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### **Update regarding Covid-19 Protocols:**

Beginning this Sunday, June 6, you no longer need to pre-register for worship. When you arrive in the nave for worship each week, we ask that you fill out a Ritual of Friendship welcome slip on your pew seat, so the church can record attendance. Leave it on your seat and an usher will collect them after worship.

The Covid task force continues to meet each Thursday afternoon to look at local trends, vaccination rates, vaccination eligibility, and the latest science available to us about Covid-19. We rejoice that trends continue to move in the right direction nationally and locally, and we are optimistic about relaxing regulations steadily as all in our community become eligible for a vaccine. At this time, persons ages 12 and up are eligible to receive the vaccine (call the church office if you or a loved one need help locating a vaccination location near you if you are eligible), and vaccine studies are underway now in several labs for younger children who are not yet eligible.

We continue to prioritize the health and safety of all our members, and we thank you for continuing to live into our spiritual covenant of loving all our neighbors.

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## ***Happening at and around Church Street***

### **June 18 - Community Cookout for Lennon-Seney UMC & Its People**

Thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer on June 18. We have a few spaces still available for the later shift! Church Street has been invited with other churches to offer friendship to the people of Lennon-Seney UMC on Friday, June 18, at a **Community**

**Cookout.** You can show love to our neighbors by signing up for one of three food service or cleanup shifts, starting at 5:00 pm (you can sign up for more than one slot!). Financial contributions are also welcome for supplies.

Contact Jane Gulley [janesgulley@bellsouth.net](mailto:janesgulley@bellsouth.net) or 865-556-4334 to sign up or for more information.



VBS 2021  
3 YEARS - 6TH GRADE



**To Mars & Beyond**

Blast off with the first VBS to land on the moon!

June 21-24  
6:00-7:30pm

### June 21-24 - VBS for Kids

Join us as we blast off to Mars and Beyond June 21-24 from 6:00-7:30 pm! Children 3 years old through rising 6th graders are welcome to register. We will be outside as much as possible. **Register or send your questions to** Katryn Bancroft at [kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org).

If you would like to help with VBS, please let Katryn know ASAP!

## Worship Opportunities

**Sunday, June 6**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Communion Sunday**

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

**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)

Communion will be *online by Zoom* at 2 pm, celebrated by Rev. Nance. [Click here to join the meeting](#) then with elements prepared in advance.

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**Rev. Catherine Clark Nance**

Mark 3:20-35 (CEB)

### Music

In the Nave at 8:30 & 11 am

Gathering Music - Annabel Jumper, piano

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

Come and Taste

arr. Alice Parker

*Parish Adult Choir, previously recorded*

**Lectionary Readings for this week:**

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15), Genesis 3:8-15, 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

## ***Education Opportunities***



**Beginning this Wednesday, June 9 - Covenant Bible 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. Learn more about [Covenant Bible Study here](#).

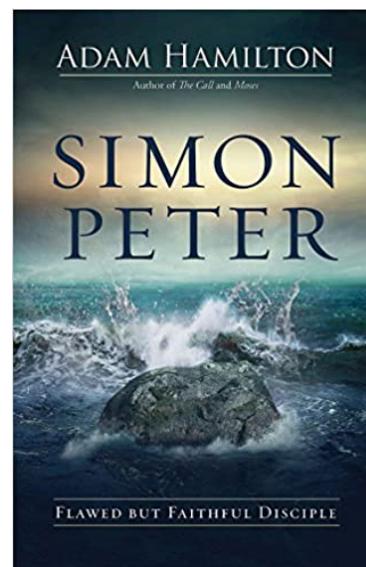
This eight-week study, **beginning Wednesday June 9 at 7 pm**, is our first hybrid class. You may attend in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm (Murphy Builders classroom, Room 204), or you may attend via Zoom at the same time. However you plan to attend, you should still register for the study using the link 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.

*Please contact Rev. Tim Best at 865-521-0279 if you have any questions or need help purchasing a study guide.*

### **Peter: Rock or Stumbling Block?**

In the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, there is the story of Jesus taking his disciples to a remote area called Caesarea Philippi located north east of the Sea of Galilee. There Jesus asks his disciples two very important questions about his identity: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and "But who do you say that I am?"

