

The Messenger
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: *On Sunday, September 18, Rev. Dr. Hank Jenkins preached for Disability Awareness Sunday from the chancel area, thanks to a new lift and accessibility system in the nave. We heard the organ for the first time since March, and how glorious it was!*

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!



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.



Call for Advent Devotion Writers! DEADLINE - 9/30

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.





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:

+ ***Please register if you haven't already. If you reserved a ticket already, you do not need to print anything.***

+ Free and open to the public, thanks to Church Street's Bishop Lecture Series endowment

+ Reception to follow in Parish Hall, including a sweet treat, beverages, and a time to stop by and say hello to Kate Bowler

+ 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 to register.

Join Us for the 2022-2023 Master Arts Series!

We are excited to usher in a year of beautiful music from accomplished musicians with the 2022-2023 Master Arts Series! Church members should receive a booklet soon if you are on our mailing list.

 **MASTER ARTS SERIES**
2022-2023



Two events are ticketed this year:

Holiday Dinner on December 9 (the concert after the dinner is free and not ticketed) and

The Tallis Scholars on April 14. Make your reservations soon by visiting www.churchstreetumc.org/master-arts to ensure you have your ticket to these special events!

Staffing Announcements

We extend our warmest wishes to **Francine Jenne** on her upcoming retirement on October 14. Francine has been Church Street's bookkeeper since November 2009, and we pray for many blessings on her and her family during this time!

Nancy Keen and husband Bill will be departing Knoxville in the coming weeks to relocate back to Arizona where their children and grandson reside. Nancy has served as our front office receptionist since summer 2019. We pray for traveling mercies and a sweet re-uniting for their family!

Church Street will be hiring a part-time bookkeeper and part-time front office secretary. The job descriptions may be found on the church's website under the "Contact Us" tab.

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, September 25

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 & 11 am at 900 Henley Street

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

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. Palmer Cantler

Luke 16:19-31 (CEB)

Third graders in our Children's Ministry will receive their third grade Bibles during both in-person services on Sunday and several will be worship leaders.

Music

Rejoice, the Lord is King, words by Charles Wesley; music by Malcolm Archer
Parish Youth Choir (Rejoice! and online)
Parish Youth Choir (8:30 am, nave)

Praise the Lord from the Heavens, Robert J. Powell
Primary and Chorister Choirs (8:30 and 11 am, nave)

Glory to God, Our Lord Above, Robert J. Powell
Primary and Chorister Choirs (Rejoice! and online)

The Glory of the Father, Egil Hovland, ed. Frank Pooler
Parish Adult Choir (11 am, nave)

The anthem The Glory of the Father is given to the glory of God in memory of Michael Derrick by his sister Melinda Derrick.

Lectionary Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

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">Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautionsStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear a mask indoors in publicStay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinesGet tested if you have symptomsAdditional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

Sunday School Series

Open Door Sunday School this Sunday, September 25

The speaker in Open Door Sunday School will be Dr. Pat Freeland, Professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, and a member of Church Street. In her talk she will encourage Christians to consider their personal views on important contemporary issues. This Sunday, she will begin “A Conversation about Gun Violence in the U.S.” All are welcome to hear Dr. Freeland at 9:30 am in Parish Hall this Sunday.

Fall Dates - Mark your calendar

On **Sunday, September 25, at 3 pm**, clergy and church council officers and nominees for at-large members will attend our TN Valley District Conference at First UMC Knoxville.

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

*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.

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 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 -- *Third Grade Bible Presentation*
- **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
- **NEW! College Bible Study** - Sundays, 8 pm, Lower CLC
- **Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Rehearsal Room
- **Youth Band** - Wednesdays, 7 pm, CLC11

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- **Parish Health Team:** Sunday, 12:15 pm, Chiles Room
- **Reconcilers Community Potluck:** Sunday, 6 pm, Parish Hall
- **Singles Bridge:** Monday, 6 pm, room 201-C
- **Service Circle:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC-122
- **Food Services Committee:** Tuesday, 4 pm, Chiles Room
- **Soup Kitchen:** Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall

Our Prayers

Christian love and sympathy:

To the family and friends of Linda Scarbrough Walker King, mother of Chris Walker, who died on September 19.

Our Presence

September 18 - 445 Total

Online Worship - 92
In-Person Worship - 353

8:30 am - 155

11 am - 184

Nursery - 14

Memorial

Anna Lynn Elmore

Soup Kitchen: Glenda & Frank Blake

Honorariums

Elaine Ralston

Sharing Shop: Janice Hixson

Rev. Jan Buxton Wade

*Building Fund: Elizabeth Reagon, Ray & Lucy Hand and Families, Ann Marie Tugwell,
Don & Suzanne Freeman*

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Charles and Frances Sterchi and in celebration of the baptism of their great-granddaughter, Anne Frances Price, given by the family.

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.

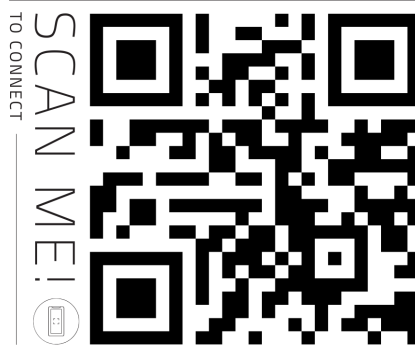
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