

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 12

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship

10 a.m.

Church Street's YouTube Channel

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

Rev. Timothy Best

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

"How Firm a Foundation"

Leo Nestor

Parish Adult Choir &

Jami Anderson, soloist

**Monday, July 13
& Thursday, July 16**

12 p.m.

Devotion - Facebook Page

July 13: Rev. Tim Best

July 16: Trent Nichols

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.

Dear Church Family,

Greetings to each of you! As I begin my ministry here with you all, I find the simple words of Paul from Ephesians 1:15-17 to be a powerful prayer.

"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him."

I share these words from St. Paul's letter for several reasons. First, they are good words for the time in which we find ourselves. Except for a small handful of folks that I had met before Covid and before I was projected to be one of your pastors, I have not met you. I have, however, heard of your faith. I have known many of your former pastors; I have met candidates for ministry from Church Street; I have been a part of Holston Conference for over a decade and have seen much of the fruit of your ministry beyond Knoxville. I have been praying intentionally for you, for all of the clergy and staff, and for our shared ministry since this spring when I was informed I would be serving with this storied community of faith. I have prayed that we can gather safely. I have prayed for the countless ministries and projects that have been postponed, cancelled, or reimagined.

Paul gives us a cue for our faith, even in the midst of crisis. Paul unites his prayers with his thanksgivings. Even as I pray for our transition, our return to worship, our longing for some sense of "normal," I give thanks. Last week I joined a meeting to discuss the Summer Lecture Series. I was blown away by the effort that had been expended to reformat this annual program. I have already begun to connect with Sunday school classes that are meeting over zoom. My heart is full with thanksgiving for such commitment to the gospel and one to another. As Christians we are Easter people, a people of hope, even when our Easter celebrations, our farewells, and our welcomes are a stunted version of what we would like. Nonetheless, these things have happened. Our doors have been shut, but ministry hasn't stopped. I have heard from some of our members that the shutdown and online meetings have drawn them closer to one another. The Nave is empty on Sunday mornings, but worship carries on. The beauty of our choir has even found a way to shine in this moment by gathering virtually and revisiting recordings. There is much for which to be thankful here at Church Street!

The climax of Paul's greeting is about Jesus. I haven't included the whole paragraph, but Paul quickly turns his focus on the God revealed in Jesus. I am encouraged that our shared focus is on Jesus, too. The challenges we face and the work we have ahead are all manageable in the light of Jesus' love and grace. Though the times are strange, I am overwhelmed with hope because of Jesus. This past Sunday I ended my pastoral prayer with the words of the children's hymn: "Jesus loves me." Many years ago now, a well-known pastor and theologian, Karl Barth, was asked at the end of his life what had been the most important thing he had learned while teaching and in writing his 38 volumes on theology. Barth reportedly responded with a smile as he began to sing "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." My prayer is that as we grow and serve together, our hearts may be transformed by Jesus as we come to know him ever more fully and faithfully.

Peace,

Rev. Timothy J. Best

JESUS LOVES ME

this I know
for the Bible
tells me so.

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 9am

Epworth: Sundays at 10:30 am

Seekers: Sundays at 11 am

(AmyElias.UTK@gmail.com)

Crossroads: Sundays at 11 am

(Isuters@tentech.edu)

Parables: Thursdays at 7 pm

VBS Zoom: Tuesdays in July at 10 am & 11 am

Choir: Wednesdays at 7 pm

Parish Health Church Q/A: Thursday, 7/16 at 6 pm
(all are invited - more on page 3)

YOUTH SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

See the schedule below for the ways in which our small groups in the youth program are continuing to gather and have fellowship together *online*:

- **Prayer Breakfast / Bible Study** (all youth grades welcome): Wednesdays at 11
- **High School Girls' Small Group** (grades 9-12): Wednesdays at 5
- **Middle School Girls' Small Group** (grades 6-8): Thursdays at 5

Contact Jenny Cross with any questions! jcross@churchstreetumc.org

CSUMW GENERAL MEETING - JULY 14

We are trying to find ways to stay connected through this time of social distancing; so, we're going to try holding a General Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, July 14 at 11:00 am. Erica Lyon and our very own Katie Heatherly will be educating us on maternal and child health about a local non-profit called A Step Ahead, East Tennessee. Their goal is to empower a woman to achieve her destiny by offering the opportunity for her to reach her educational, career and life goals without having to handle an unplanned pregnancy. They provide comprehensive family planning education and access to free long-acting, reversible, contraception (LARC); and they provide free birth control and transportation to any woman seeking LARC. Please join us. Here's the Zoom information:



Join the Zoom meeting with the following link (or scan QR code above with your smartphone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85390018496>)
Zoom Meeting ID: 853 9001 8496

Summer Lecture Series

JULY 12, 19, 26
& AUGUST 2, 6:30

VIA ZOOM WEBINAR



Sunday, July 12, 6:30 PM
REV. DR. CHARLES LOMAX JR.

Director of Community Empowerment, City of Knoxville, and Senior Pastor at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Alcoa
Our Responsibilities as Christians and Voters in the Age of Black Lives Matter

COMING UP:

July 19: Dr. Erin Darby, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, and Dr. Robert Darby, Lecturer in the College of Art, The University of Tennessee

July 26: Rev. Dr. Brent Strawn, Author, Professor of Old Testament and Professor of Law, Duke Divinity School

August 2: Dr. Thomas Heffernan, Professor Emeritus of English, The University of Tennessee

The Education Committee of Church Street invites you to a new format of our annual Summer Adult Lecture Series, beginning on July 12. While these sessions will still occur on Sundays in July (and one in August), we will gather in webinar format via Zoom each Sunday at 6:30 pm (webinar information forthcoming). We are excited to welcome the guest lecturers above for this season of learning together.

