



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 6

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship

10 a.m.

Church Street's YouTube Channel

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

Rev. Tim Best

Exodus 12:1-14

"The Lord's Prayer" *Albert Hay Malotte*

Dr. Olga Welch, soloist

"Cantate Domino" *Hans Leo Hassler*

Parish Youth Choir, previously recorded

Sunday, September 13

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship

10 a.m.

Church Street's YouTube Channel

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

Rev. Catherine Clark Nance

Exodus 14:19-31

"Go Down, Moses" *Harry Burleigh*

Layr Hough, soloist

"Zion's Walls" *Aaron Copland*

Parish Youth Choir, previously recorded

Please note: The *Messenger* will be published every two weeks during September.

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET UMC

Paul, Prisons, and Faithful Witness in Our Time

The Methodist movement has always been actively involved in ministry with prisoners and advocating for humane prison conditions. In recent years people of all political backgrounds have recognized the issues arising from the staggering increase in incarceration rates spanning the last 50 years. State and federal prison populations have risen from just under 200,000 in 1972 to 1.56 million in 2014. Christians have deep resources in our faith to approach and discuss prisons, punishment, and justice.

The Apostle Paul, who wrote many of his letters from prison and repeatedly referenced his "chains," talked about being a prisoner for Christ, and he is one significant resource.



In the course, we will look at the Letter to the Philippians, one of Paul's prison letters, and use it as a theological guide as we engage in a discussion about criminal justice systems. This study will also use *Locked In: The True Causes of Mass Incarceration and How to Achieve Real Reform* by John Pfaff. In a society that often reduces issues for political purposes, we will aim to expand the ways Christians understand incarceration and help all participants develop a faith-centered compassion for all who encounter criminal justice systems. Please contact Pastor Tim Best if you have any questions concerning this study. Purchase of the Pfaff book is not required, but highly recommended. [Register](#) for any study at ChurchStreetUMC.org/education.

Congratulations to the CSUMC Preschool!

ChildcareTennessee and Tennessee Department of Human Services has awarded a \$4000 Enhancement and Support Grant for our Preschool. This grant will be used to enhance equipment, programs, including supplies and special items needed to allow our children to play safely during these times of COVID.

Children and Youth Virtual Programming this Fall

CSUMC children and youth kicked off the new school year with two special meetings: children met our new pastors in small groups and our youth had their annual, but virtual, kick-off event! There are many Sunday opportunities for children and youth to connect this school year virtually each Sunday - all begin on September 13:

9 am: Breakfast with Ms. Katryn and Friends (K-5)

11-11:20 am: Kinder Choir for ages 3, 4, 5, Kindergarten

3:30 pm: Primary and Chorister Choirs for Children in grades 1-5

4:15 pm: Youth Choir

5-6 pm: Youth Nightlife

6-6:30 pm: Youth Office Hours for individual needs

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.

ZOOM CALENDAR - 9/6 THRU 9/19:

Sunday School Classes:

Open Doors: Sundays at 9 am

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

Partners: (Begins 9/13): Sundays, 9 am

Breakfast w/ Ms. Katryn and Friends:
Sundays, 9 am (Begins 9/13)

Friends in Christ: 9/14, 7:30 pm
(every two weeks)

Upcoming Meetings:

Circle 12: Tuesday, 9/8, 10:30 am

Congregational Care: Tuesday, 9/8, 6 pm

Trustees: Wednesday, 9/9, 5:30 pm

Called Church Council: Thursday, 9/10, 6 pm

Stephen Ministry: Sunday, 9/13, 1:30 pm

Finance: Tuesday, 9/15, 6 pm

UMW Book/Video Review:
Wednesday, 9/16, 1:30 pm

SPRC: Thursday, 9/17, 5:30 pm

Ongoing Meetings:

Kinder Choir: Sundays, 11 am

Primary & Chorister Choirs:
Sundays, 3:30 pm

Youth Choir: Sundays,
4 pm (Begins 9/13)

Paul & Prisons Study: Sundays,
4 pm (Begins 9/13)

Youth Nightlife: Sundays,
5 pm (Begins 9/13)

Youth Office Hours: Sundays,
6 pm (Begins 9/13)

Disciple 1 Study: Mondays,
10 am (Begins 9/14)

Disciple Fast Track Study:
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm (Begins 9/15)

Choir: Wednesdays, 7 pm

If your small group would like to set up a Zoom meeting, please contact Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org for more information and assistance.

