

*Welcome to*



# HEALING BLUES AND JAZZ

**A Worship and Mental Health  
Resources Event**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025  
2-4 PM**



Health and Wellness Committee



**Scarritt  
Bennett**

# Welcome



Greetings,

On behalf of Scarritt Bennett Center, I extend a warm welcome to each of you present today to join in Healing Blues and Jazz with us!

This amazing opportunity is filled with worship and mental health resources to strengthen and bless the community. It is a tremendous honor to be able to collaborate with each agency, organization, and participant.

Our team strives to provide Radical Hospitality, ensuring that this event is informative, enjoyable, inspiring, and uplifting! We appreciate your commitment to our shared objectives and anticipate a joyous experience.

We are excited to worship, engage, and collaborate with you with great expectations of healing through ministry, service, and educational resources, during this impressive experience of Blues and Jazz.

Again, welcome and thank you for fellowshipping, discovering, breakthrough and healing together!

Rev. Dr. Sondrea Tolbert  
Executive Director, Scarritt Bennett Center

***1 Peter 5:7 NIV "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."***



Welcome to Healing Blues and Jazz: A Worship and Mental Health Resources Event!

The ecumenical faith community is uniquely positioned for serving at the intersection of mental well-being and spiritual care. This event is born out of a passionate initiative through my Capstone Project as I completed my Master of Divinity degree at Central Theological Seminary, through their Women's Leadership Initiative. Initially branded as Holiday Blues and Jazz, this program aims to offer essential support and resources during the challenging holiday season. After discussing the concept with the Health and Wellness Committee, it evolved into a vital community gift focused on healing, resource distribution, and breaking down the stigmas surrounding mental illness. Maria Smith and Robin Nobling of the Suicide Prevention in the African American Faith Community Coalition, (SPAAFCC) providing guidance with this project.

Our inaugural Holiday Blues and Jazz event took place at Dixon Memorial UMC in North Nashville, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Tamika Robertson. In our pursuit to bring hope and healing, we have also partnered with Steal Away Women Ministry, founded by Rev. Dr. Paula Smith and with Rev. Dr. Donna Patterson, Chaplain in Residence, previously with Scarritt Bennett Center.

Healing Blues and Jazz is meticulously organized by the Health and Wellness Initiatives Committee (Rev. Marie C. King, Chairperson) of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church, alongside Scarritt Bennett Center. This year, we proudly celebrate our fifth anniversary, with four of those years in collaboration with Scarritt Bennett, Rev. Sondrea Tolbert, Executive Director; Rev. Linda Furtado, Director of Spirituality and Arts.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the numerous agencies, organizations, musicians, and artists who consistently support this essential community service. Special thanks to Gwen Hamer, Tennessee Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Director of Education and Development along with Sheldon Walker, Public Health Administrator, Behavioral Health & Wellness, and Suicide Prevention in the African American Faith Community Coalition.

Join us in fostering healing and connection!

Blessings to all,  
Rev. Marie C. King  
Pastor, Mt. Pisgah UMC  
Chairperson, Health and Wellness Initiatives Committee, Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference,  
The United Methodist Church

# Healing Blues and Jazz: A Worship and Mental Health Resources Event

Sunday, January 26, 2025 • 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Resources Provided by Mental Health and Wellness Agencies)

GATHERING MUSIC

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

SONG

Blessed Assurance

WELCOME

Rev. Sondrea Tolbert, Executive Director Rev. Marie C.

OCCASION

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INTRODUCTION OF EMCEE

Rev. Marie C. King

INTRODUCTION OF ARTISTS

Crystal Joy of the Take Joy on Your Journey Podcast

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTIONS

Rev. Dr. Paula B. Smith

PRAYER

Rev. Timothy Holton

ARTISTRY, MUSIC, AND POETRY

Henry Jones, Henry Perry, Linda Furtado, Connye  
Florance and Kevin Madill

LIGHTING OUR WAY

(You are invited to light a candle for yourself or someone else after this Litany)

“God of endless love, source of all healing, we call upon you:  
For those who are hurting, bring comfort and solace, we pray.  
For those in darkness, shine your light of hope, we pray.  
For broken hearts, mend them with your grace, we pray.  
For weary souls, grant strength to carry on, we pray.  
For the sick and suffering, touch them with your healing hands, we pray.  
For our communities, fill them with compassion and unity, we pray.  
In your loving mercy, hear our pleas and bring healing to all who need it, we pray. Amen.”

