



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome to Church of the Savior, UCC - a progressive, hope-filled, Christian community!

A Warm Welcome to John Nolt, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Environmental Ethics at the University of Tennessee and a Research Fellow in the Energy and Environmental Policy Program at the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy. He remains active, working in logic, value theory, environmental ethics, intergenerational ethics, and climate ethics. He is the author or editor of seven books: three on logic and four on environmental ethics—most recently Environmental Ethics for the Long Term (Routledge, 2015). John is a long-time environmental activist and proponent of sustainable living, and he serves on the Committee on the Campus Environment, which he chaired for many years. The committee advises the University of Tennessee administration on campus environmental policy. He and his wife Annette Mendola are members of Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.

COS Things to Know –Sunday, March 8, 2020

TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP: COS/Justice Knox Congregational Network Meeting This is a meeting for ALL COS Justice Knox Network Members (as well as Team Leaders and any other interested people at COS). Food and child care will be provided. We will hear Justice Knox research updates and proposed actions, and make plans for getting people out to the Rally on April 8 and the Nehemiah Action on May 6. Please join us!

+ IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY or have a prayer concern, comment or request, please take a moment and fill out one of the cards found in the back pocket of our sanctuary chairs. We are glad you're here!

+ HAVE A NAME TAG? Please don't forget to wear it as an act of hospitality toward one another. If you don't have a nametag, please sign up on the yellow sheet in the back. If you are visiting, there are "stick-on" nametags available, too.

+ Shine Sunday School Program for Children (during Worship after the Children's Time: Hannah Cook will be with the Toddlers in the Nursery (0-5 yrs). Elena Caicedo & Elaine Trent will be with the Primary group (K-2nd) and Ed Sullivan & Jan Allison will be with the Middlers (3rd-5th). ATTENTION PARENTS: As a courtesy to our teachers, please pick up your child from Sunday School immediately after the worship service ends. Thank you!

This Week

- Today COS/Justice Knox Congregational Network Meeting after Worship (see above)
Wed, 3/11 FISH Food Pantry Deliveries
Lenten Soup Supper & Reflection Study, 6-8:15 PM (see below)
Thurs, 3/12 Community Group – Knoxville Community of Mindfulness, 5:45 PM at COS
Sat, 3/14 Paddlers, 10 AM – Noon at COS

NEXT SUNDAY, 3/15 COS Lunch Discussion following Worship (see below)

Lenten Soup Supper and Reflection Series –WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT:

Laudato Si', A Call to Care for Our Common Home, by Pope Francis. Our Annual Lenten Soup Supper & Reflection Series will take place on Wednesday evenings, 3/11-4/1, with a simple soup supper at 6 PM, and group reflection & discussion from 6:45-8:15. Childcare will be available. This year, we plan to use Pope Francis' profound statement to the world on care for the earth as a background for our own reflection about concrete ways we can 1) seek to become more spiritually aware of our place as part of creation and the current crisis; 2) take action to make a difference, and 3) advocate for social change to reduce the impact of the climate crisis. PLEASE READ Chapter 3 of Laudato Si', 'The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis,' as background before this week's meeting. The full text of the book can be found on-line for free at https://laudatosi.com/watch If you want to take part in the series, please sign-up in church so we know how much soup to prepare or e-mail John Gill at cosjg@att.net

NEXT SUNDAY - COS Lunch Discussion: 'Muslim peace advocate Fetullah Gulen and the Hizmet (Service) movement in Turkey - resilience with faith and dialogue' with guest speaker Umit Gunebir, President of the Atlantic Institute. After church on Sunday, 3/15 at 12:30 PM. Mr. Gunebir will offer a presentation about the philosophy of Fetulleh Gulen and the movement he started in Turkey, as well as talking about the efforts of the current Turkish government to have him

extradited from the U.S. There will be time for discussion afterward. We will provide a light lunch and childcare for those who want to stay.

COS Community Building Dinners are Coming in April and May! Sign up to host a dinner, and plan to attend a dinner. It's a wonderful way to get to know members old and new! Host sign-up sheets are in the back of the church and will be there thru Sunday, March 23rd, with dinner sign-ups starting the following week.

2nd Mile Gift for March: One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. On average, of every dollar given to One Great Hour of Sharing, 95 cents is used directly for mission programming; and 5 cents for interpretation materials. Go to www.ucc.org for more info.

COMING SOON.....Appalachian Fest V *A celebration of the beauty, culture, creativity, and cuisine of the Appalachian region and her people (us) – through music, poetry, stories, & good food*

When: Date —**March 21, 2020**; 5 PM gather; 5:30 eat; 6:30 read and play; 8 PM clean up **Where: COS**

Who: Whomever! We will have designated music and readings. Bring: yourself, friends, family, Appalachian style food (soup & beans can be vegan if you leave out ham hocks and such; corn bread can also be made vegan-wise).

