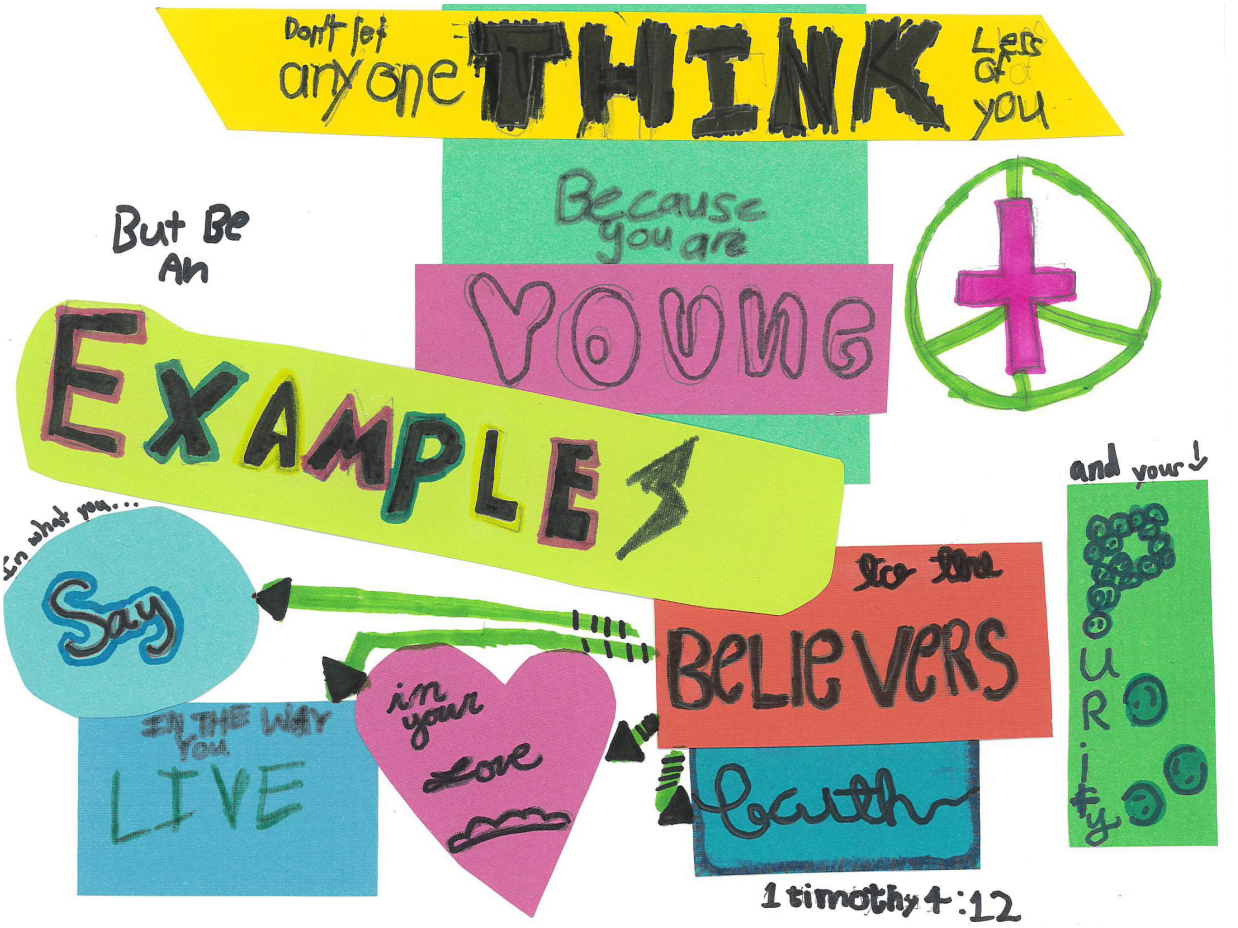


WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 30, 2026 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude in *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ..... Carl Mueller
Prelude on *I've Got Peace Like a River* ..... Robert Powell

Welcome ..... Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or by visiting westendumc.org/attendance. If you are a first-time guest with us today, please share a way to connect so that we can share more information about West End UMC with you!

