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Summer Lecture Series

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JULY 11, 18, 25, AUGUST 1
7 PM

Join us this July 11, 18, 25, and August 1 at 7 pm for the 4th Annual Summer Lecture Series. The Education Committee is honored to present the following lecturers in 2021:

**Sunday, July 11, 7 pm:
Valerie Cooper**

Dr. Cooper's forthcoming book *Segregated Sundays* evaluates the successes and failures of the racial reconciliation efforts of Christian congregations and ministries from the 1990s to the present. She is Associate Professor of Religion and Society and Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School. She will present by webinar.

**Sunday, July 18, 7 pm:
Alex Thompson**

Rev. Dr. Alex Thompson will present "Recognizing Jesus: The Appearances of the Risen Christ in the Synoptic Gospels" on July 18. He is Professor of Religion at Tennessee Wesleyan University and serves as pastor at Niota and Cedar Springs UMC. This will be an in-person and online hybrid event.

**Sunday, July 25, 7 pm:
Joseph Reiff**

Dr. Joseph Reiff will share a presentation titled, "The Eyes of Jesus Were Upon Her: The Advent of Clergy Women in Mississippi Methodism." The story explores the remarkable transformation of a previously all-male world of ordained clergy in early 20th century Mississippi to the later part of the century when more than 50 women were serving as ministers in some capacity in United Methodism (with 44 fully ordained). He is Professor Emeritus of Emory & Henry College. This will be an in-person and online hybrid event.

**Sunday, August 1, 7 pm:
Rachelle Scott**

Dr. Rachelle Scott's interests and research focus on Buddhism and contemporary culture. She is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Additional details forthcoming.

You are invited to join us in person for any of these lectures at 7 pm in Parish Hall (light, individually packaged refreshments will be offered). To join any of the online webinars, go to <https://tinyurl.com/lectures21> on your web browser at the start time of the lecture.



The Story of Challenge and Change in the United Methodist Church - Wednesday, July 7 at NOON at the East TN History Center
Spanning 200+ years, Church Street United Methodist Church has weathered some of the most divisive and profound local, national, and international historical conflicts and events. Learn more about the church's storied past and how it informs present challenges in a presentation by Dr. Dwight Wade, member and historian at Church Street. His book *Unfinished Journey* will be available for purchase and signing. It was published in 2020.

If you would like to attend the limited in-person event at the East TN History Center or attend virtually by Zoom, please call 865-215-8821 or email eths@eastTNhistory.org to register. The East TN History Center is located at 601 South Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, a short walk from the church's campus.

MAD in the City 2021

Making a Difference (MAD) in the City is Church Street Youth's annual **summer mission project**. This

project is focused on serving Knoxville and is a longstanding partnership with the Wesley House Community Center. Historically, we have spent time each summer with Wesley House students by providing academic support with one-on-one schoolwork, playing games, going on field trips, and working on building projects.



This year, in order to honor COVID protocols, we are adding other service projects to the week to keep our groups smaller and support our city in even more ways. This summer, our youth will:

- Continue in our partnership with Wesley House,
- complete an Operation Backyard project of roofing a house and
- work with Beacon of Hope to help them prepare for a new school year.

Our students will be rotating between the three work sites during the days. In the afternoons & evenings, we will join together back at Church Street for fellowship, dinner, and worship before pick-up.

One new addition to the week is supporting Wesley House's ***Walk-a-Thon fundraiser*** to help with their capital campaign! Wesley House is currently working through the rigorous process of becoming licensed with the Department of Human Services. This will allow them to better serve the East Knoxville community in a wide variety of ways. The pandemic has shifted the way Wesley House operates and serves, like becoming a Food Pantry in addition to all of their other work.

Becoming licensed will open so many doors for this incredible group, but getting there requires substantial updates to their building. The Walk-a-Thon fundraiser will help with getting their building up to code — a huge priority to help this ministry continue serving the community!

Our youth group will be doing a walk through Downtown Knoxville on Sunday, July 11 as part of our kick-off to MAD in the City. We would love for you to support our team by making a financial donation by adding MAD in your check's memo line! Our goal in this Walk-a-Thon is to raise \$2500 for WHCC.

Our week looks a little different than it has in the past, but it is also SO exciting to think about how much we can accomplish during this time! Our youth are generous with their time and energy each summer so that we can commit to serving the Knoxville community well. One of the verses we return to over and over again is **James 1:22**, which reminds us to *be doers of the word, not just hearers*. When our faith changes our hearts, it calls us to action. And this summer, we are answering that call by serving our city with joy!

Contact Jenny Cross at jcross@churchstreetumc.org with any questions.