MUSIC

Musicians

CLOSING REMARKS

Rev. Linda Furtado

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Marie C. King

# Healing Blues and Jazz: A Worship and Mental Health Resources Event

## RESOURCE PRESENTATIONS

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CenterWell Senior Primary Care	<a href="http://centerwellprimarycare.com">centerwellprimarycare.com</a>
Creation Care Ministry	<a href="http://creationcaretwkumc.org">creationcaretwkumc.org</a>
Family and Children's Service	<a href="http://getcoveredtenn.org">getcoveredtenn.org</a>
Goodwill Career Solutions	<a href="http://goodwillcareersolutions.org">goodwillcareersolutions.org</a>
Greater Nashville Regional Council	<a href="http://gnrc.org">gnrc.org</a>
HarperHillGlobal	<a href="http://www.harperhill.global">www.harperhill.global</a>
Metro Public Health Department of Behavioral Health and Wellness division	<a href="http://nashville.gov/departments/health/clinical-health-services">nashville.gov/departments/health/clinical-health-services</a>
Metro Social Services	<a href="http://nashville.gov/departments/social-services">nashville.gov/departments/social-services</a>
NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness	<a href="http://namidavidson.org">namidavidson.org</a>
State of Tennessee Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services	<a href="http://tn.gov/behavioral-health">tn.gov/behavioral-health</a>
TAADAS/ TN Redline/Clearinghouse	<a href="http://taadas.org">taadas.org</a>
Tri-Synergy Counseling	<a href="http://tri-synergycounselingtn.com">tri-synergycounselingtn.com</a>
Vanderbilt Memory and Alzheimer's Center	<a href="http://vumc.org/vmac/home">vumc.org/vmac/home</a>
YCCYouCanChange	<a href="http://youcanchange.ggodaddysites.com">youcanchange.ggodaddysites.com</a>

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Henry L. Jones, Spoken Word Artist, Inaugural Poet Laureate, Hendersonville, Tennessee

Mr. Henry Perry, Harmonica (Mississippi Sax)

Ms. Connye Florance and Mr. Kevin Madill

Rev. Linda Furtado, Visual Artist and Director of Spirituality and Arts, Scarritt Bennett Center

Rev. Sondrea Tolbert, Executive Director, Scarritt Bennett Center

Rev. Dr. Paula B. Smith, Pastor Gordon Memorial UMC and Steal Away Women Ministry

Rev. Timothy Holton, Pastor Berlin Circuit

Rev. Marie C. King, Pastor Mt. Pisgah UMC Health and Wellness Initiatives Committee Chairperson of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of the UMC

Rev. Michael Vaughn, Director of Technology

This is a gift to the community from the Scarritt Bennett Center, the Health and Wellness Committee of The Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church, and various mental health resources, agencies, and organizations of Tennessee.

*Many thanks to the organizations, that support and provide resources in the work of mental, spiritual, and physical well-being.*



**HENRY L. JONES**, award-winning poet, artist, playwright, author and actor, is the Inaugural Poet Laureate of Hendersonville, Tennessee. Jones' books with his poetry include: *Black Skillet Blues: Poetry without Cornbread*, *Run into Blackness: Feeling My Poetic Gumbo* (Pneuma Pub. International, Inc.), *Coming Home: A Retrospect* (Parthenon Press) with photographer Carlton Wilkinson, *Tell Me No Lies* (chapbook), and *Houses of God* (House of Blues Foundation and Platinum Entertainment). He's won fellowships, residencies, grants and visiting writers programs. His poetry has appeared internationally in anthologies, journals, magazines, films and art installations.

Some of his published poems appeared in *In Fullness of the Word: Black American Poet Laureates*, *SETU Magazine*, *Poets from the Neighborhood Anthology*, and *American Graveyard: Calls to End Gun Violence*. Jones is the inaugural president of the National Society of Black Poet Laureates and recently won a grant from Arts Equity Nashville's Mutual Aid Society and SALT Weekly to help fund his documentary film project "In this Season," about Hendersonville, Tennessee. Jones is an alumnus of Fisk University.

**HENRY PERRY** was born in Chattanooga, TN in 1946. He attended Tennessee State University in 1965 where he was introduced to the blues while listening to WLAC radio in his dormitory. He didn't really start learning to play the harmonica until age 27. He just wanted to play "Mary had a little lamb"; never really dreaming he would one day play with a blues band.

During that time, Henry found DeFord Bailey living in a retirement apartment complex in Nashville and was able to take a few harmonica lessons before leaving Nashville to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority in Alabama. Working with TVA had Henry moving around quite a bit until he landed in Knoxville, TN where he lived for 25 years.

