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## **Sunday School Update**

It is with excitement and gratitude that we announce a return to in-person Sunday school for most classes this June! We are moving forward with a phased-in approach to welcome classes to return to the building with intention and using the expertise of our Covid task force to make sure that:

- Everyone can be together safely in the location that suits their class needs best during the pandemic, and
- Those wishing to have a hybrid online and in-person class can do so effectively and reliably to ensure both online and in-person experiences are meaningful and filled with fellowship and connection.
- Your class leaders will be in touch with you about details specific to your class, and each class is asked to follow a list of simple instructions.

The following adult classes – in addition to our children’s ministry and youth department – will begin in-person classes **on June 6** as part of “phase 1”: Covenant, Crossroads, Discovery, Followers, Potter's Wheel, Isbell, Murphy Builders, Parables, Pathfinders, Seekers.

Other classes will follow this summer; these classes will continue to meet online with more details about a start date for in-person or hybrid class to be announced soon. *If you have questions about Sunday school, please share them with your class leader **prior to May 30**, when class leaders will meet with staff to go over all the logistics and have a Q/A session.*

Thank you for your patience and encouragement as we have adapted to this new way of being together and for your support as we continue to love our neighbors. We are excited and eager to strengthen the discipleship and fellowship that occur when we are in our small group families!

Pastors Catherine, Tim and Palmer

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**Camp Hogwarts Coming Soon! June 1-2**  
Camp Hogwarts will be June 1 & 2 from 9:15-4:30, for rising 1st-6th graders. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch, snack and all the materials for the classes. We will be following our Covid protocols which include all children masked, checking temps at drop-off, maintain social distancing, being outside for most of the classes, and only 15 kids in each of the four houses. If you have any questions please email Katryn Bancroft at [kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org).



To sign up please use this link: **[Camp Hogwarts Registration](#)**. If you would like to help with Camp Hogwarts please let Katryn know ASAP!

## ***Worship Opportunities***

**Sunday, May 23**  
***Pentecost***

**Join us for the following worship times on Sunday:**

**8:30 am & 11 am at 900 Henley Street**

Please pre-register for in-person worship by **[clicking on this link](#)**.  
If you have trouble registering, please call the church office for assistance at 524-3048.

**10 am for Rejoice! on WBXX-TV**

An abbreviated worship service that includes music, scripture, sermon and prayer. Check local listing.

**11 am on YouTube**

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

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**Rev. Tim Best**

Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

**Music**

**In the Nave at 8:30 & 11 am**

Ukuthula

Traditional Zulu

*Parish Ensemble - Isabella Johnson, soloist*

**Online at 11 am and Rejoice! at 10 am**

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford

*Alex Ward, soloist*

***Lectinary Readings for this week:***

## *Education and Enrichment Opportunities*

### **Covenant Bible Study - Hybrid Summer Study with Revs. Nance and Best**



Church Street UMC will offer the first section of Covenant Bible Study, "Creating," this summer. The focus of this first section is God's establishment of covenant with God's people. Pastors Catherine Nance and Tim Best will facilitate the study. Students are invited to purchase their own study books; if there is any concern about purchasing materials please contact Pastor Tim to borrow materials from the church.

Covenant is an in-depth group Bible study in which participants read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God and each other better.

This eight-week study, beginning Wednesday June 9 at 7 pm, is our first hybrid class. You may attend in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm (Murphy Builders classroom, Room 204), or you may attend via Zoom at the same time. However you plan to attend, you should still register for the study using the link below. You will be asked to share how you *plan* to attend most of the meetings, but this does not commit you to attending all meetings in person or online.

+ ***Click here*** to register, and please ***email Rev. Tim Best*** if you have any questions or need help purchasing a study guide.

### **Pursuing Peace Beyond the Pandemic with Rev. Jan Buxton Wade and Rev. Diana Brown Taylor - this June**

Louise Penny writes: "*Where there is love, there is courage; Where there is courage, there is peace; Where there is peace, there is God; and When you have God, you have everything.*"

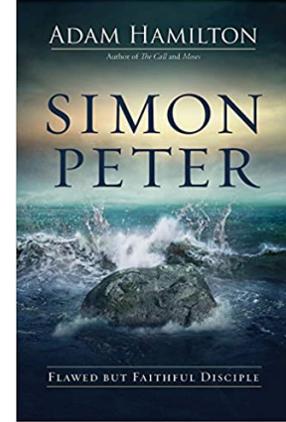


We have all expressed love and practiced courage throughout the trials of this most uncommon year, though our personal disappointments may vary widely. These three sessions offer an opportunity for us to acknowledge our grief, to express our lament, to come to terms with the losses we have endured, and to work toward accepting the healing peace that comes through our Christian faith. Each session includes personal reflection, exercises in self-compassion, scriptural wisdom, and other healing practices. Session leaders are Reverends Jan Wade and Diana Brown Taylor on Tuesdays: June 1, 8, & 15 in Room 201A.

Please email Jan at [jbwade@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jbwade@churchstreetumc.org) or call 865-521-0264 if you are interested in attending. Due to social distancing, space is limited.

