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**Church of the River Calendar
Quotation of the Week**

"He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."
— Clarence Budington Kelland

Sunday, August 1

11:00 a.m. Church School for Children and Worship Service

Speaker: The Rev. Jamey Lee

12:30 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will meet at La Hacienda,
3491 Poplar Ave. (next door to Buster's Liquor
Store where El Chico used to be.)

Monday, August 2—Church Office closed for vacation

Sunday, August 8

11:00 a.m. Church School for Children and Worship Service

Speaker: Ellen Klyce

12:30 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will meet at Leonard's
Barbecue at 5465 Fox Plaza Dr. off of Mendenhall
where it veers to the right off Mt. Moriah.

Monday, August 9—Church Office closed for vacation

Saturday, August 14

3:30 p.m. St. John's Soup Kitchen at St. John's Methodist
Church, Bellevue at Peabody. Contact is Dan Bing
at 763-2384.

Sunday, August 15

11:00 a.m. Church School for children and Worship Service

Speaker: Rabbi Micah Greenstein

12:30 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will meet at the Pyramid Grill
at 6090 Macon Rd. 38134

Monday, August 16—Church office closed for vacation

Saturday, August 21

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Orientation, Training and Volunteer
workshop. Everything you need to know about the
Children's Ministry. Special workshop on anti-bullying
behavior led by Amanda Meyers. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, August 22

11:00 a.m. Church School for Children and Worship Service

Speaker: John McQuiston

12:30 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will meet at Dino's Grill at 645
N McLean

Monday, August 23 — Church office closed for vacation

Sunday, August 29

11:00 a.m. Splash Party for children and Worship Service'

Speaker: The Rev. Jarad Bingham

Noon Splash Party continues with picnic.

12:30 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will meet at Wang's Mandarin

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Announcements from the Children's Ministry

Every Sunday, childcare will be available beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the nursery and pre-school with Mary Park and Elizabeth Turner.

Our Summer of Faith programming for children is entitled "Poetic Creations: Reflections on Our World through Art and Poetry". These workshops led by Katie Jones and Amanda Cook Myers continue through August 22 on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock. Plan to come hear our outstanding line up of pulpit guests and bring your children into our "cool" Mimi Loeb Art Center for a chance to go beyond the basics and be creative through words and a variety of art media this summer.

On Sunday, August 29 make a splash and take a leap into the new school year. Wear your swimsuit and plan to have some wet fun in the OASIS on our big waterslide. Wet fun for kids from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring a picnic and have fun with your COR friends.



If you are a volunteer in children's ministry, an adult who is curious about our church school or a veteran church school teacher you are invited to our Orientation, Training and Volunteer workshop on Saturday, August 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everything you ever wanted to know about Children's Ministry at the Church of the River with a special workshop on anti-bullying behavior led by Amanda Meyers. Lunch will be provided.



COR's Advertising and PR committee is looking for volunteers who would be willing to staff a booth at the Cooper-Young Festival Saturday, September 18, to hand out information and answer questions from festival-goers who might be interested in visiting or joining the church. Volunteers would work in 2 to 4 hour shifts.

The committee is also looking for volunteers who might be interested in spearheading and planning a fun, new social event for one afternoon or evening in late summer/early fall, aimed at attracting visitors and new members. If interested in either opportunity, please call or email committee chair Rod Starns (821-9194, rstarns@runningpony.com) by June 30th.

Diana McClure will be the Care Coordinator. You can reach her at 758-1155 or 219-1066.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RIVER



High on the list of capital improvements following the success of stabilizing the bluff erosion and replacing three air handlers are the sanctuary doors. They have rusted beyond repair and besides being an eye sore before entering our beautiful sanctuary they can be irritatingly noisy. So it is with great joy that I can announce that generous donors have made it possible to replace them.

The total cost of the project will be approximately \$35,820. That includes the manufacturing of the doors, the new hardware, the leveling of the brick leading to the doors and inside the sanctuary, and the creation of a secure wood front while the work is in progress. Unfortunately it is not possible to complete the project this summer. So in the fall there will be a Sunday or two when we will have to enter the sanctuary through the side door. It will be a minor inconvenience compared to the restoration of the entrance into one of the most beautiful spiritual spaces in the land.