Henry tried to meet as many of the true bluesmen as he could which would include: James Cotton, Johnny Shines, Phillip Walker, Carey Bell, Jerry McCain, Billy Branch, William Clark and others. It was Knoxville's own, Donald Brown, former keyboardist for Art Blakey and the Messengers in New York, who gave him his first paying gig. A couple of the highlights of playing in Knoxville was sitting in with Carey Bell at a club in the "old city" and playing with Donald Brown's Band when they opened for Bobby "Blue" Bland at the Bijou Theater. While still in Knoxville, Henry played several years with Cheryl Rene's Blues Band and about 12 years with the Slow Blind Hill Blues and Jazz Band.

Henry says he really enjoys playing harmonica because "there is no end to the things you can play on it....when you think you have gotten the best out of the instrument, and then you hear somebody take it to another level". In 2021, Henry and his wife Monica, decided to move to the Nashville area and currently live in Goodlettsville, TN.



**REV. LINDA FURTADO** is serving in extension ministry as a licensed local pastor at Scarritt Bennett Center the metro Nashville area of Middle Tennessee.

Creative and ministry pursuits have always been part of Linda's journey in life and ministry even from her teenage years. With her undergraduate degree in music education from Middle Tennessee State University and her personal passion for artistic expressions of many kinds, she has been able to further develop the gifts and graces afforded to her and thrive in physical and digital landscapes of ministry with a heart for the creative and a spirit of excellence for over two decades.

After serving as the Minister of Worship, Arts, and Media for McKendree UMC in downtown Nashville, TN, Linda began to serve in pastoral ministry as a lay supply pastor and currently continues toward ordained ministry as a deacon in The United Methodist Church. Her local pastoral ministry began at Beech Grove United Methodist Church and extended to Bellshire United Methodist Church before she made the transition to focus her fulltime work at Scarritt Bennett Center as Director of Spirituality and Arts.

Whether in her many years and roles of service as a United Methodist or in her own home as wife of elder Rev. Jefferson Furtado, and mother of 3 daughters ages 17, 15, and 10, Linda thrives by being a creative force for spiritual formation and learning.

**CONNYE FLORANCE** and **KEVIN MADILL** have been inspiring audiences with their spirit-filled, passionate, conversational brand of jazz for more than 25 years. Often referred to as "The Dynamic Duo", audiences are regularly moved by the musical power and healing strength these two have together.

**Connye Florance**, a North Carolina native, is an award-winning vocalist; actor, published songwriter and teaching artist. She has toured on and off Broadway; has released two studio albums and created several biographical music presentations for Nashville Jazz Workshop's popular series, "Jazz on The Move". Connye received honors as "Esteemed Southern Artist" in 2007 from SouthernArtistry, and Tennessee Arts Commission.; is featured on more than 27 available recordings and is an often-headlined vocalist for concert series, jazz festivals and special events.

**Kevin Madill**, an Indiana native, is a versatile studio musician, producer, programmer, arranger and music director. He has played on, produced, and conducted over 3000 recordings and 2000 live shows, supporting a long roster of artists that includes Leon Russell, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, and countless others. As music director, Kevin has led productions with Nashville Children's Theatre, Tennessee Repertory and Theater Craft, and more.

Kevin serves as Director of Music for Edgehill UMC, and formerly as ensemble leader/pianist for "Vespers and All That Jazz" at Scarritt Bennett Center.



It's been said to be in **CRYSTAL JOY's** presence is to experience the joy of the Lord. Blessed with the gifts of humor and wit, balanced with a brilliant mind of communicating through the arts, Crystal has a unique ability to command the stage whether she is teaching about dramatic ministry, mistress of ceremony for an event or teaching the artistic community, and financial management. Her creative and bold delivery cannot be ignored.

As Crystal's desire to enhance her talents to become a more excellent resource to help others, she continued higher education after high school. She established a degree in Broadcasting and Telecommunications, training in Social Work, and counseling, and finished her formal training with a Masters in Administration and Education. In addition, she is trained as a Financial literacy Coach as developed L.I.F.E. (Living In Financial Excellence) Financial Literacy workshop to teach families how to live financially stress free.

Her versatile background experience consists of teaching in public schools and college level, radio personality, television and film actress, writing, producing and performing in plays, conducting training workshops in financial literacy, the arts and ministry arts programs facilitator as well as a product developer, acting, singing and writing curriculums and books. Recently, Crystal was appointed as an Ordained Minister at Born Again Church.