Introit: God Is So Good ..... Traditional

† Processional Hymn No. 89: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ..... Hymn to Joy

† Call to Worship ..... Eliza VanAusdall and Virginia Schneeweiss
Liturgist: God is good!
People: All the time!
Liturgist: All the time!
People: God is good!

† Call to Confession ..... Dewitt Goldsby

† Prayer of Confession ..... Book of Worship, no. 483
God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead that, in Christ,
your name may be glorified in all the earth.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance
Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

† Passing the Peace
Liturgist: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

† Gloria Patri ..... No. 71
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... Isla Darling
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A Lesson from the Pauline Epistles ..... 1 Timothy 4:11-14

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Bible Presentation ..... Maggie Jarrell

Children's Moment with Handbells

Scripture Reflections ..... Henry Anderson and Virginia McMillan

† Affirmation of Faith ..... Will Howerton
We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made Flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Salutation
Liturgist: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Liturgist: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory: For the Beauty of the Earth ..... John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
(F.S. Pierpoint)

† Doxology ..... No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

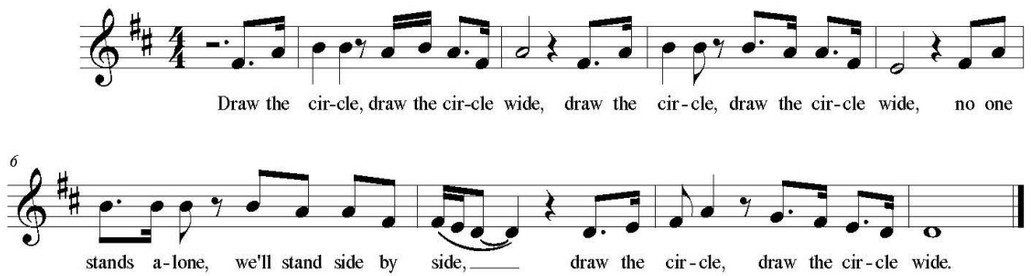
SENDING FORTH

Blessing for Rev. Maggie Jarrell

† Recessional Hymn No. 277: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus ..... Stories of Jesus

† Benediction ..... Liam Ziegler

† Benediction Response: Draw the Circle Wide ..... Mark Miller



Voluntary: Toccata in Seven ..... John Rutter

The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God by generous donors to the Flower Fund.

Today's Prayers of the People was written by the Older Elementary Fellowship (OEF), which is comprised of children from 4th - 6th grade.

Children's Worship Participants

Acolyte
Coley (C. J.) Deitmen

Ribbon Pole Carrier
Annie McLeane

Greeters
Joey Beard, Duke Deitmen, Kirby Grace Lemmons
Livie Lemmons, Virginia Schneeweiss

Ushers
Dax Darling, Bing and Birdie England, Clara Mueller-Evans
Will Howerton, Annie and Emily McLeane, Matheson Ziegler

Liturgists
Henry Anderson, Isla Darling, Dewitt Goldsby, Will Howerton
Virginia McMillan, Virginia Schneeweiss, Eliza VanAusdall, Liam Ziegler

Music Participants
Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Genesis Choir
Leaders: Pam Rice, Susy Gillette, Ella Peacock, Viji Burma

Today's Music

Van Dyke's text for "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" is a multi-layered poem of praise. Albert Bailey describes it as an "intricate interweaving of fact and metaphor" (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 554). Some argue that the text is too universalist, but it is simply a beautiful hymn of praise from all of Creation. The all-encompassing text is meant to show the interplay between the joy given to God by His creation and the joy we receive through this creation. The third verse is especially poignant in that it directs our attention from creation to Christ and reminds us that our joy means nothing if we do not live out of that joy in love of one another.