Sermon on the Mount Study Begins September 13

On Sunday, September 13 at 9 am, the Open Door Sunday School Class will begin a new study about The Sermon on the Mount by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Entitled "**Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven,**" the study will be led by Rev. Rick Isbell for 6 weeks. In the study Dr. Levine gives a detailed overview of Matthew 5-7. Through the study, book, and video presentations, students will come away with a better understanding of the Sermon on the Mount in its historical and theological context.

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is University Professor of New Testament & Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts & Sciences. Contact Barna or Mary Ann Gibson for information about the class at 865-604-7719 or 865-604-7721.

Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/opendoorclass>

Call-In: 1-929-436-2866

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. The tenth installment is below.

Parson Brownlow's strident battle with the Confederacy and his former Holston brethren

William Gannaway Brownlow (1805-1877) was a Holston Conference circuit rider for ten years before he married Elizabeth O'Brien. He quit his career in the traveling ministry and settled down in Elizabethton. His journalism career began there with the polemical *Elizabethton Whig*, 1839-1840. He had a unique, impassioned, and sharply abrasive style of writing and oratory. He was consistently pro-Union but was anti-slavery during his ministry. He became a slavery advocate in the pre-Civil War era, re-adopting his early anti-slavery position in 1861. This last change of heart occurred after he was arrested in Knoxville as a suspect in the bridge-burning.

He received national attention in an 1858 Philadelphia debate beginning with the following: "Not only will I throughout this discussion openly and boldly take the ground that Slavery, as it exists in America, ought to be perpetuated, but that slavery is an established and inevitable condition to human society. I will maintain the ground that God always intended the relation of master and slave to exist. ... and that slavery having existed ever since that first organization of society, it will exist to the end of time!"

But later, strongly Unionist and against the Confederacy, Brownlow

was insistent that the Southern Methodist preachers inflamed the minds of Southern men and had a strong ethic of disloyalty to the Union. He further noted that he would feel "much more honored to be associated with a pack of professional gamblers, than with a conference of Methodist rebel preachers." He hated all MEC, South members and clergy.

Returning to Knoxville after the Union occupation in 1863, he offered these "kind words" using his characteristic rhetoric saying that the Knoxville Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian church buildings that had been confiscated by the Union troops would be used for "better purposes" if turned into grogshops selling mean corn whiskey for rebel money, than to be used to preach and pray such treason, blasphemy, and blackguardism, as have disgraced their walls and pulpits for the last three years. Brownlow became Governor of Tennessee in 1865.

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

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.

Church Street Seeks a Digital Media Specialist

Help us find the newest addition to our team! Church Street seeks to hire a part-time Digital Media Specialist to support the church's growing communications needs. The successful candidate will have meaningful professional experience using and analyzing social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube and will demonstrate proficiency in Wordpress. If you or someone you know would like the full job description, please email Katie Strangis at kstrangis@churchstreetumc.org. Full description and details on our website at www.churchstreetumc.org/careers.



— CALLED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING —

Council members: please join the called Church Council meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 6 pm.
Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/council91020>

UMW NEWS

Plants for Birds, Butterflies and Other Pollinators

The United Methodist Women of Church Street is excited to have Lisa Stanley and Abby Jerrolds, Lisa's daughter, share their thoughts on native plants for birds, butterflies and other pollinators. Please join us on Tuesday, September 8, at 11 am by Zoom to learn how your backyard is a great place for you to help the environment!



Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/umw9820>

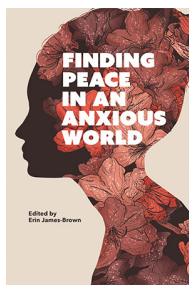
Meeting ID: 848 8284 5671 | Call-In: 1-929-436-2866

September Book / Video Review

Join UMW as we watch and discuss "Deconstructing White Privilege" (Dr. Robin DiAngelo), a video that is part of the Vital Conversations series produced by the General Commission on Religion and Race of the UMC. The 20-minute video will lead us into fruitful discussion, and all are invited to join on Wednesday, 9/16, 1:30 pm: <http://bit.ly/umw91620>

New UMW Book Study Coming in October

UMW of Church Street is offering a book study of *Finding Peace in an Anxious World*. The study, led by Celia Ferguson, uses the book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move toward God's peace that surpasses all understanding. The study will take place on Mondays **10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26** at 6:30 pm. Please register and indicate your interest in purchasing the book through UMW at <http://bit.ly/umwfallstudy>.



ADVENT IS COMING!

You are invited to participate in this year's Advent Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation to be used as inspiration during this joyous time of the year.

Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to you and to share your love, hope and faith with others. These inspirational booklets are provided to our congregation and homebound members, and are offered to viewers of *Rejoice!* They are a blessing to many.

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, the booklet will feature devotions for every day through Christmas Day.

Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse with reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. Art submissions are also encouraged and may be sent directly to communications@churchstreetumc.org in .jpg or .png format (high resolution). Devotions should be submitted no later than **Friday, October 9** to Barry Christmas at bearnoel@gmail.com.

September is Hunger Action Month

a time when people across the country take action to help end hunger.

ORANGE (a color dear to our hearts in TN) is the official color of Hunger Action Month. The purpose of Hunger Action Month is that people will be informed, educated and empowered to take action. More than 160,000 East Tennesseans face food insecurity. Keep watching for ways you can help!



Our Prayers

Christian Love and Sympathy:

The family and friends of Rebecca Richards, mother-in-law of Robin Crain, who died on August 26.

Recently Hospitalized:

Wanda Craig
Valerie Nicholson
Grady Tapscott
Dr. Charles Wender: Asbury Acres

Our Presence: August 30

Sunday Worship 507
507 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 559 times.

Our Gifts

August 30

Contributions toward Budget	\$9,788.00
Building Fund	\$325.00
Other	\$3,039.00

Mission Gifts

Benevolence, August 2020

Utilities Support

30 people: \$3,065.00 total provided

Rent Support

8 people: \$1,025.00 total provided

Food / Prescription Drug Support

1 person: \$60.00 total provided

The Church will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day. Use the Pastor On-Call number to reach a clergy member.

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

Wedding

David Beisel and Kirby Vineyard were married at Greystone Presbyterian Church on August 29.

New Arrival

Jackson Cooper Kerlin was born September 2 at Vanderbilt to Christopher & Rachel Kerlin.

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Gayle Buckner**
Beacon of Hope: Anonymous
- **The Family of Jess & Carol Brown**
Sterchi Lodge Fund: Kit Brown
- **Wallace Clendenen**
UMCOR Disaster Relief: Janice Hixson
- **Dr. George P. Highsmith**
Stephen Ministry: Anonymous

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Claire Shepherd**
Building Fund: Catherine & Randolph Whitson

Altar Flowers

September 6: The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Frank Speckhart by his family.

September 13: The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Charles and Ellie Rader by their children and grandchildren.

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 6

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

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For emergencies, call the On-Call Number and the pastor on call will answer or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

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Staff Directory

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Senior Pastor	Catherine Clark Nance-260
Senior Associate Pastor	Tim Best-279
Associate Pastor	Palmer Cantler-298
Minister of Spiritual Enrichment	Jan Wade-264
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	Rev. Andy Ferguson: 865-806-0086
	Rev. Pat Clendenen: 865-406-3854
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Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Ministry	Katryn Bancroft-282
Child Care Coordinator	
	Sarah Burtch: 865-567-0913
Youth/College Ministries	Jenny Cross-287
Preschool Director	Beth Libby: 865-524-3511
Church Administrator	Kate Spencer-268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne-267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods-262
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively-271
Receptionist	Nancy Keen-270
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber-278
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey-295
Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose-274
Custodians:	Dedra Ellison, Robin Crain, Kevin Bailey, Jacob Jenne
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell: 599-5047
Director of Communications	Katie Strangis -299



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