As an accomplished author, her recently released book titled "Who ART in Heaven? "Conceptual Strategy of Arts and Academics for Ministry Leaders" is now available as ebook or paperback on multiple sites as well as Amazon.

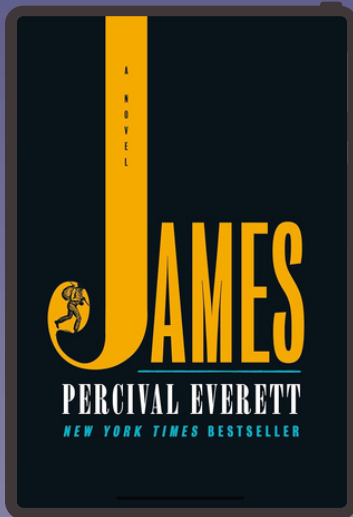


# Storylines

## BOOK CLUB

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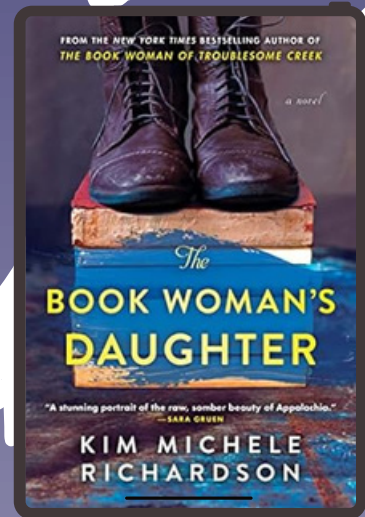
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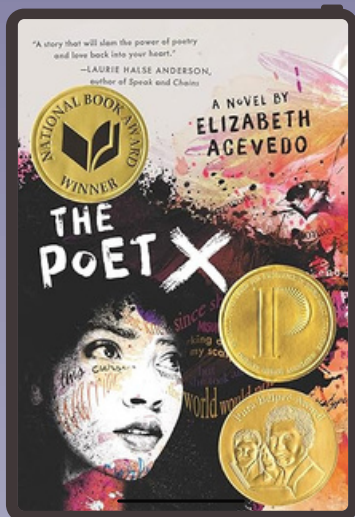
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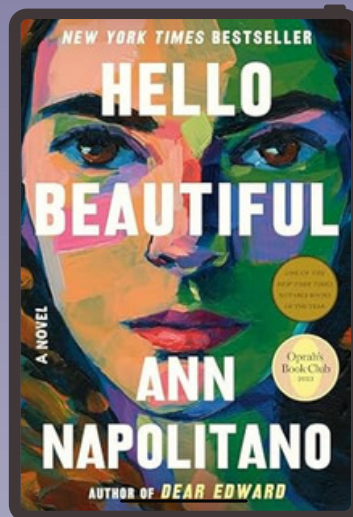
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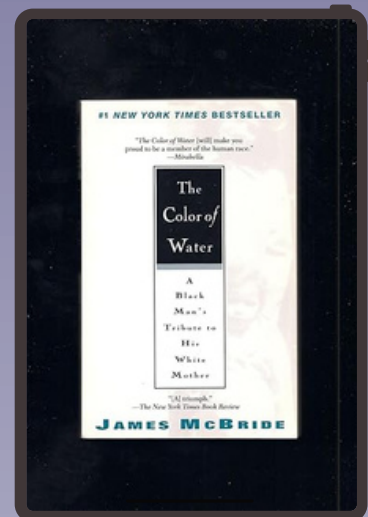
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JUNE 9

# Lessons From In-laws The Church and Racism

"And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee...thy people shall be my people , and thy God my God"- Ruth 1:16 (KJV)

The story of Ruth and Naomi illustrates the power of loving the same God, loving each other and the transforming power of love in overcoming differences. The principles and processes of awareness, relationships and commitment are observable in this biblical narrative.

Join this dynamic worship and workshop

Saturday February 1, 8 and 15.  
The group will meet in Laskey 105.

Breakfast 9:30a,  
Workshop 10a - 1p

*Cost for the 3 session study is \$60.  
Cost for individual Saturday session is \$25. Fee covers the cost of breakfast.*

## OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- To challenge Christians to become one and reflect the Church as God planned (John 17:22-23)
- Raise awareness of individual and systemic racism
- Realize the power of relationships
- Commit to individual and systemic change healing going forward leading to better relationships

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# A Safe Place to “Check In”



## **Welcome to A Safe Place for Collecting Ourselves!**

Join us at Scarritt Hall for an evening of grief relief and community building.

Share without fear of judgment. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life and focus on reconnecting with your inner self.