LINK TO JOIN: <https://bit.ly/lectures20> (case-sensitive)
PASSWORD: 12718

If you are unable to join the webinar because we reach our capacity of attendees, we will also be live streaming each event on our YouTube channel and you will still be able to ask questions if you're watching the livestream. Our YT channel is: www.YouTube.com/churchstreetumc

Journeying Forward

Over the next few months, we will highlight portions of *Unfinished Journey*, and its contents as it describes the journey of Church Street, its people, its challenges, and its successes and failures placed in the context of two centuries of American history. It is a journey far from completed, a story still in the process of being told. Installment Two is below.

White's Chapel built on efforts of Rev. John Haynie and Judge White



In 1816, Knoxville merchant and former Episcopalian John Haynie had an idea. He was a son of Virginian Spencer Haynie and a veteran of the Revolutionary War. In 1806, John and his family moved to Tennessee and joined the Methodists, meeting in the home of George Wagner six miles east of Knoxville. He and his wife, Elizabeth, joined that congregation in 1809 and he was licensed to preach in 1811. He later moved to Knoxville and found that there was no Methodist church, though the town was visited by circuit riders. He noted that a group of Knoxville Presbyterians had just moved into their first church in 1816.

Haynie's idea was to build a Methodist church in the city as had the Presbyterians. For this, he needed a benefactor. A prominent resident in Knoxville, widely known for his benevolence, was city founder James White's son, Judge Hugh Lawson White. Judge White was then President of the Bank of Tennessee. When the request for a lot was presented to the Judge, his reply was, "If Johnnie wants a lot for a Methodist Church, he shall have it." White donated a half-acre lot on Flint Hill to Haynie's Methodists and often visited the church. White, a supporter of Andrew Jackson, later became Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court and was US Senator from Tennessee, 1828-1840.

The small wooden church, locally called White's Chapel, was likely built within the next few months and has had an impact on the city for more than two centuries. Rev. Haynie's eleven year-daughter, Catherine, died in 1818 and was buried in the White's Chapel graveyard. In 1825, her grandfather, Spencer, also passed away and was buried beside his granddaughter. Rev. Haynie moved his family west soon thereafter. This vigorous and dedicated pastor moved to Alabama and then to Texas where he became an outstanding regional leader. He was chaplain of the Texas House of Representatives in Austin and served as chaplain of the 1845 convention that approved the annexation of the Texas Republic by the United States.

New donations of \$500 or more to the Building Fund made during the duration of 2020 will receive a complimentary signed copy of *Unfinished Journey* and will be recognized at the end of the calendar year for helping us as we move further along in this particular journey together to pay off our building project.

- Dwight Wade, Jr., MD, Author of *Unfinished Journey*

Church Street Remains Closed

We continue to offer worship online and gatherings remotely by Zoom, as we closely review and follow county data and guidance. But our ministries continue to reach beyond the walls of our church. Soup Kitchen continues to feed, Benevolence continues to provide, and Beacon of Hope continues to serve. Please remember these ministries in your prayers!

Join Us!



Parish Health Ministry Team Q/A & Panel of Ministry Leaders

Join members of the Parish Health Ministry Team's Covid-19 Task Force, along with program leaders here at CSUMC, to learn more about plans for different ministries as we continue to operate under pandemic guidelines. Ministry leaders and health experts will offer more information about the data under review, our spiritual guidance and biblical undergirding for decision making, and open the floor to your questions.

Questions may be submitted in advance to communications@churchstreetumc.org or you may bring your question to the Zoom call.

DETAILS:

Thursday, July 16, 6 pm

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/phmtjuly16>
(case-sensitive)

Password: 537621

Senior Sunday

**Senior Sunday is next Sunday,
July 19, at 10 am**

This annual service will be led virtually by our 2020 high school graduates. We know you will want to hear from these accomplished and faithful young people in our church family, so we invite you to tune into YouTube on Sunday morning, July 19, for this special time of worship together as we hear from and honor our 2020 grads.

Our Prayers

Christian Love and Sympathy:

The family and friends of Jeannine Alley, who died on July 3.

The family and friends of Dottie Winfrey, who died on July 5.

The family and friends of Tom Fonville, who died on July 7.

The family and friends of Elvira Maldonado, mother of Noemi Carter, who died on July 4.

Our Presence: July 5

Sunday Worship 570

570 screens were tuned in to our online worship service on Sunday. 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 740 times.

Our Gifts: July 5

Operating Budget	\$26,577.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Other	\$1,025.00



Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of 2nd Lieutenant James L. Weeks and Colonel and Mrs. Eugene Weeks by the Weeks family.

Give Plus App

It's easier than ever to tithe and give to Church Street. In three steps, you can download, set up, and give directly from a secure mobile giving app. Please search for the GivePlus app in your App Store or Google Play, select Church Street UMC, and begin your donation.

Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Jeannine Alley

Joined: 10/14/1962 Died: 7/3/2020

Dottie Winfrey

Joined: 11/17/1957 Died: 7/5/2020

Tom Fonville

Joined: 3/22/1959 Died: 7/7/2020

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Rev. James Beasley**
Benevolence Fund: Church Street UMC
Crossroads Class
- **Rev. Larry Best**
Soup Kitchen: Sue Hung
- **Dr. David Craig**
Soup Kitchen: Sue Hung
- **Marilyn McCall**
Building Fund: Barna & Mary Ann Gibson

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Rev. Chuck Starks**
Rejoice TV: Anonymous

LECTIONARY READINGS

July 12

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Isaiah 55:10-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Receptionist	Nancy Keen-270
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Director of Communications	Katie Strangis-299
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey-295
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