### **Open Door Meets Simon Peter**

*"He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear." (Adam Hamilton from Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple)*



You are invited to join the Open Door Class beginning this coming Sunday, May 23, for a 6-week series on Simon Peter. Based on his book, Hamilton's hope is to give you a sense of the man, Peter, and to invite you to understand how Peter's story speaks to us today. You will learn how these stories serve as God's Word to us, helping us both to know Christ more fully and to become the disciples Christ calls us to be. Simon Peter was an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. Come meet Simon Peter with the Open Door Class beginning this Sunday, 9 am on Zoom. This series of lessons will be led by Rev. Rick Isbell, retired Minister of Discipleship.

Adam Hamilton is the senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest-growing churches in the country. He is also the best-selling author of more than 10 books.

+ **Click here** to join on Sundays at 9 am. Passcode is 987123.  
Call in: 1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 826-2519-6733#, Passcode: \*987123#

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## ***Job Opportunities at Church Street***

### **Nursery Support Needed**

As we reopen our church nursery we are hiring new paid workers for Sunday mornings 8 am to noon to love and care for our infants and toddlers. Applicants must be 18 or older and have CPR and First Aid training. If you are interested or want more information you can contact Sarah Burtch at [Burtchsarah@gmail.com](mailto:Burtchsarah@gmail.com).

### **Now Hiring Preschool Teachers**

The Church Street Preschool is hiring a full-time Pre-K teacher, includes benefits. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in a child care setting. Responsibilities include preparing and teaching a class of about 14 Pre-K students. Must have 3 written references, current physical, pass a background check, and have proof of education. A CDA/ Associates or Bachelor's in a related field required.

The person selected to this position must be experienced with young children and have an understanding of their developmental needs. This person must be a sensitive and mature individual who is able to relate well to children and adults. Preference will be given to the candidate with formal training in early childhood development and experience in a child care setting. DHS required continuing education hours are compulsory for this job.

The person selected for this position will be responsible for young children and to strengthen the program in general and to enhance the children's experiences in particular. Full time (7:15 to 3:45 w/ 30 min. lunch break) with benefits.

**After-school** teachers are also sought at this time, part-time, ideal for college students who enjoy working with children.

Call CSUMC Preschool Director Beth Cooper-Libby at 865- 524-3511 for more information.

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

- **Worship:** Sunday at 8:30 & 11 am, Nave; Rejoice! at 10 am (WBXX); YouTube at 11 am
- **Open Door:** Sunday, 9 am
- **Partners:** Sundays, 9 am
- **Followers:** Sundays, 9:30 am
- **Epworth:** Sundays, 9:30 am
- **Crossroads:** Sundays, 11 am
- **NightLife:** Sundays, 5 pm, Gym
- **Seekers:** Sundays, 7 pm
- **Youth Band Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC Lower Level
- **Friends in Christ:** Monday, 7:30 pm

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Church Council:** Tuesday, 6 pm
- **Education Committee:** Wednesday, 7 pm
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Magnolia Lot
- **Sharing Shop:** Thursday, 11:30, CLC Lower Level
- **Covid Task Force:** Thursdays, 3 pm
- **Parish Health Ministry Team:** Thursday, 5 pm

**Coming Up:** Camp Hogwarts: June 1-2

The church office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31.

## Our Prayers

### ***In the hospital:***

Dan Armstrong: UT  
Burl Haun: Ft. Sanders Patricia Neal  
Chuck Jones: Parkwest

### ***Recently hospitalized:***

Zoanne Bayer: Pinnacle Assisted Living

### ***New Arrival:***

Bailee Jo Bruce, daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Bruce, granddaughter of Susan Hand Bruce, and great-granddaughter of Ray and Lucy Hand, was born on May 14.

## Our Presence

May 16

Online Worship - 173

May 16

In-Person Worship - 222

8:30 am Worship - 93

11:00 am Worship - 129

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### *GivePlus+ App and Give+Text*

We now have **two new ways to give** from your phone:

1. Download the **GivePlus+ app** from the app store or Google Play, register your account and secure payment info, then give easily.
2. Text to Give ... Text the contact number **844-931-2580** with the dollar amount you'd like to give. You'll be directed to a link one time to set up your text to give info. Once you register, you'll be able to subsequently simply text the amount you'd like to give to **844-931-2580**.

Gifts made through Give+ Text will go to the Operating Budget. If you would like to make a gift to a designated fund, please make your gift online or by check with the fund in the memo line. Thank you for giving generously!

### *Our Gifts*

**May 16 offering report will be in next week's Messenger**

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:*

**Barbara Chandler**

Benevolence Fund: Anonymous

**James Langford**

Altar Guild: Sarah & Chris Wimberly

Building Fund: The Johnny Robinson Family, Geri &

Buddy Thomas, Lucretia Patton, Joe Chambliss,

Anonymous

**Dr. Mike Lusk**

Benevolence Fund: Anonymous

**Fred Rowe**

Benevolence Fund: Anonymous

#### ***Honorarium***

*In Honor of:*

**Eugene Williamson**

Soup Kitchen: Dan & Julia

Kelley

#### ***Altar Flowers***

The chancel altar flowers are given in loving memory on Amanda Jackson Stoess's thirty-seventh birthday, by Bill, Mary, Sam and Lindsey.

***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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*Please call the church office to reach a specific member of our staff.*