

Welcome to

# HEALING BLUES AND JAZZ



**A Worship and Mental Health  
Resources Event**

**Sunday, March 15, 2026  
2-4 PM**



**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 fellowshiping, 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, Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church  
Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference, The United Methodist Church

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

Sunday, March 15, 2026 • 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Emcees: Rev. Timothy Holton and Rev. Dr. Paula B. Smith

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Rock of Ages, arranged by William "Billy" Moon; You've Got a Friend (Carole King)</i>	
WELCOME AND OCCASION AND INTRODUCTION OF EMCEES		Rev. Marie C. King
WELCOME TO SCARRITT-BENNETT CENTER		Rev. Dr. Sondrea Tolbert
GREETINGS		Rev. Dr. Stephen Handy
PRAYER		Rev. Marie King
ABUNDANT HEALTH		Jeff Fuller
MUSIC	<i>Speak to My Heart (Donnie McClurkin)</i>	
WELLNESS DIMENSION: SOUL AND SPIRIT		Rabbi Phillip "Flip" Rice
LITURGICAL DANCE	<i>How Great is Our God (Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash) Arranged by Uriel Vega</i>	Cayli Wilson
WELLNESS DIMENSION: MIND		Rev. Dr. Sondrea Tolbert
MUSIC	<i>God Bless the Child (Billie Holiday, Arthur Herzog, Jr.)</i>	
WELLNESS DIMENSION: BODY - PHYSICAL WELLNESS		Rev. Dr. Kim McLean
MUSIC		Rev. Dr. Kim McLean
WELLNESS DIMENSION: RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING		Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon
MUSIC	<i>I Need You To Survive (David Frazier)</i>	
VISUAL ART PIECE SHARING		Rev. Linda Furtado
INTRODUCTION OF MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS		
CLOSING AND EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS		Rev. Marie King

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Introduction of Mental Health Agencies/Organizations  
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Abundant Health
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Tennessee Chapter
- Becoming Well Therapy
- Center Well
- Family Life Enrichment Consultants
- Greater Nashville Regional Council
- Harper Hill Global/Triumph Over Trauma
- Metro Public Health Department Behavioral Health and Wellness Division
- NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness
- TAADAS/Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & other Addiction Services
- Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service
- Vanderbilt Memory and Alzheimer's Center

Special Guest from Scarritt Bennett Center: Dr. Matthew Leavitt Brown, 2nd Floor, Art Gallery Featured Artist and Founder of Lingwell | Language & Mental Health

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

- Rev. Marie C. King, Pastor of Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church and Founder and Program Director of Healing Blues and Jazz
- Rev. Dr. Sondrea Tolbert, Executive Director, Scarritt Bennett Center
- Rev. Dr. Stephen Handy, District Superintendent, Urban Cohort
- Rev. Timothy Holton, Pastor Berlin Circuit
- Rev. Dr. Paula B. Smith, Pastor Gordon Memorial UMC and Steal Away Women Ministry
- Jeff Fuller, Home Missioner, Abundant Health Network Coordinator
- Rabi Philip "Flip" Rice, Congregation Micah
- Cayli Wilson
- Rev. Dr. Kim McLean, Pastor Music City West Church of the Nazarene and Singer/Songwriter
- Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon, Pastor at West End United Methodist Church
- Rev. Linda Furtado, Visual Artist and Director of Spirituality and Arts, Scarritt Bennett Center
- Ms. Connye Florance, Vocals
- Mr. Kevin Madill, Pianist
- William "Billy" Moon, Saxophone
- 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.***



### PHILIP "FLIP" RICE, RABBI

Inspiring us all to use our religious imaginations, Rabbi Flip loves to teach through story, is passionate about innovative religious services, and revels in teaching how ancient texts can still speak to us today. A community leader of interfaith dialogue, he lectures locally at Belmont University and was a founder of Get Connected – the locally run Israel teen trip experience.

Born in Washington D.C. and raised in Miami, Florida, Flip is a graduate of the University of Virginia (1992) with a major in History, holds a Masters in Western Religious Thought and Spirituality from Florida State University (1996), and received his Master of Hebrew Letters (1999) from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Flip was ordained as a rabbi from HUC-JIR (2001) and recently earned a Doctor of Ministry from Lipscomb University (2018). Prior to arriving in Nashville, Flip was an Associate Rabbi at Temple De Hirsch Sinai in Seattle, Washington (2001-2005).

Flip also enjoys practicing yoga, swimming, sailing, scuba-diving, and spending time with his wife and three children.

