



Press Release

Fall worship series focuses on “Faith Works”

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“Faith Works” is the theme for the 2013 fall worship series at Maryville College, which begins on Sept. 3.

Held every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Samuel Tyndale Wilson Center for Campus Ministry (CCM), community worship is open to Maryville College faculty, staff and students, as well as members of the public.

“This fall, the College is launching a new emphasis which will encourage every student to make practical connections between their liberal arts education and professional experience. In keeping with this focus, the chapel series will help the College community explore connections between faith and work,” said the Rev. Dr. Anne McKee, campus minister at the College. “We will consider how the work people do every day is an expression of their deep beliefs and what tensions, if any, there are between living faithfully and the work we are called to do.

“Speakers might reflect on their own work – as a faculty member in a particular discipline, as their child’s coach, or as an activist for a particular issue – and how it grows out of or challenges their deep perspectives on the world,” McKee continued. “Or, a speaker might reflect on how work is portrayed in scriptures, of whatever your tradition is – how do holy writings inform our view of work, and what do we have to learn from them? We might look at kinds of work that are considered undesirable, or those that are especially prized, and think about how these models inform how we spend our time.”

McKee will introduce the faith and work themes in the first two chapel services on Sept. 3 and 10. The featured speakers for September are: Dr. Crystal Colter, MC associate professor of psychology, on Sept. 17 and Dr. Ron Wells, director of the Maryville Symposium, on Sept. 24.

Orientation worship service set for Aug. 25

On Sun., Aug. 25, new students are invited to an Orientation worship service at 10 a.m. in the Clayton Center for the Arts' Ronald and Lynda Nutt Theatre. McKee will lead the service, along with students who are leaders of religious organizations on campus. A student band will lead the music.

"This service is one way that we celebrate the connections between faith and learning at Maryville College," McKee said.

For more information about Maryville College's worship services, contact the CCM at 865.981.8299.

Maryville College is ideally situated in Maryville, Tenn., between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Knoxville, the state's third largest city. Founded in 1819, it is the 12th oldest institution of higher learning in the South and maintains an affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Known for its academic rigor and its focus on the liberal arts, Maryville is where students come to stretch their minds, stretch themselves and learn how to make a difference in the world. Total enrollment for the fall 2012 semester was 1,093.