth transition at his new appointment in Hixson, TN.

Rev. Catherine Clark Nance and Rev. Timothy Best will depart their current appointments on June 14, take a two-week moving break, and officially begin their appointments at Church Street on July 1, though they have already begun to meet with staff members via Zoom. Their first Sunday worship service will be on July 5. Rev. Cantler and Rev. Wade will be available during this transition, but we appreciate your patience as our clergy team will be a bit under-staffed for a few weeks as all newly appointed clergy complete this time of transition. Look for a video introduction to Catherine and Tim next week by email and on our website!

Survey Findings

Our thanks to the **350+** individuals (and a few families) who responded to the Church Street COVID-19 Check-In survey that was sent in mid-May. The check-in asked questions about thoughts and attitudes toward re-gathering for in-person activities, how members are engaging with online worship opportunities currently, and a self-reporting of individual health and personal stress. While the entire report may be accessed on our website by visiting www.ChurchStreetUMC.org/Connect, the summary findings are:



FINDINGS REGARDING FUTURE IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

- A critical mass of worshipers exists for in-person worship, contingent on safety precautions for some
- These interested worshipers express favorable willingness and acceptance of precautions for in-person worship (such as mask wearing, temperature checks, pre-registration, social distancing, etc.)
- The best indicator of when to resume in-person worship should be science-linked information (vs. economic)
- There is no apparent desire to rush resumption of in-person worship services

FINDINGS REGARDING PARISH HEALTH:

- Indicators suggest the pandemic has had adverse effects on people's mental health, financial stress and job stability
- More than half of respondents report spiritual growth during the pandemic

FINDINGS REGARDING CURRENT WAYS OF WORSHIPING:

- There has been widespread viewership of online worship services, but less-so of other online meetings/events
- Most viewing of online worship has centered on CSUMC
- Rev. Wade's prayers have been widely followed
- Music events and spiritual enrichment services lead a list of several other desired online worship offerings

ZOOM CALENDAR - WHAT'S AHEAD THIS WEEK:

CSUMC is committed to helping our communities - large and small - stay connected virtually during our time apart.

Below, find a listing of upcoming small groups meeting through Zoom in the coming weeks. If you would like to join an open meeting, simply call or email Kate Spencer, and she will share the pertinent information to connect, unless noted differently in the listing: 865-521-0268 or kspencer@churchstreetumc.org.

Sunday School Classes:

Open Doors: Sundays at 9 am

Epworth: Sundays at 10:30 am

Seekers: Sundays at 11 am
(AmyElias.UTK@gmail.com)

Parables: Thursdays at 7 pm

Choir: Wednesdays at 7 pm

Finance: Tuesday, 6/16 at 6 pm

Trustees: Wednesday, 6/17 at 5:30 pm

Parish Health Covid-19 Task Force: Thursday, 6/18 at 3 pm



“Shall We Gather at the Sofa”

To the tune of “Shall We Gather at the River”
Words by Dan Kelley, June 2020

Shall we gather at the sofa
When the bright screen comes on.
When Edie starts pumping on the organ
It is time to worship God.

REFRAIN:
Shall we gather at the sofa.
The big, soft, comfy sofa.
Gather in the room with the sofa
To watch the Word of God.

Now we cannot go to Church Street.
We would have to wear a mask.
When can we all come together?
We don't know. Do not ask.
REFRAIN

Though the bug is all around us
We shall never be afraid.
We have Church Street on computers.
It is time to sing and pray.
REFRAIN

Tim and Katie are tech geniuses
Spreading Church from sea to sea.
We are blessed with Aaron's drone shots
We can see what our God sees.
REFRAIN

We have Chuck and Palmer preaching
We have choirs from before.
We have Katryn teaching children.
Who could even ask for more?
REFRAIN

Year-Long Bible Study

		June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13
		Nehemiah 1-3	Nehemiah 4-6	Nehemiah 7-8	Nehemiah 9-11
June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19
Nehemiah 12-13	Esther 1-4	Esther 5-10	Job 1-5	Job 6-10	Job 11-15
June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
Job 15-20	Job 21-26	Job 27-31	Job 32-36	Job 37-42	Psalms 1-11



UMW BOOK DISCUSSION: JUST MERCY

Join United Methodist Women on Sunday, June 28, at 5:30 pm (tentatively) on Zoom for a discussion of the film *Just Mercy*, based on the true story of attorney Bryan Stevenson's work in starting the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama to give death row inmates access to free legal services. Specifically, the film follows the story of Walter MacMillan, convicted of murder and sentenced to death in the 1980s, and how Stevenson worked to obtain justice amidst staunch racism at all levels in the town. The film is streaming for free on Amazon during the month of June, or you can find it on YouTube. All are invited to attend, and finalized time will be announced next week.

