

# 2024 GRADUATING SENIORS

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

LOCHLAN COOK

JACOB CREEKMORE

DAVID GUNTER

MARY PEACOCK

BRAZIER PIERCE

AIDEN WATSON

## UNIVERSITY SENIORS

PAYTON BREITZMANN

CHEKUBE CHUK WUMA

DANIELA DIANO

TATUM EARP

ROHIT KATARIA

TYLER ODDO

AVERY PHILLIPS

NICO ZAVALA

# WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 28, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Slow Air for Organ..... Herbert Howells

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](http://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: Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join ..... Orlando Gibbons

† Processional Hymn No. 66: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven ..... Lauda Anima

† Call to Worship .....Maggie Jarrell

Liturgist: Beloved, let us love one another,

**People: for love comes from God.**

Liturgist: As we worship this day, we remember we are a people of love.

**People: This is how we know we live in God, and God in us.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,**

**your wide reach extends to all of us.**

**We are your children whom you deeply love.**

**Forgive us for the times we forget we are all your beloved.**

**Convict us when we withhold your love from the world:**

**from those we deem different, unlovable, or strangers;**

**from our family, friends, and neighbors.**

**Remind us that we love because you first loved us.**

**Grant us your Spirit so that your love may be complete in us**

**and the world will know your goodness.**

† 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 .....Brant Phillips

**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 New Testament ..... 1 John 4:7-21

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 at the same location immediately following the service.*

Sermon: Love Casts Out Fear .....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883 .....Aimee Baxter

**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 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

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.**

Recognition of 2024 Graduating High School Seniors..... Emily Robbins

Offertory: More Love ..... arr. Sid Davis

More love, more love; the heavens are blessing,  
the angels are calling, O Zion, more love.  
If ye love not each other in daily communion,  
how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?

† 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**

Welcoming of New Members

Commendation and Welcome

Liturgist: Family of God, Reggie is now entrusted 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 and 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.**

† Recessional Hymn No. 384: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.....Hyfrydol

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks ..... Alleluia No. 1  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.**

Voluntary: Fugue in F “alla Handel” .....Alexandre Guilmant  
*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 flowers this Sunday are provided by the Flower Fund. Many thanks to those who have contributed to this fund which is used when there is no individual donor. If you would like to contribute, please designate the Flower Fund on your gift.*

*A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Henry Wilder Burgess on April 17th to Van and Addie Burgess in Corona Del Mar, California. He is welcomed also by grandparents Chuck and Carole Burgess.*

*Today’s liturgy was written by Reverend Aimee Baxter.*

### Music Participants

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

### Today’s Music

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” is considered by many to be one of Charles Wesley’s finest texts and is one of his most popular hymns. It is believed that his first line was inspired by a line from a John Dryden poem used in Henry Purcell’s opera, *King Arthur*, which begins, “Fairest Isle, all Isles excelling, Seat of Pleasures and of Loves.”

## WEST END STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Will McLeane .....Pastor of Spiritual Formation  
Rev. Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children and Families  
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Pastor of Mercy and Justice  
Rev. Shannon Baxter ..Pastor of Congregational Connection  
Rev. Aimee Baxter.....Pastor of Young Adults  
Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth  
Molly Borneman.....Pastoral Fellow  
Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn.....Congregational Care Intern  
Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music  
Andrew Risinger.....Associate Minister of Music  
Nico Zavala.....Music Intern  
Melanie Paulson.....Director, HR & Operations  
Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director  
Lazaro Kapella.....Church Financial Officer

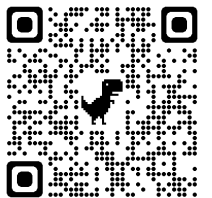
Jim Raver.....Property Operations Manager  
Corye Nelson.....Preschool Executive Director  
Christina Shoptaw.....Preschool Operations Manager  
Cheryl Reeves.....Preschool Curriculum Coordinator  
Karina Gurgenzidze.....Childcare Coordinator  
Cindy Siemer.....Senior Administrative Assistant  
Julie Catterton.....Assistant to Senior Pastor  
Andrew Callis.....Administrative Assistant  
Tosha Jackson.....Receptionist  
Devon Bardo.....Receptionist  
Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator  
Cin Tuang.....Media Assistant  
Steven Packer.....Building Superintendent  
Sam Bady.....Safety and Security Coordinator  
Richard Thomas.....Custodian

## A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

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.

We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Scan this QR Code or visit [westendumc.org/links](http://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.



