



# THE MESSENGER



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*January 21, 2022*

## *Master Arts Series*



**Kevin Burdette,**  
**Metropolitan Opera Bass**  
**with Eileen Downey, Piano**

Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 pm

*Performing selections by Richard Hundley, Gerald Finzi, and Robert Schumann in the nave.*



Dubbed “the Robin Williams of opera” by the New York Times, Knoxville native **Kevin Burdette** has impressed audiences around the world with his mellifluous bass voice and strongly dramatic characterizations. Recent career highlights include Señor Russell in Adès’s *The Exterminating Angel* and Stefano in *The Tempest* (Deutsche Grammophon, 2014 Grammy Award) with the Metropolitan Opera; Pangloss/Martin in *Candide* with the Gran Teatre del Liceu; Beck Weathers in the world premiere of *Everest* with Dallas Opera; Doktor in *Wozzeck* with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Philharmonia Orchestra; over a dozen roles with Santa Fe Opera; Leporello with Gustavo Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic; and Sulpice in *La fille du régiment* with Washington National Opera. Upcoming engagements include his debut at Teatro alla Scala (Milan) and returns to Santa Fe Opera and Seattle Opera. Kevin is a member of the voice faculty at his alma mater, the University of

Tennessee.

**Eileen Downey** is a Senior Lecturer of Collaborative Piano at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and a pianist for Knoxville Opera. She is going to Graz, Austria this summer to be a vocal coach for the AIMS in Graz program, and held the positions of chorusmaster, vocal coach, and Music Director for the Janiec Opera Company at the Brevard Music Center from 2013-14 and 2016-19. She has played for the Middle/East Tennessee Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions since 2012, as well as the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference and the Tennessee Cello Workshop. Eileen is an alumna of the Merola Opera Program, and has played for Opera North, SongFest, AIMS in Graz, Aspen Opera Theater Center, Project Canción Española, and the Opera Theatre and Music Festival of Lucca, Italy.

***Everyone ages 2+ should wear a mask when indoors at Church Street. Thank you.***

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### ***Stephen Ministry Training Coming Up***



The next Stephen Ministry training will begin on Sunday, February 6 at 3:00 pm. Applications must be in **by Friday, January 28**. If you have been considering the possibility of being part of this year's training and would like to apply, please contact Rev. Pat Clendenen, SM Pastor, at (865) 406-3854 or [pclendenen@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:pclendenen@churchstreetumc.org)

*Next Sunday, January 30, our Stephen Ministers will join in leading all worship services!*

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### ***Lenten Devotions - Due Jan. 27!***

You are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Devotional booklet, to be used as a spiritual practice as we walk with Jesus throughout the season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2, and ending with Easter Sunday, April 17.

Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal practices pertaining to this season. Some of the relevant themes to consider writing about are:

- the disciplines of spiritual preparation such as fasting, sacrifice, prayer and meditation;
- committing to 40 days of deeper Bible study and more time with Jesus in prayer, (imagine retreating into the wilderness with Jesus);
- a time of reflection, self-examination, confession and heartfelt repentance; a renewal of our relationship with Jesus;
- what His death and resurrection mean to you personally;



- contemplate the significance of one of the many individual events that occurred during Holy Week (i.e. the Last Supper, washing of feet, Jesus' time alone in the garden, betrayal by Judas Iscariot, denial by Peter, reason for Jesus' arrest, why He was despised and so brutally beaten and tortured, the significance of His death on a cross, His burial and resurrection, and the promise of His return).

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the booklet will feature devotions for each Sunday in Lent and for each day in Holy Week. Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. Devotions should be submitted to Barry Christmas at [bearynoel@gmail.com](mailto:bearynoel@gmail.com) no later than **Thursday, Jan. 27th**.

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## ***New Member Sunday - Feb. 20***

On February 20, during both of the morning in-person worship services, we will have a New Member Sunday, when we will welcome new members into the Church Street congregation.