BLACK LIVES DO MATTER

Jesus told the story of the Shepherd who left the 99 for a little while and went out to look for the 1 (Luke 15:3-6). The shepherd placed equal value on all the sheep; but because the 1 was in need of his care, he fervently tended and attended to finding and reclaiming the 1. Jesus never said the 99 were not loved! However, he DID say the 1 was not only loved by him, but that the 1— at this crucial time – required his exquisite and earnest focus!

As one person put it: "Let's be clear. We said, 'Black Lives Matter.' We never said, 'Only Black Lives Matter.' That was the media, not us. In truth, we know that 'All Lives Matter.' We've supported your lives throughout history. Now we need your help with 'Black Lives Matter.' For black lives are in danger" (Gene Testimony Hall, President/CEO of a global corporation, as well as Mentor/Site Coordinator of Wayne State University C2 Pipeline Program).

My dear friend Carmen Hicks is - like me - also a follower of Christ, a member of a United Methodist church in Knoxville, a retired professional, a woman, a mother, and a grandmother. We do have different skin color: she's black and I'm white. Last week she wrote a **prayer of lament** and has given me permission to quote a portion of her lament here:

"My sadness and anger overwhelm me... George Floyd was my son's age. When he called out 'Mama!' with his dying breath, I literally could not breathe. He was my child, as all these young people who have been senselessly ripped from our arms are my children. This leaves me numb. I must shake myself to return to any level of sensibility..."

This is a perfect storm of conditions that hopefully will blow off the cover of America the Beautiful and expose the ugly underbelly of America as it truly is. But we've seen this rage before. And each time America slaps a bandage on the wound and moves on. No lessons learned. This has never been the land of the free, only the home of the brave souls who have been fighting for generations to make the Constitution a document for all..."

My father used to say that we can't legislate the heart, but he believed that we can enact policies to protect all people. But we have seen how these policies can be perverted and even completely obliterated when good people are silent. Our Democracy is fragile..."

In the meantime, what we must do is to change the heart of a culture that has purposely and willfully created a society which, through law, has predetermined the failure of an entire population based solely on color. We can't just enact laws and policies. We must also expose the

true history of racism in America the Beautiful.

I'm weary of talks about diversity and sensitivity training. It's not my job to educate whites about what minorities want or have had to endure for generations. White Americans must do the hard work and be willing to be uncomfortable. They must read books about white privilege and white rage with an open mind and must research to discover the true history of America through the years. Then these good people who have stayed on the sidelines for too long must look deep within their souls to find the scary truths about how they have been insidiously conditioned from birth to see minorities as 'the others' and just not good enough. The very culture of our nation's character must change, not only within businesses, schools, churches, and the political structures. Change must also begin within the families where, even now, unaware parents are perpetuating racist beliefs in our children. Only then can we begin to have a good conversation."

I have taken my friend's challenge – to do the hard work and to be willing to be uncomfortable. Won't you join me?

- Celia Bell Ferguson

*Join Conversations on Race on Sunday, June 14 at 3 pm via Zoom for a presentation and discussion about the book *The Color of Law*. More information is on the CSUMC website.*

Our Prayers

In the Hospital:

Hill Henry: UT

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Jeana Burris, grandmother of Savannah McCabe, who died on June 5.

Our Presence: June 7

Sunday Worship 453

453 screens were tuned in to our online worship service Sunday morning around its premiere at 10 am. The number is likely higher than this, as we are aware families were watching together from one screen, and others viewed the service at a later time/date. As of printing, the worship service had been viewed more than 623 times.

Our Gifts: June 7

Operating Budget	\$24,461.00
Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Other	\$1,825.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of May 31

Contributions Expected	\$923,860.06
Contributions Received	\$760,468.78

SHORTFALL \$163,291.28

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Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Rev. Tom Redding by his family: Gail Redding, Kevin Redding and Missy Taylor.

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Mary Carmichael**
UMW: Judy Grubb
- **Peter Eargle**
Memorial Fund: Cliff Beach
- **Norma Goff**
Music Ministry: Verna McLain
- **Bobby Humphrey**
Soup Kitchen: Ann Marie Tugwell
- **Shirley Kanipes**
Beacon of Hope: Lorraine Rajkowski
- **Amanda Jackson Stoess**
Soup Kitchen: Stephen & Mercedes Stoess

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 14

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Exodus 19:2-8a
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8,
(9-23)

June 21

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 21:8-21
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

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	Rev. Pat Clendenen: 865-406-3854
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Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Receptionist	Nancy Keen-270
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber-278
Director of Communications	Katie Strangis-299
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey-295
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