

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

**Wednesday Night Supper.** The menu for *April 17 is Chicken Pastry, Cooked Cabbage, Baked Yams, Rolls, Dessert, and Tea 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 15*, or call the church office. Cost is **\$4.00 for children under 12** and **\$8.00 for adults**.

**April 21-27—Yard Sale Countdown.** Only *two weeks away*. The money raised will go directly to the *Missions* budget to help support local ministries in our community. We have a *trailer* in the parking lot to store your treasures; get the key from the church office *Monday through Thursday* from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on *Friday* from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Contact Deb Branch at 828-719-8804** or **Bonnie Isovitsch at 724-822-1529** if you have any questions. We will need your *help* as we prepare, organize, and put this all together. **Sign up** at the Welcome Center or outside the Sanctuary to help.

**Vacation Bible School. Registration is Now Open!** 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Our Graduates.** Graduation Season is quickly approaching! If your child will be *graduating from high school or college*, please **contact Sarah Beth** at [dfm@fmcwashington.com](mailto:dfm@fmcwashington.com) and provide their full name (*as you would like it printed*), where they are graduating, and their next steps for the future.

**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 [fmcwpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:fmcwpreschool@gmail.com).

**Children's Church.** Sign up to help with Children's Church using the **QR Code** or sign up at the *Welcome Center* outside Wesley Hall.

Weekly Calendar	
Sunday	April 14 Third 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
4:30 p.m.	Church Family Cookout—Washington Park Waterfront/WH in the event of rain
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—Off-Campus
Monday	April 15
5:30 p.m.	Child Care Board Meeting—Ruble Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99 Meeting—FH
Tuesday	April 16
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—OEB/Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University—ACR
Wednesday	April 17
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	April 18
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Child Care Staff Meeting—Library
6:30 p.m.	BSA Pack 99 Meeting—FH
Friday	April 19
Saturday	April 20
Sunday	April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Methodist Men's Breakfast—FH
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)
11:00 a.m.	Yard Sale Prep—FH/WH
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	MYF—FH

God's Servants Worship Services ~ April 14 ~	
Nursery:	Brett O'Brien, Delaney O'Brien
<b>Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.</b>	
Altar Guild:	Sheila Tanner
Children's Church:	Kathleen Taylor, Betty Jo Bradshaw
Communion Servers:	Ray and Judy Peede, Elizabeth Sweatland, Janice Williamson, George and Bonnie Isovitsch, Kevin and Janice O'Kane, Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java:	Friendship
Praise/Prayer:	Lee Hemink
Welcome Ctr:	Judy Griffin
Camera:	Bill Rompilla
Sound:	Rob Baxter
Streaming:	Ingrid Hall
Video:	Seth Edwards
<b>Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Guild:	Shirley Stone, Marsha Bowes, Alma Friedman, Kasey Stone
Sound:	Charlie Moore
~ April 21 ~	
Nursery:	Brett O'Brien, Delaney O'Brien
<b>Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.</b>	
Altar Guild:	Bea Dillon
Children's Church:	Kasey Stone
Communion Servers:	Beth Litchfield, Sarah Purvis, Richard and Ann Jones, Steve and Mary Toler, Tim and Kim Copeland, Laura Davis (gluten-free)
Holy Java:	Methodist Men
Praise/Prayer:	Matt Sopher
Welcome Ctr:	Ken/Lee Matveia
Camera:	Chris Stembridge
Sound:	Erin Franz
Streaming:	Will Jefferson
Video:	Moses Moye
<b>Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.</b>	
Altar Guild:	Shirley Stone, Marsha Bowes, Alma Friedman, Kasey Stone
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	
<b>Adult Sunday School:</b>	
Friendship	Upstairs
Joy ACR	Downstairs
ABC Ruble Conference Room	Downstairs
<b>Children's Sunday School Youth Room</b>	Upstairs



# First Methodist Church Washington

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 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**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader: Know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as His own;**

**PEOPLE: THE LORD HEARS WHEN WE CALL.**

**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** Lee Hemink

*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** John 16:12-15

**Sermon** “Looking for Easy Answers” Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

**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**

*Ray and Judy Peede, Elizabeth Sweatland, Janice Williamson,  
George and Bonnie Isovitsch, Kevin and Janice O’Kane,  
(Laura Davis 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** “This Joyful Eastertide” Peter Neidmann

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader: Know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as His own;**

**PEOPLE: THE LORD HEARS WHEN WE CALL.**

**\*Hymn** “Come, Thou Almighty King” No. 61

**\*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**

*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.*

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Williams  
Arr. by Giamanco

**\*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.**

**Anthem** “Lord of the Dance” John Ferguson  
Chancel Choir Lyrics by Sydney Carter

**Scripture Lesson** John 16:12-15

**Sermon** “Looking for Easy Answers” Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

**\*Hymn** “Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love” No. 422

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** “Psalm of Glory” Lani Smith

**\*Congregation standing.**

*The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the*

*Glory of God*

*and in loving memory of*

*Moe Weaver*

*by Jane, Michael, Sean, Suellen, and Mason.*

“Answer me when I call, O God of my right! Thou hast given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.”

Psalm 4:1 (RSV)

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**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 7, 2024**

Worship Attendance (in person) ..... 246

Worship Attendance (online)..... N/A

Sunday School Attendance..... 68

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 04/07/2024 ..... \$ 19,525