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, June 27
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Rev. Tim Best

Mark 5:21-43 (CEB)

Music

In the Nave at 8:30 & 11 am

Amazing Grace

arr. David Ashley White

Parish Ensemble

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

Amazing Grace

Arr. Stephen Coker

Daniel Johnson-Webb, baritone

Lectionary Readings for this week:

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

Education Opportunities

Murphy Builders Class Begins Examination of 1 John with Dr. Jeff Johnson This Sunday

Murphy Builders Class, in celebration of being Church Street's oldest active Sunday School class in continuous study for 75 years, is blessed to have our teacher, Dr. Jeff Johnson start a new Bible Study on 1st John this Sunday, June 27, in Room 204. Come join us in studying God's word. All interested ages are welcome.

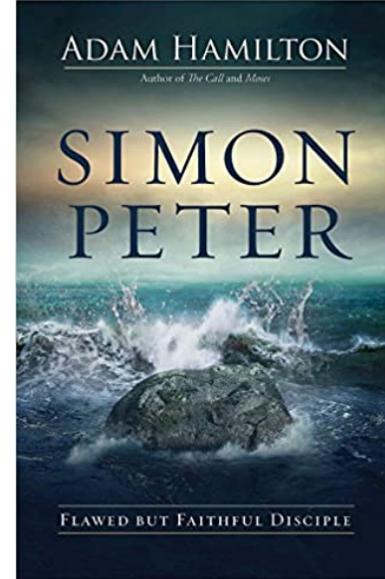
Peter and the Rest of the Story

*"Simon Peter was a flawed yet ultimately a heroically faithful disciple. He was a fisherman, who heard the call of Jesus to join him in fishing for people. He was a shepherd, who fed and cared for the flock that was Christ's church. We're all flawed disciples called to fish for people and care for Christ's sheep. And our hope should be that, when we get to the end of our lives, despite our failures, we will have been found faithful like Simon Peter." (Adam Hamilton from *Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple*)*

Come join the Open Door Class this Sunday

morning, June 27, 9 am on Zoom as we look at the last years of Peter's life. We will explore the words and actions of Simon Peter from the day of Pentecost, to the raising of Tabitha, to his dream and visit to the home of Cornelius, to his struggle with the Jerusalem church and ultimately to his death in Rome. As we read about Peter in the Book of Acts, we find an amazing man who was called by Jesus to fish and care for people and became the foundation upon which the Church was built.

Call in: 1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 826-2519-6733#, Passcode: *987123#



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 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** currently (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** currently, 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
 - **Youth (CLC)**
 - **Children** (Children's classrooms)
- **Sunday School Classes Meeting in person and online (hybrid)** currently, at 9:40 am on
Sundays:
 - **Parables** - room 118
 - **Crossroads** - room 201-A
 - **Seekers** - Chapel
- **Youth Summer Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 10 am, CLC Lower Level

Upcoming Meetings & Non-Recurring Events:

- **Outreach & Welcome Committee:**
Monday, 5:30 pm
- **Singles Bridge Group:** Mondays, 6 pm, 201-C
- **Service Circle:**
Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC 122
- **Stewardship Committee:**
Tuesday, 11 am
- **Covenant Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 pm, Room 204 & via Zoom
- **Soup Kitchen:**
Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Covid Task Force:**
Thursdays, 3 pm

Our Prayers

Christian love and sympathy:

The family and friends of James Michael Derrick III, brother of Mary Derrick, Melinda Derrick and Millie Derrick McFall, who died on June 18.
The family and friends of Freddie Lou Boldton, aunt of Cynthia Easterly, who died on June 19.

Baptism:

Anne Margaret "Annie" Williamson, was baptized on June 20.

New Members:

Jessica and Grant Williamson joined the church by transfer on June 20.

Our Presence

June 20

Online Worship - 171
In-Person Worship - 259
8:30 am Worship - 103
11:00 am Worship - 144
Nursery - 12

Our Gifts

June 20

Operating Budget: \$5,286.17
Other: \$260.00

Give securely online at www.churchstreetumc.org/give or send a check:

Church Street UMC
P.O. Box 1303
Knoxville, TN 37901

Memorials

In Memory of:

Matthew Bates

Ann Marie Tugwell Scholarship Fund: Alisa & Bill Weeks

In Honor of:

Ann Marie Tugwell

Chancel Enhancement: Tim & Terri Ward

All who are active in Church Street's UMW circles

Lydia Circle: Alissa & Bill Weeks

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Harley D. Ferguson, Sr., Jean A. Ferguson and Margaret Ferguson by H. Doug Ferguson, Jr., and Lovada Ferguson.

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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