Bulletin Cover Art

Today's cover art was created by the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school class and is a deconstructed, written collage of a portion of the scripture for the day - 1 Timothy 4:12.

Prayer Requests

Emily Ruth, daughter of Helen Gaye Brewster; Emily and John Robbins in their continued displacement from their home since Winter Storm Fern; Christal Haner; victims of gun violence; our Muslim friends and neighbors; the sick, the unhoused, the lonely; those affected by flooding and natural disasters; those who choose hate over love; immigrants and refugees; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; peace in Venezuela, Palestine/Israel, Iran, Haiti, Sudan, Lebanon, Tanzania, Syria, and Ukraine.

AUG. COMMUNION OFFERING // PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Our August Communion Offering benefits H.G. Hill Middle School. We are partnered with H.G. Hill to support students, teachers, and families. A portion of this money is used to provide teachers with gifts and meals of appreciation each year.

H.G. HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Panther Strong

NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT HG HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are looking for individuals interested in being tutors at HG Hill Middle School. Tutoring is easy, fun, and it only takes an hour a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 9 a.m. Tutoring is in either reading or math, depending on your preference, and we'd love to have a few Spanish speaking tutors, as well. All tutors are background-checked and receive preliminary training through our partner, United4Hope. Reach out to Anne Underhill if you have any questions or are interested in getting started with this incredible school at *annerunderhill@gmail.com*.

FINANCIAL UPDATE THRU JULY 2026

Total Contributions Received Year to Date $1,487,044
2026 Expenses Year to Date $1,902,798
Difference ..... (-$415,754)
Contributions include tithes, offerings, investment income, and building usage fees

2026 Total General Fund Budget.....$3,319,917

FIRST CHAT & CHEW OF THE SEMESTER // TODAY

Chat & Chew is a free meal for all local college students after the 11 a.m. service each week during the school year. Email *abaxter@westendumc.org* for more info.

WEST END LUNCH FORUM AT SWETT'S // SEPTEMBER 1

The West End Lunch Forum meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservations are not needed, but we would like a count. RSVP at *westendumc.org/swettslunchforum*. All church members are invited to meet with our Pastor for food, fellowship, and conversation at Swett's Cafeteria on 28th Avenue.

BREWED THEOLOGY // SEPTEMBER 1

All young adults are invited to a time of fellowship around the table to discuss which book/topic to study on Tuesday evenings through the Fall. September's meeting is Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Martin's BBQ (2400 Elliston Place). For more information, email Rev. Aimee Baxter at *abaxter@westendumc.org*.

FIRST WEDNESDAY // SEPTEMBER 2

Writing as a Spiritual Practice with Andrew Breeden - Writing can be a spiritually formative activity and a wonderful means to engage scripture and personal life experiences in a deep, creative, and meaningful way. Andrew Breeden is a WEUMC member with a passion for equipping others to tell their stories through his work as Senior Editor at *The Upper Room*. On September 2 from 6-7 p.m. in McWhirter Hall, Andrew will lead a writing workshop designed to help you think about the small, seemingly ordinary moments in your life that have ultimately shaped your spiritual journey and then to capture those experiences in words. He will talk about devotional writing, journaling, spiritual autobiography, and the relationship between visual art and spiritual writing. Don't think you're a writer or that you have nothing important to say? You should come anyway so that Andrew can change your mind.

We will have our first Wednesday Night Dinner of the Fall before Andrew's presentation. Dinner will be served in McWhriter Hall starting at 5:15 pm. Registration is required for dinner at *westendumc.org/firstwednesday*.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP THIS FALL // BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

If you are walking through a season of grief and looking for others to share the journey, you are invited to join our 6-week grief support group. A trained counselor will guide the conversation as we share support and care. We will host a Grief Support group on Thursday evenings from 6 - 7 p.m. starting on September 10 through October 15. Sign up at *westendumc.org/griefgroup* or email Pastor Carol at *ccavindillon@westendumc.org*.