This event is a chance to prioritize your well-being and invest in self-care. We can't wait to see you there!

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# ENCORE

## Ministry Foundation

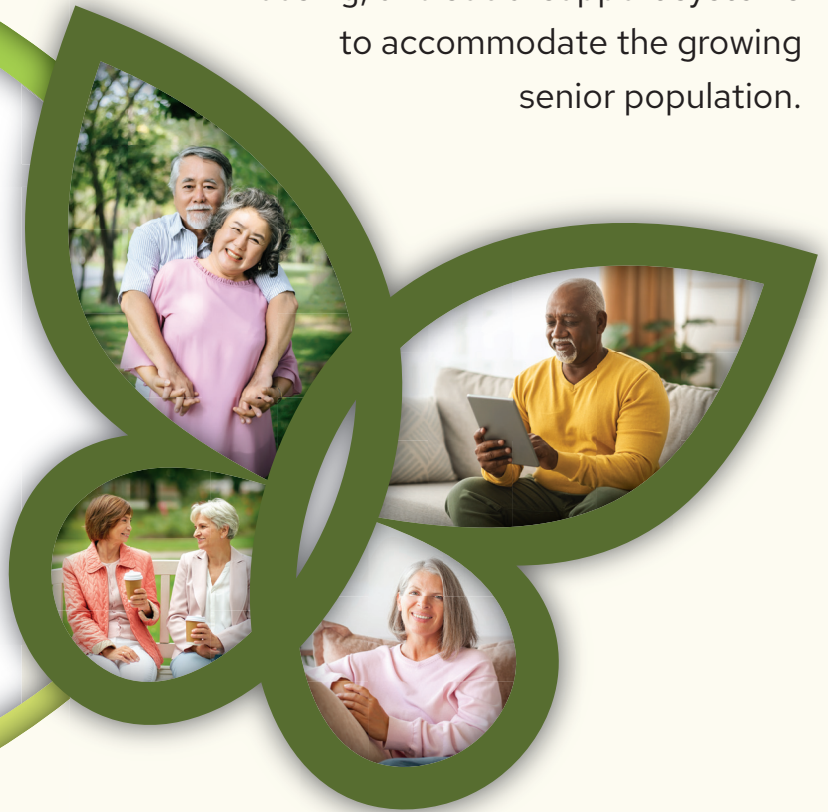
ENCORE Ministry Foundation provides training and support, resources, and networking opportunities to equip older adults and church leaders for intentional ministry by, with, and for older adults. There is no cost for its service.

Our world is getting older. And it's getting older fast. An age revolution is taking place in our nation where thousands of people each day are entering their retirement years and the Third Age of life.

By 2035, it is projected that **22% of the U.S. population will be 65 years or older.**

This marks a continued aging trend as the Baby Boomer generation ages, and it will represent the first time in U.S. history that older adults outnumber children under 18.

This shift emphasizes the importance of planning for changes in healthcare, housing, and social support systems to accommodate the growing senior population.



## OUR CORE VALUES

### HOW

- Provide quality resources
- Collaborative solutions
- Empowering older adults to experience grace-filled lives

### WE VALUE

- Our Wesleyan heritage
- Strategic alliances
- Lifelong learning

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*Opportunity*



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Grant support from the ENCORE Ministry Foundation helped fund rebuilding four destroyed or flood-damaged homes owned by senior adults in Waverly, Tennessee. One home destroyed by the flooding was owned by Eileen Puckett.



*Being over 65 and on a fixed income – Social Security and small pension – and thinking about starting a new 30-year mortgage scared the heck out of me.*

*Before the flood, my home was paid for and was my retirement.*

*After the flood, I was wondering if I would have to go back to work.*

*I had nightmares, anxiety, and stress.*

*However, my fear was eliminated thanks in part to the ENCORE Ministry Foundation.*



EILEEN  
PUCKETT



ENCORE Ministry Foundation provides financial support, training, and resources to churches and communities. Its work encompasses areas to support an aging population such as:



AFFORDABLE HOUSING



HEALTHCARE



FOOD SECURITY



CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY



TRANSPORTATION

Grants are offered to assist local churches and other organizations in starting or growing older adult ministries and addressing critical needs like hunger, housing, and spiritual development. These grants often require matching funds and are tailored to specific needs, such as disaster relief or enhancing facilities for accessibility.

Through its initiatives, ENCORE aims to help older adults live dignified and grace-filled lives while fostering a culture of inclusion and support within church communities. For more details, visit [www.encoreministry.org](http://www.encoreministry.org).



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