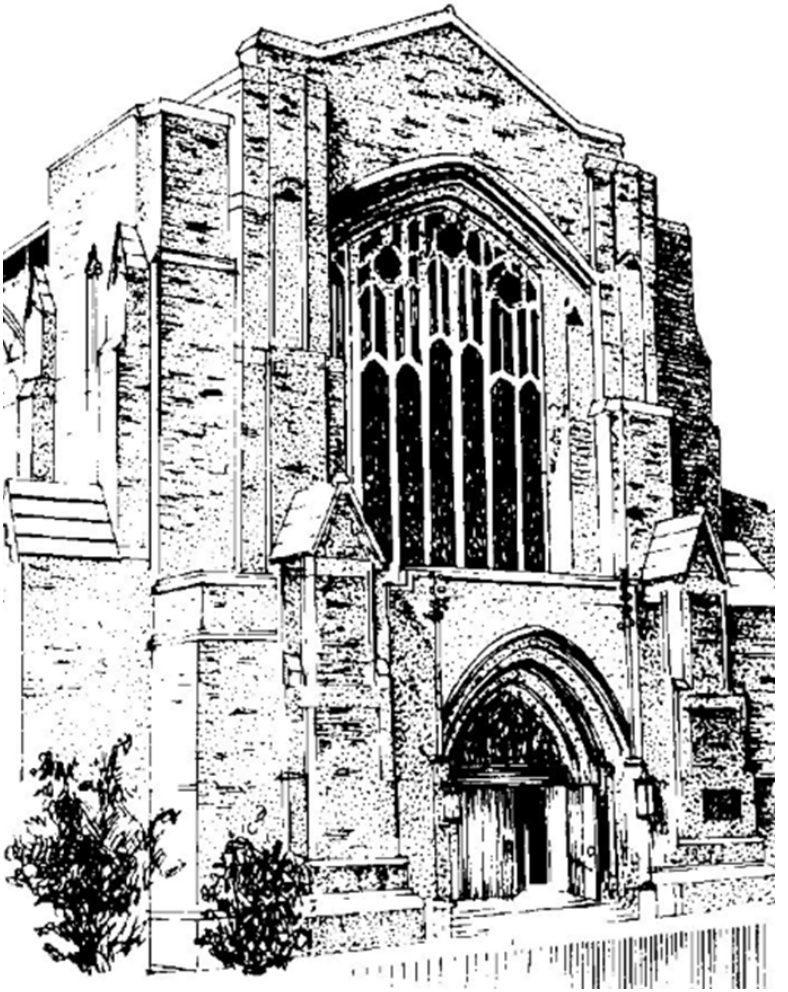


WEST END
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship
September 13, 2026 at Eleven o'clock
Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING

Voluntary: Adagio in E Major.....Frank Bridge

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: O Let Us Praise Thee.....Richard Farrant

† Processional Hymn No. 327: Crown Him With Many Crowns ..... Diadematа

† Call to Worship .....Shannon Baxter
Liturgist: We give thanks today for being called into this place.
People: Rekindle the gift you have given to us all!
Liturgist: Lord, let us not be ashamed of the testimony of your work in our lives.
People: Rekindle the gift you have given to us all!
Liturgist: We entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit that lives within us.
All: Rekindle the gift you have given to us all!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession
Lord,
we confess that we often forget the calling to which you lead us
out of the abundance of your love.
We get caught up in the weight of our world
and forget that your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Fill us this day with the memory of your grace.
Remind us of the power we have in you to share that grace
with the world in which we live.
Let the gifts of your Holy Spirit overflow within us
so the world may know of your great love.

† 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.

Anthem: I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes..... Leo Sowerby
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, He that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper;
thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil,
He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time forth,
and even forevermore. Amen.
(Psalm 121)

The Sacrament of Baptism
Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?
People: With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

† Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Henry Fisher to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Henry Fisher, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

† Musical Response ..... No. 611, St. 1

Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination ..... Brandon Rich

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.....2 Timothy 1:3-14

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Children's church is located in Scales Chapel, which is down the hall from the sanctuary. If it's your first time, a grown-up should please follow us after the children's moment to drop off. Pick up will be at the same location immediately following the service.

† Hymn No. 129: Give to the Winds Thy Fears..... Festal Song

Sermon: Fan the Flame .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith ..... Will McLeane

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 and Prayers of the People

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

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: Exultate Deo..... Alessandro Scarlatti

Sing aloud with gladness unto God our helper.
Alleluia. O be ever joyful in the God of Jacob.
(Psalm 81:1)

† 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

† Recessional Hymn No. 140: Great is Thy Faithfulness.....Faithfulness

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: God Be with You Till We Meet Again.....Randolph

God be with you till we meet again,
loving counsels guide uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Voluntary: Postlude on *Diademata* .....Jason D. Payne

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 to the glory of God and to bless the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hughes Dobson III, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warthen Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hughes Dobson IV by their family.

Henry Fisher Brandes, son of Avery and Kati Brandes, is presented for baptism.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Shannon Baxter.

Bulletin Cover Art

Our bulletin cover art in recent weeks has been a black-and-white etching of the West End entryway doors to the Sanctuary of our beloved church. Charles Hooper is the gifted artist and designer, and West End member, who created the etching. Charles also worked on the design and graphics of the Sanctuary windows booklet that the church had published in 2003 providing a history of the stained glass windows after they had been cleaned and revitalized.