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Alan Tuck; Susan Griffin; Kathy Osten; Stacie Denton; Dr. Will Noel; Dr. Alex Townes; Crystal Vines; Mark Owen; Gina Dixon; Tennessee State Legislature Session; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those mourning the loss of a loved one; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine

If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the Pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor-on-Call for April 29-May 5 will be Rev. Shannon Baxter. To submit a prayer request, visit [westendumc.org/prayerrequest](http://westendumc.org/prayerrequest).



## APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS RESTORATION POINTE

Our communion offering in April will go toward Restoration Pointe, a nonprofit that encompasses and directs several ministries that provide services for our displaced and homeless neighbors in Nashville/Davidson County. These ministries flow out and are housed in our mother church, McKendree UMC.

## CHAT AND CHEW LUNCH - UNDERGRAD AND GRAD STUDENTS

All undergrad and graduate students are invited to join us for free lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Meet Pastor Aimee in the back of the church after the service, and we will head out to eat together.

## WEST END FAMILY MEET UP :: APRIL 28

Join us for the next West End Family Meet Up at Tailgate Brewery at 5 p.m. on April 28. We'd love to see current and visiting families for fun, food, games, and fellowship! 7300 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP :: MAY 6

Beginning Monday, May 6 at 6 pm in the Bishop's Parlor, we will partner with The Counseling Center to offer a six-week Grief Support Group here at the church. The purpose of this gathering is to provide an opportunity for those working through their grief to build community with those traveling the same road and receive some professional guidance. Cara Lindell of The Counseling Center, will convene each session. To register for the group, please visit [westendumc.org/support](http://westendumc.org/support) or reach out to Shannon Baxter at [sbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org) for more information.

## Creation Care Recycle Day

Saturday, May 4  
9 a.m. to Noon ♦ Rain or Shine



Document Shredding :: E-Waste :: Fabric & Notions :: Donations :: Medications  
Find out more at [westendumc.org/recycle](http://westendumc.org/recycle)

## SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

Sunday School ♦ 9 a.m.  
Worship ♦ 10 a.m.  
Special Events ♦ 11 a.m.

Change effective May 26 thru July 28

## MAY: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

To highlight the importance of our own mental health and its effect on our spiritual growth, West End UMC is sponsoring two events that we hope many of you will participate in!

♦ The first is the NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness) Walk to be held on Saturday, May 18 at the Nashville Sounds baseball stadium. Festivities include a kids "run the bases" event! If you would like to join the walk team or just make a donation to support the work of NAMI, visit our team site at [westendumc.org/namiwalk](http://westendumc.org/namiwalk).

♦ The second will be a presentation by our Congregational Care Intern, Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn, called Mental Health 101. It will be an opportunity to learn terminology, get acquainted with our Mental Health Initiative team, and ask questions about resources and support on Sunday, May 19 at 4 pm in the 4th Story Theater.

For more info, please contact Rev. Shannon Baxter at [sbaxter@westendumc.org](mailto:sbaxter@westendumc.org).

## THE QUIET PLACE IS OPEN

The Quiet Place is a ministry of the church that serves as an outreach program for the local unhoused community. About a year ago, due to some security concerns, the Quiet Place was temporarily shut down while the concerns were addressed. We are happy to announce that The Quiet Place reopened this past week with even more security efforts than before. Scan this QR code to read the letter from leadership that was emailed earlier this month.



## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UMC GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church continues this week in Charlotte, North Carolina. To learn more about General Conference and the structure of the UMC, pick up a hand out or visit [westendumc.org/generalconference](http://westendumc.org/generalconference).

## ACCESS YOUR REALM ACCOUNT

Realm is our church membership database, and each person can have their own profile that will allow you the ability to update your information, communicate with your small groups and more. If you do not have a Realm profile yet, visit [westendumc.org/realm](http://westendumc.org/realm) to request an email invitation today.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR 2024-2025 YEAR

The West End Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awards for the 2024-2025 academic year! Eleven deserving students will receive a total of \$63,648.00 from the Blakemore, Rodes, Castles, and Casparis scholarship funds. These students will be enrolled in Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, The School of Art at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, the University of Memphis, Nashville State Community College, Kennesaw State University, and Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We congratulate our eleven awardees and wish them well in the academic programs in their chosen career paths! Thanks to Reverend Carol Cavin-Dillon, Kay Gabbert, Susanne Frensley, Marcia McDonald, Bonnie Seay, and John Bernard for their conscientious collaboration throughout this important and rewarding process.

