

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 20

Sixteenth 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 16:2-15

"Lift Thine Eyes" from *Elijah*,
Felix Mendelssohn

Erin Gamble, Erin Johnson,
and Maria Thompson, soloists

Sunday, September 27

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship

10 a.m.

Church Street's YouTube Channel

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

Rev. Palmer Cantler

Exodus 17:1-7

"I Will at All Times Praise the Lord"
Deborah Holden-Holloway

Primary & Chorister Choirs

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Paul Wolgemuth

Virtual Youth Choir

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET UMC



Amplify Media Now Available for Small Groups & Sunday School Classes!

Small group study and fellowship is an important and life-giving part of Christian community and discipleship. Church Street Sunday school classes, UMW Circles, youth, children, choirs, and so many others have continued to meet, learn, and care for one another during the pandemic. In an effort to support Christian learning, the church has subscribed to Amplify Media, a video service from Cokesbury Publishing. Amplify makes video resources, primarily for small groups, available for streaming. Resources by Adam Hamilton, N.T. Wright, and Amy-Jill Levine are available alongside video series arranged by topic, season, or age-level. If your small group would be interested in exploring what Amplify may offer to enhance your study, please contact Pastor Tim Best at tbest@churchstreetumc.org for the access code and how to set up an account.

What Gift Can We Bring? A recital by Church Street Members and Friends

Please join us on the Church Street YouTube Channel on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. for our first Master Arts Concert celebrating our fiftieth season.

What Gift Can We Bring? will feature

instrumentalists and singers who are

friends and members of Church Street UMC. From organ, flute, strings, and harp, to art songs and Broadway, this is a program filled with a variety of beautiful music performed by friends and familiar artists. During this concert, we will be raising money for the church's Benevolence Fund, which provides assistance to individuals and families in our community so that their needs can be met.

What Gift Can We Bring?

A Recital by Members and Friends

District Conference on September 27, 3-5 pm

The TN Valley district conference will be held virtually this year on Sunday, September 27, between 3-5 pm. This is an important time in our district, when many new members-at-large and district committee members will be voted on. Church Council members will be emailed the Zoom link.

**DISTRICT
NEWS**

Third Grade Bibles will be distributed on Sunday, 9/20! Look for photos during our September 27 virtual worship program on YouTube.

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 - 9/20 THRU 10/3

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: Sundays, 9 am
Breakfast w/ Ms. Katryn and Friends:
 Sundays, 9 am
Friends in Christ: 9/21, 7:30 pm
 (every two weeks)

Upcoming Meetings:

Church Council: Tuesday, 9/22, 6 pm
Virtual District Conference: Sunday,
 9/27, 3 pm
Outreach & Welcome: Wednesday,
 10/1, 6 pm
Lydia Circle: Friday, 10/3, 12 pm

Ongoing Meetings:

Confirmation Class: Sundays, 11 am
Kinder Choir: Sundays, 11 am
Primary & Chorister Choirs:
 Sundays, 3:30 pm
Paul & Prisons Study:
 Sundays, 4 pm
Youth Choir: Sundays, 4:15 pm
Youth Nightlife: Sundays, 5 pm
Youth Office Hours: Sundays, 6 pm
Disciple Fast Track Study:
 Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Choir: Wednesdays, 7 pm
Grateful Study: Thursdays, 10 am
 (Begins 9/24)

Please contact Kate Spencer at
kspencer@churchstreetumc.org
 for more information and assistance
 in setting up your Zoom meeting.

September is Hunger Action Month: This is a time when people all over the country commit to taking a stand against hunger. Led by the Feeding America Network, it's a month to spread the word about hunger in America, and take action on the hunger crisis. In 2020, hunger in America is worse than ever. The coronavirus pandemic has left millions of families without stable employment. **Before the pandemic, more than 35 million struggled with hunger, including more than 10 million children. Predictions indicate that more than 54 million people, including 8 million children, may experience food insecurity by the end of 2020. See more facts and figures in the box below.** Church Street supports hunger initiatives through Beacon of Hope, the Soup Kitchen, Souper Bowl of Caring, benevolence assistance, and many other initiatives. This September, consider supporting one of CSUMC's food initiatives or your favorite food charity.



