

First Unitarian Church - The Church of the River



2010 Summer of Faith: Faith and Justice

Tyger! Tyger! burning bright
In the forests of the night,
What immortal hand or eye
Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?

--William Blake

Is God really a just God? If so why is there so much injustice in the world? Is God's justice something that happens in this lifetime or the next? Summer of Faith asks the questions: Why do bad things happen to good people, and how do religious people respond to oppression, war, and injustice? This summer we shall delve into the problem of evil. Who created it, and how do we react to it? The theme for our Summer of Faith in 2010 is *Faith and Justice*. Come listen to eight guest preachers from different backgrounds tell us their answers to these questions.

2010 Summer of Faith Guest Speakers

			
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About Our Guest Speakers



July 11: The Rev. Dr. Maxie Dunnam

The Rev. Dr. Maxie Dunnam became the fifth president of Asbury Theological Seminary in 1994, after serving 12 fruitful years as Senior Minister of 6000 member Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. He came to Christ Church from serving as World Editor of The Upper Room during which time, the present primary emphasis on spiritual formation was developed. His tenure at Christ Church was marked by commitment to evangelism, inner-city ministries, housing and education for the working poor, outreach to the recovering community, and innovative worship. His provocative one-minute radio/television message entitled Perceptions has been replicated all over the nation. During his presidency of Asbury, the seminary pioneered the use of technology in teaching and established The Asbury Virtual Campus and a new campus in Orlando, Florida. After 10 years as President and 4 years as Chancellor, The Rev. Dr. Dunnam is now President Emeritus. He is a member of the University Senate and of the Advance Committee of the United Methodist Church and is the Director of Kingdom Catalysts, a ministry empowering transformational leadership. In 1979, he was inducted into the Foundation for Evangelism's Hall of Fame. In 1992, he was awarded the Chair of Distinction by the World Methodist Council, and the following year received The Philip Award for Distinguished Service in Evangelism. The Rev. Dr. Dunnam has authored more than 40 books.



July 18: The Rev. John M. Gilmore

The Rev. John M. Gilmore is one committed to living life to its fullest and assisting others to do the same. This leads him to wearing several hats including those of teacher and minister. His teaching opportunities include being a member of the adjunct teaching faculty in the Anthropology Department at the University of Memphis. As a minister, he is the Senior Minister and Spiritual Director of the Open Heart Spiritual Center, a spiritual community rooted in the New Thought-Ancient Wisdom tradition, in Memphis. He is a graduate of Ohio University, and has a master's degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and holds another master's degree, in anthropology, from the University of Memphis.



July 25: Dr. Cozette Garrett

Dr. Cozette R. Garrett is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister who serves by giving her time and talents as the Program Director of Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE), a ministry of Memphis Theological Seminary. SPE is a MTS Lilly Endowment, Inc. grant that has supported over 100 clergypersons from the mid south area. Dr. Garrett is the retired pastor of Community of Faith Christian Church. Cozette is the wife of Solomon Garrett Jr. and the mother of two adult daughters.



August 1: The Rev. Jamey Lee

The Rev. Jamey Lee is husband of Michelle, father of Ethan (7), Julianne (5), and John Mark (3). He and his family reside in the Binghamton area and he serves as an elder in the United Methodist Church. Currently, he is in the midst of beginning a new kind of congregation in Memphis called Jacob's Well which will meet on Saturday nights on the corner of Summer and Highland beginning in the fall.



August 8: Ellen Klyce

Ellen was born into Church of the River. The daughter of a fifth generation Memphis Jewish mother and immigrant English Anglican father, Ellen grew up in the Bible Belt—that would be Memphis in the 50s and 60s. She is a graduate of White Station High School, Harvard University, B.A.; Memphis Theological Seminary, Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.); San Francisco Theological Seminary, Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction (D.A.S.D); currently pursuing Doctorate in Ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Ellen has taught at Memphis Theological Seminary and will be teaching there again. She considers herself to have a checkered career including: TV Producer, NPR Morning Edition stringer, Development Officer, Harvard University, various capacities at Memphis College of Art including Director of Development and Public Relations, Special Projects Director, and Assistant to the President. Ellen is currently serving on boards of Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, Hospitality Hub, and Memphis Prep Program. She also served on boards of Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, St. Mary's Episcopal School, Books from Birth, WKNO, and many others. We also know Ellen as the mother of Polly, Walter, and Rebecca.



August 15: Senior Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein

Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein is the Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel, Tennessee's oldest and largest synagogue. He is a two-time president of the Memphis Ministers Association and presently sits on the executive committee of the National Civil Rights Museum. Greenstein served as president of the Southwest Association of Reform Rabbis and teaches future area ministers at Memphis Theological Seminary. He was the only rabbi selected as principal speaker for Major State Day at the Washington National Cathedral and the first rabbi to preach at the Calvary Lenten Series. A Memphian since 1991, Senior Rabbi Greenstein has served on the boards of United Way, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and St. Mary's Episcopal School.

Before entering rabbinical school, was a Cornell National Scholar and named a Kennedy Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he earned a master's degree in public administration.



August 22: John McQuiston

John McQuiston is a lawyer, an Episcopalian, and author of: *Always We Begin Again – The Benedictine Way Of Living; A Prayer Book for the Twenty-first Century; Knowing Beyond Words; and Finding Time for the Timeless*. He is currently at work on a book tentatively titled: *Christianity Without Superstition*. He was recently named by "Memphis Business Quarterly" as one of the top 15 business litigators in Memphis.



August 29: The Rev. Jarad Bingham

The Rev. Jarad Bingham is described the following way: Pastor, Shady Grove Presbyterian Church and co-president of the Memphis Ministers Association. He is a self-proclaimed "Citizen of the Universe" who is an activist for climate change legislation and green energy policies. He is the former front man of the indie rock band, La Paloma, and musical director/composer for Everyone, a TheatreWorks production. He received his M.Div. from Vanderbilt University Divinity School.