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### ***Happening at Church Street***

**This Sunday, we celebrate Human Relations Sunday.** Your gifts support human relations throughout the world to underscore the core message Jesus demonstrated during his life: Each of God's children are equally important. We are called to make an impact in communities where brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources and tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. You may make your gift through Church Street by mailing a check to the church office with "Human relations offering" in the memo line or [by giving securely on our website](#) and selecting the box next to Human Relations Offering. Thank you for giving generously to this special Sunday offering.

**This Monday, January 18, the church office will be closed** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Please use the Pastor On-Call Number (865-320-9100) if you need assistance while the church office is closed.

**The Souper Bowl of Caring** is coming soon! Look for more information next week about this critical annual drive that supports the Beacon of Hope ministry in South Knoxville.

**Sacred Conversations on Race series** - coming each Tuesday in February for the TN Valley District. [Click here](#) to read more about the series for the TN Valley District and to register or email Pat Bellingrath with questions or to get help: [patbellingrath@gmail.com](mailto:patbellingrath@gmail.com). Click the image below to see a short video from District Superintendent Ann Robins, as she shares more about the series.



## *Worship Opportunities*

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**  
***Second Sunday of Epiphany***

**Join us at 10 am:**

[www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC](http://www.YouTube.com/ChurchStreetUMC)

**Rev. Tim Best**

**John 1:43-51**

### **Music**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
Kathleen Thomerson, arr. Tom Trenney  
*Parish Men's Ensemble, previously recorded*

### ***Lectionary Readings for this week:***

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18,  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

## ***Take a quick poll:***

Did you watch Sunday's worship service? Help us better measure our viewership.

**No**

Select

**Yes, just me.**

Select

**Yes, me +1 (total of 2 viewing one screen)**

Select

**Yes, me +2 (total of 3 viewing one screen)**

Select

Yes, me +3 (total of 4 viewing one screen)

Select

Yes, me +4 (total of 5 viewing one screen)

Select

Yes, me + more (total of more than 5 viewing one screen)

Select

## *Upcoming Education Opportunities*

### **Open Door Class January Study - “And When You Pray ... Exploring the Prayers of the Bible” with Rev. Andy Ferguson**

Praying and participating in prayer mark us as persons of faith. On the one hand, praying is so simple that most of us learned to pray as children. On the other, praying is so rich that we are still praying after all these years. Even now, there is a lot to learn about this distinct faith practice. Rev. Andy Ferguson has chosen four prayers to explore this January. They are:

**+ Jan. 17 - 1 Kings 3 - Solomon’s Prayer on Assuming Kingship in Israel**

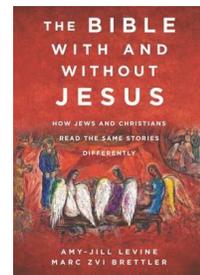
**+ Jan. 24 - Isaiah 63-64 - Prayer in the Day of National Calamity**

**+ Jan. 31 - Psalm 51 - Prayer of Confession**

To be included on the class email list to get the updates and the link each week, email [communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org) or **[click here for the Zoom Link](#)** and use passcode **987123**. If you prefer to call in to the Zoom meetings each week, call **1-929-436-2866**, then enter **82625196733#** with **passcode 987123**.

### **Public Books Circle with Professors Tina Shepardson and Erin Darby - Feb. 3, 7 pm, on Zoom**

*Discussion of **The Bible With and Without Jesus**, by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler*



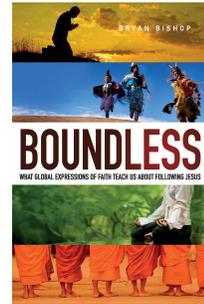
Why do Jews and Christians read many of the same Biblical texts – including passages from the Pentateuch, the Prophets, and the Psalms – differently? Esteemed Bible scholars Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Comparing various interpretations – historical, literary, and theological - of each ancient text, Levine and Brettler offer deeper understandings of the original narratives and their many afterlives and the Bible’s ongoing significance.