Why: just because (and just because it's our home!) **Contact for more info:** Kevin Collins, Kvn792@aol.com

We will take a Special Offering to support the Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center in Washburn, TN.

Service Opportunity - COS Serves Dinner at Minvilla Manor (part of Volunteer Ministry's housing development) on **Sunday, March 29th**. If you can either provide dinner items or offer an hour of your time to serve, please sign up on the bright yellow sheet located on the announcement table. For more info contact Donna Felskie at 865-255-2620.

NEW Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group Topic! The Sunday morning group is discussing **Broken We Kneel: Reflections on Faith and Citizenship** by the well-known religious studies scholar and author, Diana Butler Bass. "Written in the tumultuous aftermath of 9/11, Bass looks at Christian identity, patriotism, citizenship, and congregational life in an attempt to answer the central question: 'To whom do Christians owe deepest allegiance? God or country?' America's unique and often fractious relationship between church & state is, if anything, more relevant to who we are as a nation than when Broken We Kneel was first published 16 years ago." **Books are available on-line or can be ordered from a local bookstore** like Union Avenue Books or Barnes and Noble Booksellers. **We meet in Shalom House, gathering at 9:30 AM.**

Safe Church Health Practices in response to coronavirus concerns

As new cases of the coronavirus are across the United States, UCC leaders are urging education, caution and common sense. The basic information shared below should not be construed as medical advice, but as best practices and basic precautions. Some of these everyday precautions, focused on good hygiene measures, are common sense & helpful to keep in mind anytime and especially during colds and flu season.

- **Stay home or keep your children home if you or your children are feeling sick.**
 - **Wash your hands frequently.**
 - **Disinfect surfaces used regularly.**
 - **Avoid close contact with someone who is sick.**
 - **Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.**
 - **Use hand sanitizer.**

Visit our COS online directory! Use this link:

<https://servantkeeper.com/directory/cos-ucc/login> Use this password: **cosdir57**

To access your member profile (so that you can update your information, upload profile photos, etc.), use this link:

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WIDER COMMUNITY!

3/9-10 - Dr. Lucia Hulsether Speaking at Maryville College! Each year the Center for Campus Ministry at Maryville College invites a guest speaker to help spark conversation on campus about important issues related to faith, ethics, and current social challenges. The 2020 Margaret B. Cummings Conversations on Faith, Learning, and Service will be Monday evening, March 9 and Tuesday afternoon, March 10. Our speaker will Lucia Hulsether, Asst. Professor of Religion at Skidmore College. Lucia holds degrees from Agnes Scott College, Harvard Divinity School, and Yale University. She is the daughter of Anne McKee and Mark Hulsether. Go to www.maryvillecollege.edu/about/faith/cummings-conversations/ for info.

Church of the Savior Contact Information

If you have any questions about COS, please feel free to contact the church office, our pastor, or staff using the information below. **For a pastoral care concern, please call Rev. John Gill at 865-257-3223 or e-mail him at cosjg@att.net.** For questions about **activities for Youth and Children**, contact Tonya Barnette (see below). **If you have a joy or concern or an announcement to share via e-mail**, please e-mail the church office by Tuesday morning. Thanks!

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OREPA is sponsoring **STOP THE NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE**, an international conference exploring the ways people around the world are working to make the world safer by getting rid of nuclear weapons. ***The conference will be held at Maryville College, May 22-25, 2020. Those who are interested should register now: You can register (required, by April 24) at orepa.org/registration-form.***

SAVE THE DATE to CELEBRATE! On Saturday evening, May 2, 2020, Church of the Savior will honor two extraordinary people, John and Nancy Stewart, for their years of public service for the common good. In our ongoing efforts to make our annual fundraising events both fun and outward facing, we are planning this special event to honor two COS members who are well-known in the wider community. ***You can reserve your spot at <http://cos-ucc.org/stewart/or> sign-up in church. Space is limited so don't wait too long!***

Register now: The Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance is sponsoring **STOP THE NEW NUCLEAR ARMS RACE**, an international conference exploring the ways people around the world are working to make the world safer by getting rid of nuclear weapons. ***The conference will be held at Maryville College, May 22-25, 2020. You can register (required, by April 24) at orepa.org/registration-form.***

Workshops will focus on strategies and tools being used around the globe to advance the nuclear abolition agenda. These include looking at corporate and financial investment in nuclear weapons, campus connections to the Bomb, resistance efforts around the world, efforts to get cities, towns and states to support the Nuclear Ban Treaty, and ways to use the Ban Treaty to raise awareness. Scholarships are available for under-30 participants. More information is available at nukewatchinfo.org/stop_new_nuclear_arms_race