

***The Messenger***  
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: *Dr. Monica Crane, founder of the Genesis Neuroscience Clinic, shares a moment with fellow speaker Verna McLain at Sunday's Living Forward event (part one), where Dr. Crane shared more about the science of the aging brain. Verna, a retired licensed clinical social worker, shared resources about caregiving with attendees. Bishop Kenneth L. Carder will be the keynote speaker for Part 2 of the series on Sunday, September 18.*

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## ***Disability Awareness Sunday***

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. — Romans 8:14*

The United Methodist Church observes Disability Awareness Sunday as a reminder that the church is called to be in ministry with all of God's children, regardless of abilities and needs. It is a Sunday when we are called to look for the overlooked and to listen for those with no voice. Whether it is the elderly member that now has trouble hearing, the child diagnosed with autism, or the young person in a wheelchair, we are reminded on Disability Awareness Sunday that the doors of our church must swing open wide enough for all of God's children.

We are delighted to welcome **Rev. Dr. Hank Jenkins** to share the message at all services in person and online this week!

Rev. Jenkins is a member of the Missouri Conference where he was ordained Deacon in 2017. His primary ministry is as Co-Chair of the Association of

Ministers with Disabilities. He now resides in Knoxville with his wife, Joy, who teaches at the University of Tennessee. Hank is also working on his law degree at LMU. Hank and Joy have both helped to start the Cattywampus Sunday School class at Church Street, which meets in the CLC and welcomes new members.

The SASH (Safety, Accessibility, Security, and Health) Committee of Church Street began under the leadership of Rev. Andy Ferguson in 2008. Initially the committee helped with a number of projects:

- Installation of an updated fire and smoke alarm system
- Upgrading of first aid kits in appropriate areas of the church
- Upgrading of emergency communications devices for staff
- Assessments and prioritizations of accessibility needs
- Trial-runs of Sunday morning fire drills

Since 2016, the committee has addressed other matters, including:

- Maintaining a database of medical professionals in the church's membership who are willing to assist in medical emergencies
- Oversight of security personnel on campus during Sunday worship
- Installation of new security systems at building entrances
- Oversight of first aid kits, AEDs, and trauma kits
- Production and placement of new evacuation maps
- Updates to the church's fire and safety manual
- Addition of user-friendly curb cuts for Hill Avenue parking lot
- Consultation on accessibility matters, including new building addition, handrails on chancel steps, new enhanced hearing system in nave, and new retractable lift to chancel area
- SASH members serving on church decision making bodies, including Properties and Covid task force
- Guidelines for "special needs" determination relative to parking
- Oversight of the church's annual accessibility audit on behalf of the Trustees



# KATE BOWLER

A. Orin Bishop Lecture Series

Sunday, October 2, 6 PM  
900 Henley Street, Knoxville, TN 37902

Free, ticketed event open to the public  
Scan QR code for tickets >>



*Kate Bowler is the NYT Bestselling Author of Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel, Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved), No Cure for Being Human, and more.*

Register for your free tickets to see Kate Bowler, who will help us  
**"Deconstruct our cultural and spiritual scripts" on October 2 at 6**

**pm** in the nave. Details:

- + Free and open to the public, thanks to Church Street's Bishop Lecture Series endowment.
- + A ticket is required.
- + Reception to follow in Parish Hall.
- + In person event only.

If you didn't have a chance to pre-order books, don't worry! Union Avenue Books will be on site the night of the event, and you can purchase books at the event with cash, check or credit card.

+ ***Scan the QR code above for tickets.***

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## ***Reconcilers Community Potluck***

The Church Street Reconcilers group is excited to gather again and host a community potluck on **Sunday, September 25 at 6 pm in Parish Hall**. Bring a dish to share if you are able and enjoy an informal evening of food and fellowship with one another! **All are welcome.**

The Church Street Reconcilers are a group of committed members who have been meeting to discuss issues of inclusivity and diversity in our congregation and invite you to join us as we seek to welcome all to Church Street United Methodist Church.



## ***Church Conference - Save the Date***

There will be a **Church Conference** on Sunday, October 23, at 12:30 for the membership to vote on columbarium project. Please watch The Messenger for more information in upcoming weeks.