*Erin Darby and Tina Shepardson have both presented at the Church Street Education Committee's Summer Lecture Series!*

**[Click here to register.](#)** No call-in information is currently available.

## UMW Book Review - January 20

All are invited to the January online UMW Book Review of *Boundless: What Global Expressions of Faith Teach us about Following Jesus* by Bryan Bishop. Susan Dominick will lead the discussion by Zoom on January 20 at 1:30 p.m.



[Click here to join for the study \(Passcode: 820265\)](#)

Call-in Information: 1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 82214241785# Passcode: \*820265#

## Build Your Prayer Life in 2021

One of the ways in which we may strengthen the prayer life within our families is to introduce the daily practice of offering grace before each meal. Church Street UMC's 2020 *Table Graces* booklets were created for the very purpose of regularly thanking our Lord for the goodness and mercy we receive from his loving hand. This little fold-over collection contains forty-four beautiful prayers, stands easily on any dining table, and is suitable for all ages.



A number of 2020 *Table Graces* Booklets (Vol II) are currently available for purchase. The price is \$10 per copy, half of which benefits the UMW Missions Fund, and may be purchased by calling the church office at 865-524-3048. Your copy will be mailed or delivered upon request.

## Calendar

See the calendar listings below. Meetings occur on Zoom, unless otherwise noted as an in-person event. If you would like a link to one of the following Zoom meetings, or if your group would like to set up a Zoom meeting, please contact Kate Spencer at [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org) or 865-521-0268, she will help set you up on the church account!

### Ongoing Sunday School, Children, Youth & Music Meetings:

- **Breakfast w/ Ms. Katryn & Friends** (children): Sundays, 9 am
- **Open Doors**: Sundays, 9 am
- **Partners**: Sundays, 9 am
- **Followers**: Sundays, 9:30 am
- **Epworth**: Sundays, 10:30 am
- **Seekers**: Sundays, 11 am
- **Kinder Choir**: Sundays, 11 am
- **Confirmation**: Sundays, 11 am
- **Crossroads**: Sundays, 11 am

### Current Studies and One-Time Meetings:

- **Disciple New Testament Fast Track Class**: Begins Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 pm
- **Disciple Old Testament Fast Track Class**: Begins Wednesday, January 13 at 10 m

Email [tbest@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:tbest@churchstreetumc.org) if you are still interested in joining either Disciple study!

- **Finance**: Tuesday, January 19,

- **Chorister & Primary Children's Choirs:** Sundays, 3:30 pm
- **Youth Choir:** Sundays, 4:15 pm
- **NightLife:** Sundays, 5 pm
- **Parish Adult Choir:** Wednesdays, 7 pm

- 5:30 pm
- **UMW Book Review:** Wednesday, January 20, 1:30 pm
- **Staff-Parish Relations Committee:** Thursday, January 21, 5:30 pm

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## ***Our Prayers***

### ***Christian love and sympathy to:***

The family and friends of John Michael Spencer, father of Blake Spencer, who died on January 11.

### ***Recently Hospitalized:***

Bob Paulson: NHC Farragut

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## ***Our Presence***

### ***January 10***

### ***Online Worship***

408 unique viewers were tuned in to our Sunday morning service, for a total of 594 views.

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## ***Our Gifts***

### ***January 10***

Operating Budget \$15,856.20

Building Fund \$275.00

Other \$950.00

Give securely online at [www.churchstreetumc.org/give](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/give) or send a check:

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## ***Memorials***

*In Memory of:*

### ***Mazel Parsons Andrews***

Building Fund: Claire Shepherd, Lou & George McNutt, Jr.

### ***Dr. Virginia (Ginger) Hood***

Building Fund: Lou & George McNutt, Jr.

## ***Honorariums***

*In Honor of:*

### ***James H. Cheatham***

Soup Kitchen: Daniel & Jenny Cheatham

## ***Altar Flowers***

The Chancel altar flowers are given in loving memory of Rachel Moncier by Herbert, Adam and Nicholas.

***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.*

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