## BOOK DISCUSSION AND IMMERSION TOUR

We are delighted to reconvene our four churches for a reading of Jemar Tisby's "The Color of Compromise" and "How to Fight Racism" as well as a Nashville Black History Immersion experience.

♦ On May 5 join us in McWhirter Hall from 2 - 3:30 p.m. for a discussion of "How to Fight Racism" and "The Color of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby

♦ Join us on Saturday, May 11 for the Nashville Black History Immersion Tour. We will explore the history of Nashville, focusing on the history of Black Nashvillians with an on/off bus tour. We will depart in the morning at 8 a.m. from Gordon Memorial UMC and return by 3 p.m. Register at [westendumc.org/tour](http://westendumc.org/tour).

# VBS 2024

June 10-13 ♦ 5-7:15 pm

3 years old by June - rising 5th grade

[westendumc.org/vbs2024](http://westendumc.org/vbs2024)



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



**Hannah Smith  
and Leah Martell**



**Reggie Hill**

## It's time for Project Transformation

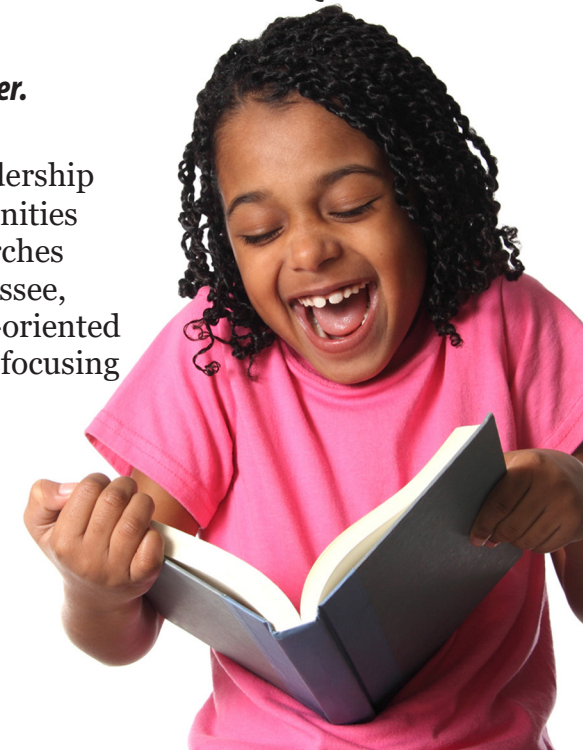
**West End is partnering with  
Project Transformation TN for its 13th summer.**

Project Transformation is a United Methodist-affiliated ministry that provides leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities to college-age young adults. Working with churches in low-income neighborhoods in Middle Tennessee, these emerging leaders coordinate community-oriented programs for under-served children and youth focusing on literacy and social-emotional learning.

There are several ways you can be involved this summer,

- ♦ Reading with kids
- ♦ Providing meals for interns
- ♦ Letter writing

There is also an Amazon wishlist for supplies and donations. To find out more and sign up, visit [westendumc.org/pt](http://westendumc.org/pt).

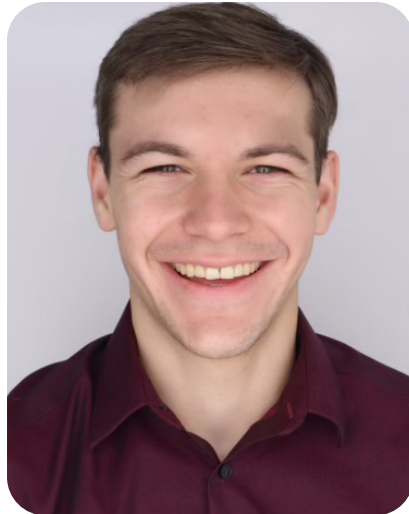




# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VANDERBILT SENIORS



**TATUM EARP**  
Music Composition



**TYLER ODDO**  
Chemical Engineering



**CHEKUBE  
CHUKWUMA**  
Psychology



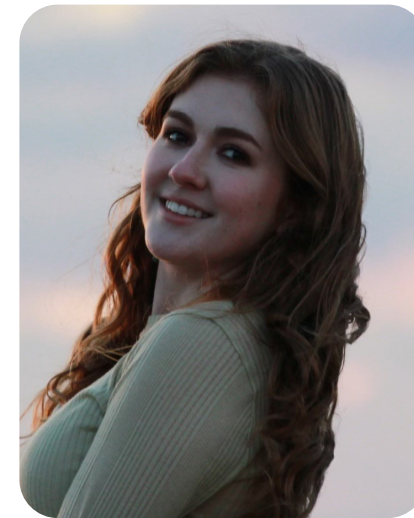
**ROHIT  
KATARIA**  
Public Policy Studies