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## ***Sharing Shop Needs: Warm Adult Clothes***

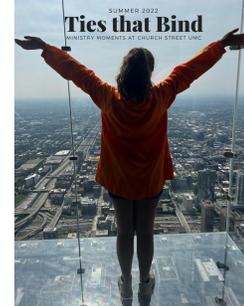
The weather is beginning to cool off, particularly for our neighbors without heat or a warm place to stay at night. Please consider donating your gently used warm adult clothing to our Sharing Shop guests. Please bring items to the bin in the hallway outside the kitchen. Thank you!



## ***Ties that Bind***

What did you do on your summer vacation? Church Streeters were BUSY in ministry, mission, discovery, and care all summer long. Check out what you may have missed in our first quarterly reflection "Ties that Bind: Ministry Moments at Church Street UMC". Find the booklet in the

narthex and other areas of the church.



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## ***Worship Opportunities***

### **Sunday, September 18** ***Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*** ***Disability Awareness Sunday***

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

**12 NOON on *Rejoice!* WBXX-TV & 11 am on YouTube**

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

*Rejoice viewers: During UT football season, Rejoice will air on WBXX on Sundays at noon, for the duration of the football season.*

**Rev. Dr. Hank Jenkins**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 4:23-5:12

#### **Music**

If Ye Love Me, Thomas Tallis

*Parish Youth Choir (Rejoice! and online)*

*Parish Youth Choir (8:30 am, nave)*

The Beatitudes, Craig Phillips

*Parish Adult Choir (11 am, nave)*

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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

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## ***COVID Community Level is LOW***

**The CDC Covid Community Level was last updated to **Low** in Knox county. Please see the chart below for the CDC's recommendations.**

*\*The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.*

# COVID COMMUNITY TRACKER

**LOW** Community Level (Knox County)

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li>• <a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you are <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li><li>• Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li>• <a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wear a <a href="#">mask</a> indoors in public</li><li>• Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li>• <a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li><li>• Additional precautions may be needed for people <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a></li></ul>

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## *Fall Opportunities*

***Advent Devotion Writers Needed!*** You are invited to participate in this year's Advent Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation to be used as inspiration during this joyous time of the year.

Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to you and to share your love, hope and faith with others. These inspirational stories are provided to our congregation and homebound members (in printed booklets for the latter), and are offered to viewers of *Rejoice!* and our YouTube congregation. They are a blessing for many and will be shared digitally this year!



Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, the booklet will feature devotions for every day through Christmas Day. Your devotion should include: a title, a scripture verse with reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer.

**Please send your devotion to Barry Christmas, bearynoel@gmail.com, no later than September 30.**

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***Soup Kitchen*** is rooted in the desire to experience Christ in our community and to share God's love with all.

We will resume Soup Kitchen's full 'Love on a Tray' meal on November 3. Our ministry shifted during the pandemic, but we remained committed to feeding our neighbors. As we return to serving buffet-style meals, we need extra help! Our expanded menu includes a main dish like

meatloaf, pork chops, or baked chicken, with filling sides for our guests.

We have various volunteer roles that do not require helping every Thursday, and many volunteers serve just once a month.

**DISHWASHERS:** Ever wanted to work an industrial dishwasher?! This job is as important as food preparation and you'll serve alongside the likes of Jim Boehms and Frank Word. Two to three dishwashers needed each week from 9 am to 1 pm.

**TRAY SCRAPERS:** This job is guest-facing as you scrape guest trays before they go into the dishwasher. Two volunteers needed each week from 11 am - 1 pm.

**HUNTER/GATHERERS:** If you have ever wanted to help with Soup Kitchen, but are not available on Thursdays, here is a way to help! Early each week, food items (such as meat and bananas) need to be picked up from United Grocery Outlet and brought to the church. One volunteer is needed each week and the effort can take up to two hours on your schedule. A seasoned volunteer can assist in your first shop.

**SERVERS/CLEANERS:** Help serve our guests at the buffet and assist with clean up afterwards. One or Two volunteers needed each week from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**SUBSTITUTE BARISTAS:** This is a great place to serve for an extrovert. Greet our guests while serving coffee and other beverages from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. We always need a few back-ups for regular volunteers.