The Preschool Perch

Church Street Preschool Awarded New Grants! Over the summer, the Church Street Preschool has applied for and been awarded several new grants that will support and enhance programming efforts, including:

+ TN Department of Health Services (TDHS) Emergency Relief Loss of Income for **\$34,505.00 and \$6,274.00**

+ TDHS Support and Enhancement Grant for **\$4,000.00**, in order to cope with Covid-19 safely.

ChildcareTennessee is an initiative through The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, partnered with TDHS. It provides these unique grants to support child care centers throughout the state.

Shocking Stats about Hunger



1 in 5

children is food insecure (cannot rely on having available food every day). For many children, school lunch is their last full meal of the day.

In Tennessee, almost
1 million
 people are hungry

36%
 of college students don't have
 enough to eat

63%
 of senior households served by Feeding America
 must choose between food and medicine

The average SNAP benefit is **\$4.17** per day
SNAP stands for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. SNAP is a federal program that helps millions of low-income Americans put food on the table.

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 eleventh installment is below; be advised it contains a description of a murder.

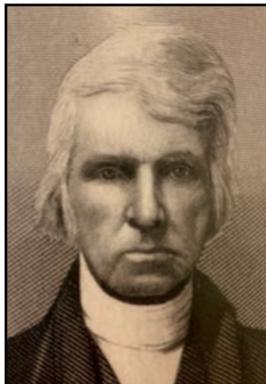
Rev. Jonathan L. Mann forced to flee to Union territory, 1862

North Carolinian Mann, a strong Unionist adherent to Wesley's anti-slavery teachings, was admitted to the Holston Conference when it met in Asheville in 1860. He retained his convictions despite persistent pressure from other young circuit riders in the conference. He married Arabella Jane Winton, a granddaughter of Col. John Winton and trustee of White's Chapel. Arabella was a cousin of Jane Winton Bewley, wife of Methodist pastor Rev. Anthony Bewley, who had moved to San Antonio in the Texas Conference in the 1850s. Mann would have been well aware of the awful fate of Bewley, anonymously accused of fomenting a slave rebellion. An angry pro-slavery posse caught the fleeing Bewley and his family and lynched him in 1859.

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.

Mann found himself in a most uncomfortable position in 1861 as he wrote: "Over this most loyal region of all the South we find about one hundred rebel preachers [in the MEC, South Holston Conference] with all their talents and influence, engaged in encouraging the worst passions of the heart; and on the highways and in the valleys compelling men to enlist in the great pro-slavery crusade of Southern demonism ... When we reflect that a single branch of the Christian Church sent so many rebel preachers into a territory so small, armed with all the marvelous power of the pulpit, we are not astonished that so many adherents of that faith were induced to rebel against their country and their God."

At the General Conference at Athens in 1862, the autocratic Bishop John Early (*pictured right*) appointed a committee of inquisition to identify pastors who held pro-Union, anti-slavery views. At the conference, Rev. Mann's presiding elder promised to discipline Mann at the next Annual Conference for not following instructions to pray for Confederate leaders. Mann replied that only he would decide for whom he would pray. With the help of friendly blacks, he avoided capture as he fled to Union territory and became a Union Army Chaplain.



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



SUBMIT YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONS!

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.

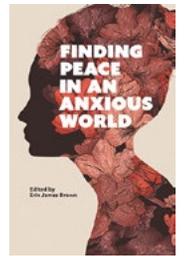
Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to you and to share your love, hope and faith with others - during a season in which we all need to experience love, hope and faith. 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 bearynoel@gmail.com.