**PAYTON  
BREITZMANN**  
Medicine, Health &  
Society, Spanish minor



**NICO ZAVALA**  
Choral Music Education,  
Minor: Psychology



**DANIELA DIANO**  
Music Education,  
Minor: Business



**AVERY  
PHILLIPS**  
Elementary Education  
and Spanish, Minor:  
Teaching Linguistically  
Diverse Students



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



## LOCHLAN COOK

Lillian Clark Cook (Lochlan), child of Jay Cook and Jennifer Cook, will be graduating from Nashville School of the Arts. They will be starting summer classes this summer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in religious studies and minoring in digital cinema production and gender/women's studies. Their interests include poetry, politics, activism, and crocheting. Significant moments at WEUMC include all youth trips, small groups and "meeting clergy who are as passionate about justice as I am."

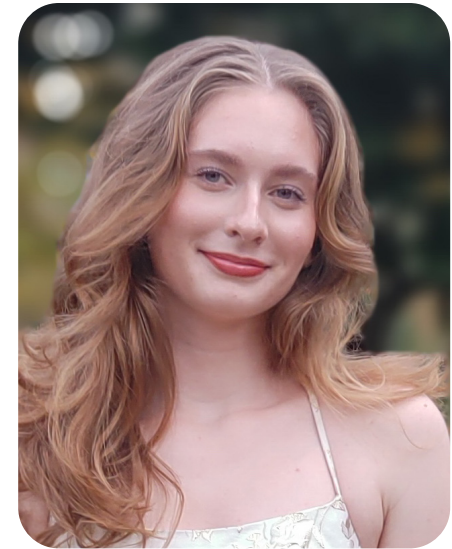
## JACOB CREEKMORE

Jacob Coleman Creekmore, son of Laura Creekmore and Ashby Barnes, will attend Mississippi State University this fall after graduating from Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School. He will be majoring in accounting or turfgrass management. He will be spending the summer working at Brentwood Country Club and spending time with family and friends. Some of his favorite memories at WEUMC are Thunderchicken basketball, Wilderness Trail, and service trips.



## MARY PEACOCK

Mary Elizabeth Peacock, daughter of John and Caroline Peacock, is graduating from Lawson High School and will be attending University of Tennessee-Knoxville in aerospace engineering. This summer she will be going on Wilderness Trail and the youth mission trip as well as traveling with family and friends. She loves hiking, camping, flying, and watching movies with friends. Her favorite memories of WEUMC include completing the WEUMC prayer garden as her Eagle Scout project, Wilderness Trail, and youth choir.

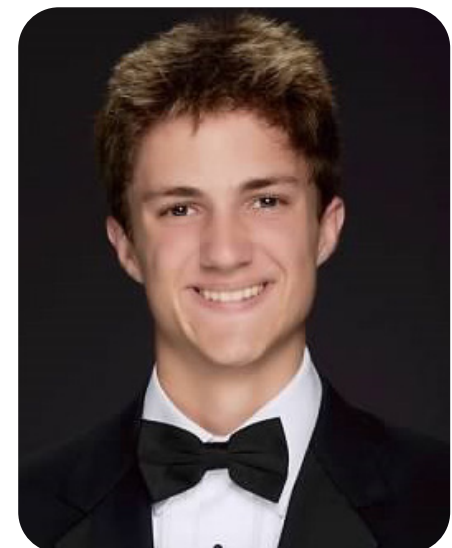


## BRAZIER PIERCE

Brazier Elizabeth Pierce, daughter of Stacie and Don Pierce, will graduate from St. Cecilia Academy and will spend the summer preparing to attend college in pre-veterinary medicine. Her interests include Vanderbilt Youth choir and drama, speech and debate. Her memories of WEUMC include the trip to Alaska and renditions of "Lean on Me" on a glacier.

## AIDEN WATSON

Aiden Clark Watson, son of Darrell and Jannie Watson, will graduate from Franklin High School and will begin his electrical apprenticeship. His hobbies include golf, UT football, and fishing. His favorite memory of WEUMC is Wilderness Trail.







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