PEER-LED LGBTQIA+ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS

A new peer-led LGBTQIA+ grief support group will begin on September 14th at 5:30 p.m. in Bishop's Parlor and welcomes anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community to receive support from their peers as they grapple with living- or death-related loss. Registration is required. If you have any questions or want to register for the group, please contact *griefpeerhere@proton.me*.

VANDY WESLEY DINNER AND DISCUSSION WEDNESDAYS

Vandy Wesley hosts Dinner & Discussion every Wednesday in Room 318 from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the academic year. Undergrad and graduate students are invited for a free meal and faith discussion.

Vandy WESLEY
INCLUSION - SERVICE - BELONGING

SALTY SENIORS UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Salty Seniors are older adults of retirement age who seek to find fellowship and service in our church and for our God. We have several plans, but we need some volunteers! Below are the dates, events, visit *westendumc.org/saltyseniors*.

- September 13 - Potluck Lunch with our college students immediately after church: Anita Schmidt, coordinator.
- October 6 – Gathering at the church and using the church bus to take the group to the Lunch Forum at Swett's Cafeteria.
- Date TBD - Training for composting assistants at meals in McWhirter Hall - Gay Vekovius, coordinator. This team is open to people of all ages.

UGANDA TRIP // JUNE 29-JULY 11, 2027

West End will be going back to Uganda to support Raise the Roof June 29-July 11, 2027. From Raise the Roof - Our Summer Mission includes leadership training for community members, Rhino Kid's Camp for RTRA students, a community-wide medical clinic for those needing care, and educational opportunities for members of our Center for Social Enterprise. As a participant in this fun-filled, educational trip you will have an opportunity to meet RTRA students, staff, and community leaders. The Summer Mission is a two-week trip, with groups ranging from 20-40 people. We accept independent travelers and larger groups from schools, churches, or companies who are looking for deeper engagement with the RTRA community. Interested? Visit *westendumc.org/uganda* to let us know and find out more!

HABITAT BUILD / FALL 2026

It's time for Habitat! We are partnering once again with other Methodist churches to help build a home. Our build dates for 2026 are 9/12, 10/3, 10/25. Sign ups are now available at *westendumc.org/habitat*. If you or your group of friends would be interested in providing food for one of our build dates, contact Stacey at *sharwelldye@westendumc.org*.

FALL RETREAT // SEPTEMBER 25-27

We are excited for our annual Church-Wide Fall Retreat! This year's Fall Retreat will be Friday evening to Sunday mid-morning, September 25 through 27. All ages are invited to join us at Beersheba Springs Assembly, less than two hours away in Beersheba, Tennessee. Campfires, hikes, times of worship and prayer, slow meals at the table, and rocking chair visits with one another will set our agenda for the weekend as we seek connection across the generations of our community. Don't miss this intergenerational time of study, fellowship, and fun!

Register now at *westendumc.org/fallretreat*

OVERNIGHT HOSTS AND BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Starting November 4, we will be hosting 13 men in homelessness in our lower level each Wednesday night with Room In The Inn. Throughout the coldest months of the year, these individuals come to our faclity for a warm shower, food, bed and more. There are several ways you can be part of this ministry, but we do have two specific needs for this season for overnight hosts and Bus Drivers. To volunteer for either, contact Stacey at *sharwelldye@westendumc.org*.

- **Overnight Hosts** - Sometimes members of the Sunday school class that sign up can spend the night, but not always, and having a group of overnight hosts to call on is key. These hosts help welcome the guests, help them get clothing in the clothing closet or things they need to do laundry and showers. Hosts turn the lights off at 10 p.m., making sure the kitchen is ready to go for the next morning, and then get up early, make the coffee and any breakfast that the group has brought for our guests, feed our guests and get them out the door. Overnight hosts will be background checked and trained before serving if they have not served in this way before.
- **Bus Drivers -** We always need people to drive our bus a few miles to the Campus for Human Development, pick up our guests, and then return to campus. Then the next morning, we need a bus driver to take the guests back to Room in the Inn and return the bus to West End's campus. Bus Drivers need no special license, just a DMV background check (which we provide), proof of insurance, and a safety course and bus basics drive.