UMW NEWS

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, 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>. Please email Jana Davison with questions: janadavison@charter.net



Update on In-Person Worship at Church Street

We offer gratitude for our Parish Health Ministry Team's Covid-19 Task Force, who, in collaboration with our clergy and staff, have kept our community's physical and spiritual safety as its top priority during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are happy to announce that Church Street was approved on September 17 to regather for in-person worship and small group events, based on the guidelines approved by Church Council in our Covid-19 Protocol (available on our website).

Bishop Taylor and the Holston Conference Covid-19 Task Force announced on September 16 that churches in the conference may begin to hold indoor in-person worship services again, when protocols are in place and approved and when the church is prepared to welcome congregants safely for a meaningful worship experience (see an excerpt of the Bishop's letter below). We are grateful for the ongoing careful and prayerful work of our bishop and the conference task force during this time.

As we process all of this news, let us prayerfully discern our next steps. Our worship team and ministry leaders have been planning for some upcoming outdoor worship experiences that you will hear about soon.

Thank you for your continued prayers, comments, and contributions during this season of tremendous faith, courage and community.

Excerpt from Bishop Dindy Taylor's Statement on September 16:

...I want to continue steps forward and announce beginning this Sunday, September 20, 2020 all churches with a plan that has been approved by their District Superintendent may return to their buildings for in-person worship. But let me be clear, attorneys have advised not following your approved plan creates liability for your church and your future. I want to stress this doesn't mean your church has to return to your building on September 20. In fact, I suggest you continue gathering outdoors for as long as you can, because it is a safer way to gather. I am fully aware some areas within our conference are reporting increasing numbers of COVID-19 per the Harvard Metrics. In those areas, churches may wisely decide to wait until the numbers decrease.

It is also important for church leadership to meet regularly to discuss the ongoing situation within their own community and make wise decisions on gathering. The Phase One protocols are to be followed and are put in place for the safety of all those who will gather. I strongly urge churches to continue their on-line worship presence because there are many who are unable or uncomfortable gathering in-person at this time. Finally, I know some of our pastors are in a high-risk category, and it isn't safe for them to return to the pulpit. In these situations, pastors should contact their District Superintendent to discuss options.

Friends, we continue to live in times of uncertainty and extreme tension, and just as God offers us grace, we need to be grace filled toward one another. We are all trying to do our best to continue our United Methodist mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Therefore, as we continue our mission, may we be ever mindful of God's command to love our neighbors as ourselves. May we be kind and generous, and may we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Wallace Clendenen**
Music Fund: Barry & Nancy Christmas
Conversations on Race: Jean & Michael Galyon
- **Dr. David Craig**
Music Fund: Zoanne Bayer
- **Thelma Irene Lowell Diggs**
Music Fund: Jean & Michael Galyon
- **Stina Hansson**
Conversations on Race: Jean & Michael Galyon
- **Joan Huffstettler**
Beacon of Hope: Anonymous
- **Bobby Humphrey**
Soup Kitchen: Jean & Michael Galyon
- **Jacqueline Newman**
Memorial Fund: Fred Langley, Deborah Lutz, Martha Hess, Brent & Susan Young
Beacon of Hope: Anonymous
- **Stephen Martinak**
Preschool Fund: Anonymous
- **Mildred Raby**
Building Fund: Sarah Wimberly
- **Dottie Winfrey**
UMW: Jennie & Al Harlan, Zoanne Bayer
- **Frances A. Wooten**
Beacon of Hope: Anonymous

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Katie Strangis**
Conversations on Race: Jean & Michael Galyon
- **Ann Warwick**
Beacon of Hope: Mary Lewis

Altar Flowers

September 20: The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Rev. Larry Best by Loretta Best.

September 27: The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Janice Kennedy by John Kennedy and their children and grandchildren.

Please note: The next edition of the *Messenger* will be published on October 1. Weekly email announcements will continue. To sign up for our *Messenger* email list, email communications@churchstreetumc.org.