Next on the list are the pews that need to be refinished. Please talk to President Lisa Jennings or let me know if you have interest in this project.

Tomorrow, July 25th, I leave for our partner church in Transylvania. I will present the candlelight service gift to our Unitarian brothers and sisters at their worship service on August first. With additional funds contributed by a Dutch partner congregation, work has begun on our joint project of renovating the old church sanctuary and building for youth activities, and overnight guests. I hope to bring back photos for our web site. The solidarity of this long-term relationship is a blessing to both congregations, and I hope we can plan another pilgrim trip soon. Cheers and love, bc

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House at 113 S Main St. 38103

Monday August 30—Church office closed for vacation

See our website www.churchoftheriver.org for further information about our summer speakers.

Leadership Retreat for the 2010—11 Church Year September 18th at the church from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

This year the usual August retreat for the board of trustees, committee/ministry chairs and staff will be Saturday, September 18th. Please put this important meeting on your calendar.

The INDIE MEMPHIS Freedom Series is a community outreach and diversity program aimed at getting new people interested in Independent film and cultivating cross-cultural compassion by using films to engage conversations around diverse topics of freedom.

Each piece of the series is hosted by a different community or group of communities. The screenings will be happening twice a month until October. Next up.....

3 pm Sunday, AUGUST 1 →
at the University of Memphis Fogleman Executive Center
Hosted by Muslims in Memphis

The Master of Ceremonies for this event will be global community activist Ceylon Mooney. We are honored to present as speakers and moderators of the post-film community conversation, Sheikh Nabil Bayakly of Muslims in Memphis, and Dr. Pete Gathje of Memphis Theological Seminary.

Additional information and scheduling can be found at <http://www.indiememphis.com/freedom>

To All Newsletter Contributors:

The first weekly newsletter of the fall will be published August 31.

Among Our Members Loving thoughts go out to **Ellen Hornyak** on the death of her sister, Claire and to **Katy Spurlock** on the death of her grandmother. Healing vibes go out to **Cathi Hayes** who broke her foot and is coping with a cast.

Thanks to The Awesome Little Choir for a gift to the Music Fund in honor of **David Jennings**.

Thanks also to Mason & Ann Hawkins for a gift to the Endowment Fund in memory of **Polly Cooper**.
Thanks again to Dorsey Wade for a gift to the Endowment Fund in memory of **Ellen Hornyak's sister, Claire**.

As you may or may not know the COR has been hosting Census Workers for the past few months. We received a nice thank you note from Lee Warren, a team leader who said "Thank you so much on behalf of my first team, 1004, for the use of your beautiful facilities at the Church of the River. On behalf of the Census, I appreciated your hospitality and generosity throughout of initial mission. Peace be with you and your ministry."

What is Freedom? A State of Mind (4 min) From "What is Freedom?" series (directed by James Price of Field Studies UK) examining the meaning of freedom to various residents of the United States.

Talking Through Walls: How the Struggle to Build a Mosque United a Community (57 min.)

Directed by Michale Wolfe & Alex Kronemer of the Unity Productions Foundation, "Talking Through Walls," is a coming-together story of humanitarian solidarity. The story takes place in New Jersey where Zia Rahman's efforts to build a Mosque are met with unexpected public resistance due to the high fear post-9/11 environment. Support comes from an unexpected source, a multi-faith community of Buddhists, Christians and Jews. Working together with the mosque project, they began meeting, looking for common ground, and seeking a greater understanding. The film raises issues of religious freedom, fears and prejudices and the importance of protecting one's own rights by protecting the rights of others.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, Sept. 10 from 6-10 p.m. There will be a "Welcome Back to Church" DJ Party in the MS River Room.

Lord, help me maintain my sense of humor today, even when things get tense. There's enough gloom and doom in the world. I want to introduce some happiness and a bit of laughter into it all. Please give me a light-heart and an optimistic outlook to set the tone for those whom I will influence. Bring your light of joy into my life and let it shine through want I do and say today.
from My Personal Daily Prayer Book by Christine Dallman and Margaret Huffman