

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

The GMC, within the provisions of the *Book of Disciplines and Doctrines*, allows more latitude for local churches to determine their structure and select their pastoral staff. Given this new reality and the evolving needs of our church, the *SPRC*, with the blessing of the *Church Council*, has embarked on an *organizational review*. The foundation of this review will be information gathered from interviews with a diverse cross-section of church members from both services, as well as staff. The objective is to better understand whether our current organizational structure and leadership can be enhanced to better enable FMCW to achieve its mission. Should you have questions about this effort, please reach out to *Chris Smith*, SPRC Chair at jscypress@gmail.com.

Family Night Dinner. Please *sign up* at the *Welcome Center* or *outside the Sanctuary* by *Noon* on *Monday, January 20* or call the church office. The menu for *Wednesday, January 22* at *5:30 p.m.* includes *BBQ Pork, Slaw, “Up the Creek Potatoes,” Cornbread, Dessert, Tea and/or Water.* The cost is *\$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.*

Wednesday Night Bible Study. Join us on *Wednesday Nights* at *6:15 p.m.* following dinner as we continue our study titled *“Love in Chaos.”* Each week we will view a short video clip then have discussions talking about Love in Chaos. This study shows that we don’t have to look far to see division in our world but helps us in how we can respond to this chaos and what it’s like to live faithfully to God in these times. Join us *through February 19.* If you miss a week, it’s okay! Bring your Bible and a notebook and be ready to continue our growing in Christ!

Head to Toe Project. The *Matthew 25* team is now collecting *cold weather comfort items* to share with our guests at the *February 8* meal. We need donations of *new knit hats, gloves, scarves, and socks* that would be suitable for adults and children. Please consider making a donation. You may place items in the basket labeled Matthew 25 outside the Sanctuary or in the bin outside Wesley Hall. For more information *contact Lorre Bowen* at *252-944-6548* or email her at lorrebrown@gmail.com.

Agape Valentine Project. The Agape Circle members want to send Valentines for you as their project for Missions. We’ll address and mail your Valentines for \$2 each. The options are: 1) Put completed form with cash or check made out to Agape Circle in offering plate. 2) Take form and money to church office. 3) Mail form and money to Paula Willey, 508 Northwood Dr., Washington, NC 27889 or 4) Email information on form to pwilley76@yahoo.co and mail money or check to Paula. The deadline to turn in your form and money is Tuesday, February 4.

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.

Weekly Calendar	
Sunday	January 19
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/Children’s Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
Monday	January 20 Preschool Closed
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting—ACR
Tuesday	January 21
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
4:00 p.m.	Childcare Director’s Meet and Greet—FH
Wednesday	January 22
9:30 a.m.	WWBS “Revelation” by Jen Wilkin—WH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
4:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner—WH
6:15 p.m.	Bible Study “Love in Chaos”—WH
6:15 p.m.	Children and Youth Ministries—FH
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	January 23
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—Wesley Hall Kitchen
Friday	January 24
3:00 p.m.	Youth leave for Winter Retreat
Sunday	January 26
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/Children’s Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary

**God’s Servants
Worship Services
~ January 19 ~**
Nursery: Brett O’Brien, Kim Sawyer
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: Katherine Davis, Buffy Lich, Anne Baxter, Sarah Purvis, Kim Sawyer
Communion Servers: Fritz and Sheila Tanner, Tim and Kim Copeland, Delane and Dewey Fuquay, David Gossett, Bea Dillon, Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: Methodist Men
Praise & Prayer: Paige Davis
Welcome Center: PJ Stembridge
Camera: Chris Stembridge
Sound: Jerry Cessna
Streaming: Ingrid Hall
Video: Will Jefferson
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Altar Guild: Gay Reames, Kay Smith, Kaye Alligood, Jane Weaver
Sound: Will Jefferson
~ January 26 ~
Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O’Brien
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild: Katherine Davis, Buffy Lich, Anne Baxter, Sarah Purvis, Kim Sawyer
Communion Servers: Marshall and Kathleen Taylor, Jerry and Rachel Cessna, Elizabeth Sweatland, Beth Litchfield, Dal Newbold, Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: BathTime
Praise & Prayer: Ken Matveia
Welcome Center: John and Janie Hauser
Camera: Bill Rompilla
Sound: Steve Toler
Streaming: Will Jefferson
Video: Seth Edwards
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Altar Guild: Gay Reames, Kay Smith, Kaye Alligood, 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: Upstairs
Friendship Downstairs
Joy ACR Downstairs
ABC Ruble Conference Room Downstairs
Children’s Sunday School Upstairs
Youth Room Upstairs



First Methodist Church Washington

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 19, 2025



- Rev. Wm. Kenneth Hall, Jr., Senior Pastor**
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BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 a.m.
Praise Team

Gathering Song

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: When we call, the Lord answers.

PEOPLE: THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD ENDURES FOREVER.

*Worship Song Praise Team

*Children's Church is held for ages five through 2nd Grade.
The children are directed to meet in the back and will return following the Sermon.*

Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord's Prayer Paige Davis

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 Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon "From Wishful Thinking to Hopeful Living" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

Reception of New Member

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Service of Anointing

*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.
Fritz and Sheila Tanner, Tim and Kim Copeland, Delane and Dewey Fuquay,
David Gossett, Bea Dillon, Mary Toler (gluten-free)*

*Concluding Song Praise Team

*Benediction

*Please stand as led.

Praise Team

*Pam Carson, Neva Cashion, Dixon Davis,
Jim O'Brian, Bill Peele, Dale Peele, Les Sheridan, Laurie Weston*

Ushers

*Ron Branch, Paige Davis, Alton Griffin, Walter Jessup,
Richard Jones, Ken Matveia, Ray Peede*

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 "Offertorio Pastorale" Italian (1700s)

*Call to Worship

Leader: When we call, the Lord answers..

PEOPLE: THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD ENDURES FOREVER.

*Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" No. 191

*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 The Lord's Prayer

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Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" McKibben

*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 "Bleak Midwinter's Gift" Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon "From Wishful Thinking to Hopeful Living" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

Service of Anointing

*Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" No. 130

*Benediction

*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Anna Laura Page

*Congregation standing.

*The Altar Flowers
are given to the
Glory of God.*

Our Mission | The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Our Vision | Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Welcome to our Church Family!

It is our joy to welcome into membership today Julia Beth Litchfield (Beth). Beth comes to us from St. Peter's Episcopal Church. She resides in Washington.

Chancel Choir

*Lynette Amick, Jerry Cessna, Ron Champion, Alma Friedman,
Patty Jackson, Melonie Lewis, Mary Maddox, Jim McPherson,
Mike Moore, Patricia Moore, Tish Moore, Jim O'Brian, Gay Reames,
Mark Reames, Melanie Tilley, Barbara Van Vliet, Stephen Vaughn*

Ushers

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

Vital Signs as of January 12, 2025

Worship Attendance (in person)	253
Worship Attendance (online).....	438
Sunday School Attendance	82
YTD Giving thru 12/31/2024	\$ 888,889
YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget. \$	840,000
YTD Expenditures thru 12/31/2024	\$ 825,881
Monthly Giving thru 01/12/2025	\$ 30,064

Online
Contributions