Music Participants

Chancel Choir
Matthew Phelps: Director / Assisting at Organ
Andrew Risinger: Organist
Paula San Antonio, alto

Today's Music

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" was written in 1923 by poet Thomas Chisholm, author of more than 1,200 poems during his lifetime. He mailed it to his friend William Runyan, who set it to music. The text of the hymn is consistent to what was originally written, other than one minor change in the third stanza from "thy" to "thine" by the *United Methodist Hymnal* (1989) and *Baptist Hymnal* (1991) which is just a matter of tradition and preference. Runyan wrote: "This particular poem held such an appeal that I prayed most earnestly that my tune might carry over its message in a worthy way, and the subsequent history of its use indicates that God answers prayer."

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.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING // TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

Our September communion offering benefits Nashville Tools for Schools, a local 501(c)3 non-profit working daily to "build for our children's future." They complete light construction jobs, from building furniture and outdoor classrooms to renovating locker rooms, storage areas and press boxes. Our funds help reduce the costs passed on to teachers and schools.

CHAT & CHEW COLLEGE LUNCH // 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 FAMILY MEET UP // TODAY

Families of all ages and shapes and sizes are welcome to join us at our West End Family Meet Ups this fall for fun and fellowship! Join us this morning for Popsicles on the West End Playground from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then, mark you calendar for our next meet up on November 14 - Movie in the 4th Story Theater // 4 - 5:30 p.m.

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.

PEER-LED LGBTQIA+ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP // SEPTEMBER 14

A new peer-led LGBTQIA+ grief support group will begin on September 14 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*.

TAIZE SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING // SEPTEMBER 20

Come and be still through a contemplative service rooted in the music of the Taizé community of France. Our worship service will include a space for healing prayer. Experience with contemplative worship or the music of Taizé is not required to fully engage in our liturgy. All are welcome! Taize is in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK STUDY // *INSPIRED* // TUESDAYS

Beginning September 8, the young adult group will discuss the book, *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 317. Books are available at all major retailers and Libby. Contact Aimee Baxter at *abaxter@westendumc.org* for more info.

Vandy WESLEY

INCLUSION - SERVICE - BELONGING

VANDY WESLEY DINNER AND DISCUSSION // WEDNESDAYS

Vandy Wesley hosts its 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.

It's time for Habitat! We are partnering once again with other Methodist churches to help build a home. We've got two more opportunities for you to get involved on 10/3, and 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*.

BLESSING OF OUR PETS // OCTOBER 4

Pets are such an important part of our lives and bless us daily. Join us as we bless them in a Blessing of the Animals, cosponsored by St. Augustine Episcopal Church and our Older Elementary Fellowship kids! We will have a brief service of blessing at Sevier Park, Shelter 1 at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 4. Bring any animal you'd like blessed (restrained with leash, lead, or cage please) or picture of a pet if they don't do well with crowds. The OEF students also invite you to bring a donated item for Proverbs 12:10 Animal Rescue from their Chewy wish list at *westendumc.org/petwishlist*.

REFLECTIONS FROM AN IRISH PILGRIMAGE // OCTOBER 5

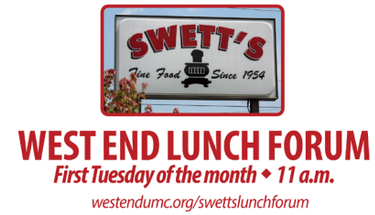
Pastor Carol has returned from a 10-day pilgrimage to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, where she and a group of pastors learned about the history of violence and the struggle for peace in that land. If you'd like to hear more about what she learned and reflect together on what it means to be a peacemaker today, you're invited to an online "Lunch and Learn" on Monday, October 5, from 12-1 p.m. RSVP at *westendumc.org/lunchandlearn* to receive the Zoom link.

FIRST WEDNESDAY // OCTOBER 7

Finding Hope in the Midst of Grief - We all experience grief in our lives through the loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a way of life we have known. Join us for an informal discussion with a panel of West End members who have had varied encounters with the universal experience of grief. We will begin by placing grief in its biblical context, and then spend some time learning from our panel and one another. Please RSVP for dinner if you plan to eat with us. Dinner begins at 5:15 p.m. in McWhirter Hall. Program starts at 6 p.m. RSVP now at *westendumc.org/firstwednesday*.

WEST END LUNCH FORUM AT SWETT'S // OCTOBER 6

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.



FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASS // OCTOBER 11

Interested in learning more about West End UMC or ready to make this congregation your new church home? Then join the next Membership Class on Sunday, October 11 following the early worship service from 9:45-11:30 a.m. in the 4th Story Theater Gallery. Register at *westendumc.org/membership*. Questions? Contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at *sbaxter@westendumc.org*.

BLOOD DRIVE // OCTOBER 15

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Give blood and help save lives! Our next Blook Drive will be on Friday, October 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome, but you can pre-register at *westendumc.org/blooddrive*.

RESPITE CARE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

West End UMC has a beautiful ministry created for adults who have mild to moderate Alzheimer's and memory impairment concerns called the Sunny Day Club. To make that ministry go, we rely upon the time and talents of amazing volunteers dedicated to helping provide a fun and safe environment for the members involved. If you think you would be a good fit for this fun-loving group that meets on Mondays from 10 am - 2 pm, contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at *sbaxter@westendumc.org* for more info.

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!

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*.

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.

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*
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Tosha Jackson ..... *Receptionist*
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