Come join the Open Door Class this Sunday morning, June 6, 9 am on Zoom to hear Simon Peter's reply. At one point Peter gets it "right" and then turns right around and becomes a stumbling block to Jesus. We will explore why the location of this story is important, the implications of Peter's responses and how they affect the Church today.



This is a continuation of the study series based on Rev. Adam Hamilton's book, *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple*. The door is always open whether you have attended before or not.

+ **[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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## ***Extension Ministries News***

### **Sterchi Lodge Re-Opening!**

The mountains are calling....and we have a place for you to talk back to them!

We are pleased to announce that Sterchi Lodge is now available for reservations for 2021.



We are now open at 50% capacity (10 people per dorm plus counsellor's room = max. 22 people per reservation). As COVID exposures drop and vaccination rates rise, we will be revisiting our capacity restrictions. Updates will be posted to our Facebook page as they are available.

For reservations, contact the church at (865) 524-3048 to check availability and visit [www.churchstreetumc.org/sterchi-lodge](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/sterchi-lodge) to see some beautiful time lapse video from the mountaintop!



### **Church Street Preschool Awarded New Grants!**

The Tennessee Department of Human Services, in partnership with ChildcareTennessee, has recently awarded the Church Street Preschool a \$4,000 grant to support improved child outcomes. Any child care agency licensed by TDHS may apply for a Child Support and Enhancement Grant in any amount up to \$4,000.00. The

grant money will be used for program enhancement, purchasing items such as: playground equipment, refrigerator-freezer, chairs, furniture, book shelves, tables, or vacuum cleaners.

A second \$3,500 grant was awarded to the Preschool to support staffing and equipment to help with Covid compliance. Congratulations to our Preschool on these awards!

## ***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
- **Sunday School Classes Meeting online** at this time (with times indicated)
  - **Open Door:** Sundays, 9 am
  - **Partners:** Sundays, 9 am
  - **Epworth:** Sundays, 9:30 am
  - **Friends in Christ:** Every other Monday at 7:30 pm
- **Sunday School Classes Resuming In-Person classes only** at this time at 9:40 am Sundays:
  - **Covenant - room E-01**
  - **Discovery - room 201-C**
  - **Isbell - room 309**
  - **Followers - room 310**
  - **Murphy Builders - room 204**
  - **Pathfinders - CLC 120**
  - **Potter's Wheel - Chiles room**
  - **Seekers (new location: Chapel)**
  - **Youth classes (6th-12th grades, CLC)**
  - **Children's classes (age 2 - 5th grade)**
- **Sunday School Classes Meeting in person and online (hybrid)** at 9:40 am on Sundays:
  - **Parables - room 118**
  - **Crossroads**
- **Online Communion via Zoom:** Sunday, 2 pm
- **Youth Summer Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 10 am, CLC Lower Level

## Upcoming Meetings & Non-Recurring Events:

- **Pursuing Peace Beyond the Pandemic:** Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15 at 5:45 pm, room 201-A
- **Trustees:** Wednesday, 5:30 pm
- **Covenant Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 pm, Room 204 & via Zoom
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Covid Task Force:** Thursdays, 3 pm
- **Stephen Leaders:** Thursday, 3:30 pm

[Click here](#) to see the online calendar w/ updates and links to join virtual meetings.

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## *Our Prayers*

### ***In the Hospital:***

Donald Rickels: Ft. Sanders

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

Barna Gibson

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

Maxwell Blaise Hemphill, son of Michael and Kathryn Hemphill and grandson to Butch and Rebekah Robertson, was born on May 29.

## *Our Presence*

*May 30*

**Online Worship - 228**  
**In-Person Worship - 200**

*8:30 am Worship - 78*

*11:00 am Worship - 122*

(does not include children)

## **Our Gifts**

**May 30**

Operating Budget: \$6,491.39

Building Fund: \$150.00

Other: \$1,231.00

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:*

**Wilma Cake**

Soup Kitchen: Anonymous

**Polly Anna & David Harris**

Building Fund: Paula Morrison

**James Langford**

Building Fund: Frank & Elaine Ralston, Anonymous

Benevolence Fund: Mike & Lynda Faulkner

**Fred Rowe**

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## **Altar Flowers**

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Polly Anna and David J. Harris, Sr., by David and Patti Harris.

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### ***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.*

### **Church Street United Methodist Church**

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