I want to extend the invitation to you to join our church family. I use the word family very intentionally. Church Street certainly is a diverse body of believers, but at our core we are a family. We are drawn together in our worship of the Lord and our commitment to serve God and neighbor. You have gifts and talents that could strengthen and enrich our life together. However you choose to be connected at Church Street, we pray that your faith will grow and that we will all grow more into the image of Christ together.

If you are interested in joining, have questions, or wish to share some specific concerns please let us know. Call or email me to complete the process if you are interested in membership. You are in our prayers! - *Rev. Tim Best, Senior Associate Pastor* ([tbest@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:tbest@churchstreetumc.org) or 865-521-0279)

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## ***Help Update Our Military Board***

If you have a loved one in the military or who is already on the military board at the church, we need to update information! We need the following new or updated info, please:

- Name
- Relation to Church Street member
- Branch of Service
- Current Rank
- Current address/assignment (this information will be kept in strict confidence and only used through the church office to send cards, etc. - it will not be shared on the public board or publicly in a church directory)
- Email address to send the *Messenger* (if they are a member or would like to receive the newsletter)
- An updated photo would also be great if available

This board is usually displayed in the Chapel hallway, so that we may remember

our military brothers and sisters and pray for them. Please send updated or new information about military members or relatives of members to Nancy Carmon at ncyellen@gmail.com.

## *Worship Opportunities*

**Sunday, January 23**  
*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

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

**10 am on *Rejoice!* WBXX-TV & 11 am on YouTube**

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

**Rev. Timothy Best, Senior Associate Pastor**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

### **Music**

8:30 am & 11 am

For Everyone Born, arr. Tom Trenney

*Parish Ensemble (8:30 am), Parish Adult Choir (11 am)*

*with Alicia Randisi-Hooker, cello*

### **Music**

Online and *Rejoice!*

For Everyone Born, arr. Tom Trenney

*Parish Adult Choir*

*with Edie Johnson, piano, and D. Scot Williams, cello*

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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

## COVID TRACKER

### SCALE:

- Low transmission: less than 5%
- Moderate transmission: 5-7.9%
- **Substantial transmission: 8-9.9% - wear mask**
- **High transmission: 10% or higher - wear mask**

Substantial or high transmission: masks should be worn indoors at all times (CDC).



WEEKLY REPORT

1/9 - 1/15:

**44.5%**

7 day avg. positivity rate

**A note about the Covid tracker:** New reporting structures are now in place at the state and local level regarding Covid-19 infections and rates. Because the state and our local health departments are reporting on trends more than daily numbers, they post data from the *previous* Sunday through Saturday each

Wednesday (e.g., this week on Weds., January 19, the latest data published is from the prior week of Sun., 1/9 - Sat., 1/15). If you want the data when they are published, you can go to <https://covid19.tn.gov/data/dashboards/> and select your county in the dropdown menu, to acquire and review the numbers; new data is often published later in the evening on Wednesdays. It is accessible to the public.

### **New Covid-19 Free Resources:**

- **Tests:** This week, the federal government made free at-home Covid-19 tests available to each household. Go to <https://www.covidtests.gov/> to order yours. At that website you can also learn more about reimbursement for at-home tests purchased at stores and find testing sites.
- **Masks:** Snug-fitting N95 face masks, so-called because they filter at least 95% of particulate matter from the air, will be shipped to pharmacies and community health centers this week, and will be available for pickup late next week free of charge. Call your local pharmacy for more information. On January 14, the CDC released updated mask guidance that you can read more about at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

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## ***February UMW General Meeting***



Mark your calendars for the first UMW General Meeting of 2022 as we explore our UMW purpose and roots and set the tone for being in mission together this year.

Make childcare reservations by emailing Susan Greene at

[greenesusan77@gmail.com](mailto:greenesusan77@gmail.com) by Friday, Feb. 4. Lunch will follow the meeting in Parish Hall: please make your lunch reservation by calling the church office at 865-524-3048; lunch will be \$13, and a reservation must be made by Feb. 4. The meeting will be recorded for those unable to attend.