COLLEGE SWAG NEEDED

College Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 20 and we want to deck out the sanctuary in some school swag. If you have flags, pom poms, towels, etc. from any of our local colleges/universities and would be willing to lend them to us for that day, please contact Rev. Aimee Baxter at *abaxter@westendumc.org*.

SUPPORT A FOSTER FAMILY THROUGH CROWDED TABLE NASHVILLE

Crowded Table Nashville helps churches increase and sustain the network of people who care for children in foster care living in Middle Tennessee by connecting local churches with families and caseworkers in Davidson County in a 2-year partnership.

For several months, a small but highly committed team from West End has been offering support to a wonderful family of parents and two girls through meal and grocery delivery. Our team is currently looking for a few more volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, Sunday school classes, and other small groups to make a difference in the lives of these girls and their foster parents.

If interested, contact Jan Turrentine at *jan@turrentinefamily.com* or for more information on the organization, visit Crowded Table's website at *crowdedtabletn.org*.

VOICES OF RESILIENCE: COMMUNITY LAUNCH & POTLUCK RECEPTION

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 1 – 3 p.m. All Nashvillians are welcome to the table. *Voices of Resilience* — the traveling multimedia exhibit centering the stories of those most impacted by climate change, often first and hardest — makes its next tour stop at West End United Methodist Church on August 30. The exhibit will be in the 4th Story Theater Gallery through the end of September. Join us for a community potluck luncheon, a panel conversation with featured voices from the exhibit, and an afternoon of art, food, and connection. ***What to Expect:***

- **Community Potluck** — Bring a dish to share that reflects your own food tradition, culture, or community. All are welcome at this table.
- **Panel Conversation** — Featured *Voices of Resilience* storytellers will share their experiences of climate resilience, community, and what it means to build something together in the face of change.
- **Bread Exchange** — Bring a baked loaf of bread — homemade or store-bought, no judgment here. Leave a loaf, take a loaf. A simple, generous act of community.
- **Food Drive** — Bring non-perishable food donations to contribute to a curated food drive benefiting neighbors in need right here in Nashville.
- **Gallery Walk** — Tour the *Voices of Resilience* exhibit panels, experience the artwork, and encounter the stories at the heart of this project in community.

This is not just a lunch. It is a reception — for the voices, for the stories, and for the city that holds them. Come hungry. Come curious. Come ready to belong to something.

Free and open to all. Bring a dish. Bring a friend. Bring bread to take and eat. Be part of the *Voices of Resilience* story.

Questions? Contact Pastor Stacey at *sharwelldye@westendumc.org*.

RICE FOOD DRIVE FOR THE STORE

As part of our *Voices of Resilience* launch on August 30, we are asking that all guests bring an item to donate to The Store. They are asking us for Knorr Rice Sides (5.6 oz - any flavor- individual packets only please!). We will have a box in the entryway to the church, but will also have one in the theater the day of the Community Launch. People can bring the Knorr Rice Sides any time before the end of the month.

A Warm Welcome

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church!

We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond.

We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political, and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability.

Scan this QR Code or visit *westendumc.org/links* to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.

We believe that God loves everyone unconditionally!

West End Staff

Members of West End UMC ..... *Ministers*

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon ..... *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Will McLeane ..... *Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Aimee Baxter ..... *Young Adults*
Rev. Shannon Baxter ..... *Hospitality and Operations*
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye ..... *Mercy and Justice*
Rev. Maggie Jarrell ..... *Children and Families*
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Kathryn Ware ..... *Receptionist*

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