

Opportunities To LEARN, To GROW, To SHARE, To SERVE

Wednesday Night Supper. The menu for *May 1* is *Marinated Pork Tenderloins, Steamed Broccoli, Corn, Rolls, Dessert, Tea and/or Water* beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sign up outside Wesley hall at the Welcome Center or outside the Sanctuary by *Noon* on *Monday, April 29*, or *call* the church office. Cost is *\$4.00 for children under 12* and *\$8.00 for adults*.

Boy Scout Troop 99 Fundraiser. Come out and support Troop 99! They will offer sales of *hand-chopped barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks and a limited supply of BBQ by the pound and homemade baked goods* at the Annual Eastern Antique Power Association Tractor and Engine Show on *Saturday, May 11, The Plaza on 15th Street, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.*

VBS Meeting. Join us on *May 14* at *6:30 p.m.* in *Wesley Hall*. We will be reviewing the *Child Protection Plan* so ALL volunteers need to attend, if possible.

Vacation Bible School. Join us on our **Great Jungle Journey Vacation Bible School** as we set out to explore biblical answers to questions on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. VBS is for children who will start *Kindergarten through 5th Grade* and will be held *Monday, June 17, through Thursday, June 20*, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Use the *QR code* or the link <https://forms.gle/havyFXTW8c2j1bsD9> to sign up.

VBS Donations. Help us “cruise” into a successful VBS by checking out our *donations board* under the TV outside Wesley Hall! Flip up the leaves and grab a supply or give a monetary donation, and we will do the shopping for you! We are grateful to have you all as part of our Jungle Journey Crew! If you have questions about supply items needed, *contact Amanda Bazan* or *Stephanie Capehart*.

Preschool Employment Opportunities. The Preschool has two openings for *teacher assistants* for the upcoming *2024-2025* school year — *Pre-K* and *three-year-old* classes. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact *Amanda Bazan* at *252-532-7604* or email fmcwpschool@gmail.com.

Our Global Methodist Church Convening General Conference. The conference will be held on *September 20-26, 2024, in Costa Rica*. The General Conference website is at sotheworldwillknow.org. Found on the website is “The CONVENING CONFERENCE COMMUNITY: PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND COVENANT FOR OUR LIFE TOGETHER.” This document outlines the objective(s) and agenda (page 4,5) for the conference, fundamentally to ratify the CONSTITUTION and adopt the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* that will be no longer considered transitional. We are invited to petition the conference (TBDD para 607) concerning issues on the agenda. Should you have an agenda issue or question, please *contact Charlie Moore* at *703 859-6175*.

Weekly Calendar	
	April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday	
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service and Children’s Church—WH/FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School—Regular Classes (Children, Youth, and Adults)
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	MYF—FH
Monday	April 29
1:00 p.m.	Matthew 25 Board Meeting—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99 Meeting—FH
Tuesday	April 30
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—OEB/Parlor
Wednesday	May 1
4:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption (MOR)—ACR
4:30 p.m.	River City Ringers—Choir Room
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper—WH
6:15 p.m.	Children’s Ministry Programming—K-2 Sunday School Classrooms
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	May 2
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:30 p.m.	BSA Pack 99 Meeting—FH
Friday	May 3
Saturday	May 4
Sunday	May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service and Children’s Church—WH/FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School—Regular Classes (Children, Youth, and Adults)
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	MYF—FH

**God’s Servants
Worship Services
~ April 28 ~**

Nursery: Brett O’Brien, Delaney O’Brien
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: Nancy Hemink, Nancy Jessup
Children’s Church: Amanda Barnes, Kasey Stone
Communion: Mike and Jean Ash,
Servers: Fritz and Sheila Tanner, Rob and Libby Cameron, Lilly Davis, Elanor Davis, Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: BathTime
Praise/Prayer: Beth Page
Welcome Ctr: PJ Stembidge
Camera: Bill Rompilla
Sound: Steve Toler
Streaming: Sarabeth Franz
Video: Kari Hall
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Altar Guild: Shirley Stone, Marsha Bowes, Alma Friedman, Kasey Stone
Sound: Charlie Moore
~ May 5 ~