**Join UMW on Tuesday, 2/8, 11:00 am in Parish Hall: Knitted Together by God's Love and Grace: Who We Are, What We Do, and How We Do It**

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## ***See Sterchi Shine!***

Enjoy the beautiful views from Sterchi Lodge! Each week, we will share a recent clip from the webcam at Sterchi Lodge - the view is from the back of the lodge, overlooking the mountains, capturing sunrise through sunset (and even the moon occasionally!). Go to [www.churchstreetumc.org/sterchi-lodge](http://www.churchstreetumc.org/sterchi-lodge) to learn more about the lodge, download the reservation packet, and see more footage. Call the church office to discuss a reservation for your group or family: 865-524-3048.



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## 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 Class Meeting On Zoom at 9:40 am on Sunday:**
  - **Partners**
  - **Epworth**
- **Sunday School Classes meeting In-Person**, at 9:40 am Sundays:
  - **Covenant/Isbell** - room 309-E (ROOM CHANGE)
  - **Discovery** - CLC 124
  - **Friends in Christ** - room 202
  - **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:
  - **Open Door** - Parish Hall
  - **Parables** - room 118
  - **Crossroads** - room 201-A

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Singles Bridge:** Monday, 6 pm, 201-C
- **Service Circle:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC 122
- **Church Council:** Tuesday, 6 pm
- **Master Arts Event:** Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Nave
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Sharing Shop:** Thursday, 11:30 am, CLC
- **Covid Task Force:** Thursdays, 3 pm

- **Seekers** - room 201-C
- **Children's Programming:** Sundays, 3:45 pm, Gym
- **Parish Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays, 3:45 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **Children's Choir Dinner & Rehearsal:** Sundays, 5:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **NightLife:** Sundays, 5 pm, CLC Lower Level
- **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal Room
- **Youth Band Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC Lower Level

## ***Our Prayers***

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

The family and friends of Lannie Owens, father of Betty Houser, who died on January 13.

The family and friends of Robert Harwell, brother of Kathleen Harwell, who died on January 14 in Maryville.

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

Alice Tallman: Ft. Sanders

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

Bob Paulson: NHC Farragut

Susan Olfe: Creekview Health Rehab

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

Jacob Koa Wake, son of Natalie Randolph Wake and Jacob Wake, was born on January 14. Paternal grandparents are Edmond and Keli Randolph.

## ***Our Presence***

### ***January 16***

**Online Worship - 205**

**In-Person Worship - 231**

*8:30 am - 116*

*11 am - 115*

*Nursery - 5*

## ***Our Gifts***

### ***January 16***

Contributions toward Budget - \$28,503.57

Building Fund - \$150.00

Other - \$5,490.00

### ***Memorials***

**Dr. David Craig**

*Music Fund: Jo, David and Jack Lynch*

### ***Honorarium***

**Edie Johnson**

*Music Fund: Jo, David and Jack Lynch*

**Benjamin Goodson**

*Building Fund:* Judy Penry

**Dr. Virginia (Ginger) Hood**

*Music Fund:* Jo, David and Jack Lynch

**Wanda Housteau**

*Beacon of Hope:* Judy Penry

**Joyce Humphrey**

*Missions Fund:* Ann Marie Tugwell

**Lou McNutt**

*Music Fund:* Ann Marie Tugwell, Janie &

Bill Dempster, Merna Roberts

*Wesley House:* Judy Penry

**Lois Jean Murdock**

*Beacon of Hope:* Judy Penry

**Bert Poveda**

*Missions Fund:* Ann Marie Tugwell

**Matthew Woodson**

*Music Fund:* Janie & Bill Dempster

***Altar Flowers***

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of wife, Clatty Word and parents, Frank and Edna Word by Frank Word.

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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.*

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

