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

**Happy New Year from Church Street!** This is the first digital edition of *The Messenger*, so please enjoy exploring it and getting used to a new format. You will still see everything below you have seen in the printed versions of the past, but this time everything will be listed in the body of this email, including:

- Important updates here at the top of the email
- Weekly worship details & lectionary readings
- Ministry updates and opportunities
- Calendar of Events
- Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, Updates from Our Church Family
- Memorials, Honors, and Altar Flower listings
- Contact Information
- ...and a special video to lighten your day!

We hope you enjoy this new format - printed copies are still being mailed to our homebound members who do not have access to emails, so know that we are continuing to keep all of our membership informed. Please send any questions or feedback to: [communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org) (or simply reply to this email).

**Email note:** Please be aware that someone has been fraudulently using Rev. Jim Bailes' name and a fake email address to solicit purchases from email recipients. The real Rev. Bailes' email is [jdbailes@comcast.net](mailto:jdbailes@comcast.net).

## *Worship Opportunities*

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
***Baptism of the Lord***

**Join us at 10 am:**

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

**Rev. Catherine Clark Nance**

**Mark 1:4-11**

### **Music**

The Waters of Life, James Biery  
*Parish Adult Choir, previously recorded*

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

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

## ***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. 10 - Nehemiah 1 - Nehemiah’s Prayer for Success**
- + **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**.

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### **Disciple Fast Track Courses Coming Up**

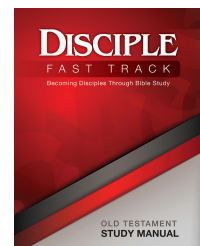
Rev. Jim Bailes will lead two courses in the Disciple Bible studies beginning January 12 & 13.

### **Disciple New Testament Fast Track**

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm for 12 weeks, beginning January 12.

- + [Click here to register](#)
- + [Click here for a link to purchase the study guide](#)

### **Disciple Old Testament Fast Track**



Wednesday mornings at 10 am for 12 weeks, beginning January 13.

+ [Click here to register](#)

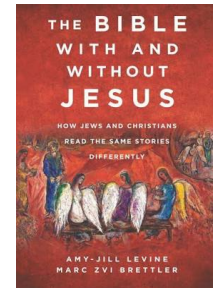
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[Email Rev. Tim Best](#) with any questions about either Disciple course or call him at **865-521-0279** if you need the information for a course by phone.

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### **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.

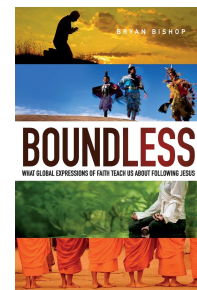
*Erin Darby and Tina Shepardson have both presented at the Church Street Education Committee's Summer Lecture Series!*

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

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### **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#

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### **Beacon of Hope Needs - January 2021**

It's cold out, and members of our South Knoxville Beacon of Hope ministry have the following needs:

- Warm Bedding, like blankets, throws, comforters (full or queen size)
- Small heaters
- Food items including: snacks for kids home from school, like fruit or whole grain breakfast bars, hot or cold cereal, and pancake syrup



If you would like to donate one of these items, please contact BOH Director Dona McConnell at 865-599-5047 to arrange a drop-off. Or, to support Beacon of Hope financially, you may click here to go to our giving page and select that line item specifically. Thank you!

## 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
- **Confirmation:** Sundays, 11 am
- **Crossroads:** Sundays, 11 am
- **NightLife:** Sundays, 5 pm
- **Parish Adult Choir:** Wednesdays, 7 pm

### Upcoming 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
- **Trustees:** Wednesday, January 13, 5:30 pm

#### Coming Up:

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday:** Church Offices closed
- **UMW Book Review:** Wednesday, January 20, 1:30 pm

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## Our Prayers

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

The family and friends of Loretta Hainen Kazmier, mother of Tim Kazmier, who died on January 6 in Atlanta.

### **Recently Hospitalized:**

Gail Redding: Patricia Neal Rehab  
A.J. O'Hara

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## Our Presence

### **January 3 Online Worship**

421 unique viewers were tuned in to our Sunday morning service, for a total of 564 views.

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# ***Our Gifts***

***January 3***

Operating Budget \$9,748.00

Other \$16,000.00

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

Church Street UMC

P.O. Box 1303

Knoxville, TN 37901

## ***Memorials***

*In Memory of:*

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

History Committee: Loretta Best

Library Fund: Jim Boehms

### ***Sue Cox***

Building Fund: Angela Chramer

### ***Sarah W. & Arthur L. Garrett***

Memorial Fund: Tina & Sandy Gillespie

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

Music Ministry: Bob & Barbara Paulson

### ***Shirley Kanipes***

Beacon of Hope: Lorraine Rajkowski

### ***Shirley Stanberry***

Music Ministry: Lee & Lana Shelton-Lowe

### ***Richard Strange***

Building Fund: Loretta Best

### ***Dottie Winfrey***

UMW: Angela Chramer

## ***Altar Flowers***

The Chapel altar flowers are given by Nancy and Jim Carmon in memory of their parents Darrell and Mary Elizabeth Simmons and James Jr. and Sara Carmon.

## ***Honorariums***

*In Honor of:*

### ***Pat Bellingrath***

Congregational Care Committee: Jim

Boehms

### ***Jim Boehms***

Murphy Builders: Angela Chramer

### ***Nancy Carmon***

Christmas Offering: Janice Hixson

### ***Epworth Sunday School Class***

Christmas Offering: Janice Hixson

### ***Sue Hung***

Soup Kitchen: May Huang

### ***Katie & Troy Logan***

Christmas Offering: Janice Hixson

### ***Lou & George McNutt***

Christmas Offering: Janice Hixson

### ***Kate & Doug Spencer***

Building Fund: Betsy Bradley & Robert

Langford

### ***Zayna Trammell***

Congregational Care Committee: Jim

Boehms

### ***Dr. Dwight Wade & Rev. Dr.***

### ***Jan Buxton Wade***

Building Fund: David & Nancy Lineberger

### ***Sarah Wimberly***

Christmas Offering: Janice Hixson



## Church Street United Methodist Church

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