UMW Bake Sale

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The UMW Bake Sale is ON! With a twist - isn't everything twisted in 2020? This year's UMW Bake Sale has a few new rules and ways of doing things, so that we can continue to have the event in a safe way while still serving up tasty treats.



We are planning a drive-by sale for November 22. UMW members will sign up and donate their baked goods in advance, and those items will be offered for online sale between October 29 to November 20, using an online form. There will be a designated number of each item available, and they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

On Sunday, November 22, those bringing sold items will deliver their goods to the church from Noon to 1:30 pm. Those who have purchased items will do a drive-by pick up from 2-4 pm the same day and will receive curbside service from a masked UMW member.

Payments may be made online, or bringing or sending cash or check.

If you would like to donate baked goods, please send an email with the following information no later than October 15 to

Ann.Reego@gmail.com:

- + Name and Email address
- + Phone number(s)
- + Item(s) that you will bring and quantity per package, with suggested price (UMW reserves the right to raise or lower the price)

Sample Donation Submission:

- + Ann Reego, Ann.Reego@gmail.com
- + 865-680-8288, cell
- + 2 pans of brownies with pecans , \$10 per pan
- + 1 Red Velvet Cake, \$35
- + 2 Dozen Chocolate Chip Cookies, \$10 per dozen

Not a baker? No problem! Last year, we had cakes for sale that were purchased from Nothing Bundt Cakes and Buttermilk Sky Pies. Those who donate items for sale will receive an email with detailed instructions about packing and taking your item(s) to the church. To support the bake sale financially, you may send a check to the church office or donate securely online to the UMW Bake Sale Fund.

If you cannot take your items to the church, please contact Susan Dominick at 865-504-4023 or susanlynnedominick@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

The mission projects that benefit from our bake sale are still in need! And the cancellation of events at the Convention Center during the pandemic have halted all normal parking receipts. Please pull out your favorite recipes - cakes, pies, cookies, coffee cakes, breads, casseroles, anything you'd love to share - and get busy!

Remember to let us know about the specifics of your donation no later than October 15!

Happy baking!

Our Prayers

Christian Love and Sympathy:

The family and friends of Jacqueline Tipton Newman, who died on September 3.

The family and friends of Tony Richards, stepfather-in-law of Robin Crain, who died on September 8.

The family and friends of Hon. Pamela Reeves, who died on September 10.

The family and friends of Joan Huffstettler, sister-in-law of Loretta Best, who died on September 11 in Georgia.

The family and friends of Frances Agnew Wooten, mother of Cynthia Wooten, who died on September 13.

In the Hospital:

Jackson Kerlin: Vanderbilt

Our Presence: September 6

Sunday Worship 356
356 screens were tuned in to our online worship service on Sunday. As of printing, the worship service had been viewed 506 times.

September 13

Sunday Worship 492
492 screens were tuned in to our online worship service on Sunday. As of printing, the worship service had been viewed 704 times.

Our Gifts

September 6

Contributions toward Budget	\$24,091.33
Building Fund	\$200.00
Other	\$1,335.00

September 13

Contributions toward Budget	\$10,909.00
Building Fund	\$600.00
Other	\$2,525.00

Mission Gifts

Beacon of Hope - 8/30-9/6

Food Value at Food Co-Op
\$1,950

KUB / Rent Support
\$500

Emergency Food Support
\$550

Clothing/Toiletries Value - Sharing Shop South
\$1,240

Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Jacqueline Newman

Joined: 9/14/1997 Died: 9/3/2020

Hon. Pamela Lynn Reeves

Joined: 8/30/1998 Died: 9/10/2020

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 20

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15
Jonah 3:10-4:11
Phillippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Isaiah 5:1-7
Phillippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Giving Securely Online or 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.

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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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Associate Pastor Palmer Cantler-298

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