To learn more or to enlist:

Call volunteer coordinator Julia Kelley (865) 228-0554 OR

Mary Cartwright (865) 406-4111 (first Thursday)

Ann Reego (865) 680-8288 (second Thursday)

Jenny Cheatham (865) 207-4274 (third Thursday)

Mary Jane Rogers (865) 789-3193 (fourth Thursday)



*District Day with  
Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett*

OCTOBER 27 | 1-2:30 PM

CENTRAL UMC LENOIR CITY & FB LIVE

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND



The TN Valley District will welcome another visit from Bishop Wallace-Padgett on October 27. We know she has much to share with us. Clergy and laity are invited to join us from 1 - 2:30 pm at Central UMC, Lenoir City (in the sanctuary). If you cannot join in-person, the district will be streaming her message on FaceBook LIVE.

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## Calendar

See the calendar listings below. 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:** Sundays, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave; *Rejoice!* at 12 Noon (WBXX); YouTube at 11 am
- **Sunday School Classes** meeting In-Person, at 9:40 am Sundays:
  - **Cattywampus** - CLC 122
  - **Covenant** - 309-E
  - **Discovery** - CLC 124
  - **Epworth** - CLC 123
  - **Friends in Christ** - room 202
  - **Followers** - room 310
  - **Murphy Builders / Pathfinders** - room 204
  - **Parables** - 118
  - **Potter's Wheel** - Chiles room
  - **Seekers** - 201-C
  - **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
  - **Partners** - Parlor
  - **Crossroads** - 201-A
- **Youth Choir** - Sundays, 3:45 pm, Gym
- **Children's Night** - Sundays, 3:45 pm, Gym
- **Children's Choir & Dinner** - Sundays, 4:45, room 204 & Rehearsal Room
- **NightLife** - Sundays, 5 pm, Lower CLC
- **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Rehearsal Room
- **Youth Band** - Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC11

### Upcoming Meetings & Events (by Zoom unless a room is noted):

- **Living Forward Event:** Sunday, 1 pm, Parish Hall
- **Singles Bridge:** Monday, 6 pm, room 201-C
- **Finance Committee:** Tuesday, 6 pm
- **BOH Ladies Lunch and Learn:** Wednesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
- **Missions Committee:** Wednesday, 6:30 pm, room 201-A
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall
- **Sharing Shop:** Thursday, 11:30 am, CLC
- **Parish Health Team:** Thursday, 5 pm
- **SPRC:** Thursday, 6 pm, room 201-A
- **Education Committee:** Thursday, 6 pm, Chiles Room
- **Football Parking (UT/Florida):** Saturday all day, all lots. **GO VOLS!**

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## Our Prayers

*Christian love and sympathy to the family of:*

Kathleen Harrison, who died on September 11. She joined the church on May 27, 1975.

Mary Lynn Huffstetler, niece of Loretta Best, who died on September 11 in Atlanta.

### ***Our Presence***

***September 11 - 488 Total***

**Online Worship - 102**

**In-Person Worship - 386**

*8:30 am - 167*

*11 am - 197*

*Nursery - 22*

### ***Memorials***

**Betty Stone McNeil**

*Memorial Fund: Dr. & Mrs. John Stone*

**John Pearson**

*Conversations on Race: Kathie & Frank Bemis*

### ***Honorariums***

**Katryn Bancroft**

*Children's Ministry: Kathie & Frank Bemis*

**Sue Isbell**

*Children's Ministry: Kathie & Frank Bemis*

**Lauren Langston**

*Children's Ministry: Kathie & Frank Bemis*

**Rev. Jan Buxton Wade**

*Building Fund: Jean Hannan, Donald Rickels, Doug & Malessa Mason, Bill & Sandra Roberts, Cynthia Thompson, Mary A. Lewis, Vicky Gardner, George & Becky Ashe, Brad & Judy Thompson, Tom & Kathy Ehrnschwender, Jean Murdock, Ray & Shirley Smith*

### ***Altar Flowers***

*The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Donald G. Rhodes by LaNoka, Grant and Jenny Rhodes.*

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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.*



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