Cayli Mariah Wilson is a dedicated trained ballerina and liturgist whose artistic and spiritual journey began at the age of 3. She trained with the Nashville School of Ballet for 12 years, developing a strong foundation in classical ballet. Additionally, Cayli has 14 years of experience in jazz, character, and contemporary dance through Studio Laugh Love Leap. In fall 2025, she completed a choreography course and choreographed three dance pieces for girls aged 8 and up, showcasing her creative talents and leadership. For four years, Cayli has taught ballet to children aged 3-11 at Jones Elementary School as part of their performing arts program, fostering a love of dance and confidence in young dancers.

A member of Seay-Hubbard United Methodist Church under the leadership of Rev. Marie King, Cayli's faith journey has profoundly shaped her character and purpose. In 2023, she reaffirmed her commitment to her faith by completing her Confirmation class. She also taught Vacation Bible School in 2021 and 2022, guiding 3- to 5-year-olds in learning about God's love and nurturing their spiritual growth.

Since age 12, Cayli has been an active leader at the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at Tennessee State University, serving as the principal liturgical ballerina in worship, community service, and virtual Bible studies. Her dedication to this ministry from 2019 to 2025 has strengthened her leadership, faith, and desire to serve others with humility and compassion. She has also contributed her dance talents to the dance ministry at Seay-Hubbard Church for over a decade and co-taught Sunday School from 2022 to 2024, helping children deepen their faith.

Cayli's faith, leadership, and artistic talents reflect her deep commitment to service and community engagement. These experiences inspire her to pursue her goals with dedication and compassion, especially as she prepares to serve others as a nurse with love and humility.



Kim McLean is a Dove award winning songwriter, twice Grammy nominated. Her song credits include Tim McGraw and Lee Ann Womack; blues-greats Bettye LaVette and Shana Morrison, and gospel mainstays The Martins and Sierra. She has garnered awards from N.S.A.I., ASCAP, and the Just Plain Folk Americana Song of the Year. Her musical TV/Film credits include NBC's West Wing, CBS' Cold Case and Early Edition, and ABC's Hope & Faith. Kim has traveled extensively as a keynote speaker since 2006. Kim McLean is a reverend doctor and is currently planting a new church in Bellevue called Music City West Church. She has recently co-written a book with Loretta Lynn released by Hachette/Worthy book publishing in 2023 along with a new CD of Lynn/McLean co-writes.



Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon currently serves as the Senior Pastor at West End United Methodist Church in Nashville and is also an adjunct faculty member at Vanderbilt Divinity School. A graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory University, she was ordained in 1996 and has served as a pastor at Brentwood UMC and Christ UMC in Williamson County. She received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in 2018. She and her husband David married in 1999 and have two adult children. In addition to her pastoral and teaching responsibilities, Carol has been involved in prison ministry and advocating in the Tennessee Legislature for alternatives to the death penalty and health care accessibility.



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.



Dr. Matthew Leavitt Brown, Poet Laureate of Murfreesboro, TN—an award-winning educator, writer, and advocate whose work invites us to listen deeply and reflect collectively.

Matthew Brown [he/him] is the author of *Thou Art That* and a leading voice in using poetry as a form of social engagement and storytelling. As Murfreesboro's Poet Laureate, he gathers voices across the city to create collaborative poetic projects that honor lived experience and give space to those often unheard.

Brown is co-founder of several writing groups, including Writers Corps (supporting veterans and their families), The Lavinia Project (for survivors and allies against sexual and domestic violence), and *Nuestros Voces* (focused on Latinx stories and advocacy). His work stretches across galleries, public spaces, workshops, and commemorations—making poetry accessible, transformative, and deeply human.

You can experience his art and poetry in the featured art exhibit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Laskey Art Gallery after the worship experience of *Healing Blues and Jazz*.



William S. Moon - arranger, composer, lyricist, conductor, teacher. Retired Instrumental music teacher - Metro Nashville (TN) Public Schools. Teaching experience at colleges and secondary schools in Tennessee and North Carolina as well as private instruction in flute and saxophone. Playing experience ranges from Opera to Top 40 bands. Former military bandsman (USAF). Freelance player and arranger in Nashville, TN. and central North Carolina areas. Composer and/or arranger of music for piano, voice, stage band, woodwind chamber groups, church choir, Jazz/pop combos



**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.



Rev. Timothy Holton is a United Methodist local pastor who serves on the board of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and ministers to death row inmates as a volunteer chaplain at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Dr. Paula B. Smith, Senior Pastor of Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church. She holds an MDIV from Candler School of Theology and a DMIN from Wesley Theological Seminary. Before her full-time ministry, she was a licensed physical therapist with a Master of Medical Science in Physical Therapy with a concentration in Orthopedics. Her greatest joy is sharing her life and ministry with her husband, Bobby, and their adult daughter, Brianna.