Nursery: Brett O’Brien, Delaney O’Brien
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: Katherine Davis, Buffy Lich, Anne Baxter, Sarah Purvis, Kim Sawyer
Children’s Church: To be determined
Communion: Beth Litchfield,
Servers: Sarah Purvis, Chris and Allyson Bollow, Richard and Ann Jones, Tom and Paula Willey, Laura Davis (gluten-free)
Holy Java: ABC
Praise/Prayer: Chris Smith
Welcome Ctr: Sarah Beth Wood
Camera: To be determined
Sound: Rob Baxter
Streaming: To be determined
Video: To be determined
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Altar Guild: Kay Smith, Kaye Alligood, Gay Reames, Jane Weaver
Sound: Charlie Moore

Legend

ACR	Asbury Conference Room
FH	Fellowship Hall
MYF	Methodist Youth Fellowship
NEB/OEB	New / Old Education Building
MM / MW	Methodist Men / Methodist Women
WH	Wesley Hall

NEB and ACR Classrooms

Adult Sunday School:
Friendship Joy ACR Upstairs
ABC Ruble Conference Room Downstairs
Children’s Sunday School Youth Room Upstairs



First Methodist Church Washington

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024*



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Welcome, Friends, as we worship God today. May the time we share together in this place be a blessing to you. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming a member of First Methodist Church Washington, contact the church office to speak with a pastor.

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 a.m.

Gathering Song Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

***Collect**

God, You sent Your Son into the world that we might live through Him. May we abide in His risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

Worship Songs Praise Team

Children’s Church is held for ages five to seven. The children are directed to meet in the back and will return following the Sermon.

Praise and Prayer Concerns and Lord’s Prayer Beth Page

If you wish for the pastors to receive your concern privately, we invite you to please fill out a Prayer Card and place in the offering plate.

Scripture Lesson Acts 8:26-40

Sermon “When the Word Grows Legs” Rev. Stephen Bazan

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Come forward as directed by the ushers. Offering will be received by ushers as we come to the table. The invitation to Communion is open to all who love and seek to serve Christ.

Communion Servers

Mike and Jean Ash, Fritz and Sheila Tanner, Rob and Libby Cameron, Lilly Davis, Elanor Davis, (Mary Toler gluten-free server on the right side)

***Concluding Song** Praise Team

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** Praise Team

***Please stand as led.**

Praise Team

Amanda Barnes, Neva Cashion, Dixon Davis, Nicole Jackson, Jim O’Brian, Bill Peele, Dale Peele, Les Sheridan

Ushers

Paige Davis, Alton Griffin, Walter Jessup, Richard Jones, Ken Matveia



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.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Holy, Holy, Holy” Anna Laura Page

***Collect**

God, You sent Your Son into the world that we might live through Him. May we abide in His risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

***Hymn** “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” No. 662

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed No. 881

***Gloria Patri** No. 70

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.

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, and Lord’s Prayer

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Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” Cesareo Gabarain
Chancel Choir with Megan Dixon

***Doxology** No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music “Go Light Your World” Chris Rice
Megan Dixon, Solo

Scripture Lesson Acts 8:26-40

Sermon “When the Word Grows Legs” Rev. Stephen Bazan

***Hymn** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” No. 569

***Benediction**

***Postlude** “All Creatures of Our God and King” Anna Laura Page

***Congregation standing.**



The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God.

“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him.”
Psalm 22:27 (NIV)

Notes:

Chancel Choir

Lynette Amick, Ron Champion, Alma Friedman, Kari Hall, Patty Jackson, Melonie Lewis, Mary Maddox, Jim McPherson, Mike Moore, Patricia Moore, Tish Moore, Gay Reames, Mark Reames, Barbara Van Vliet, Stephen Vaughn

Ushers

Charlie Alligood, Rick Amick, Stan Friedman, John Gunnels, Will Jefferson, Brian McCormick, Stephen Oden

Vital Signs as of April 21, 2024	
Worship Attendance (in person)	218
Worship Attendance (online).....	108
Sunday School Attendance.....	59
YTD Giving thru 03/31/2024.....	\$ 236,425
YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget .	\$ 210,000
YTD Expenditures thru 03/31/2024	\$ 208,914
Monthly Giving thru 04/21/2024	\$ 62,464