

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

Missions. Our mission for Lent this year is the *Barnabas Fund*. The Barnabas Fund helps those in our community who are having difficulty paying their utility bills. However, it is also an opportunity for our pastors, who meet with the clients, to share Jesus. The challenge for each person is **\$2.00/day for the 40 days of Lent = \$80.00**. Extra Lenten envelopes will be at the Welcome Center outside Wesley Hall and on the table outside the Sanctuary during all the days of Lent.

Ushers Needed. The **11:15 a.m. Worship Service** is in need of *additional ushers*. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Rick Amick** or *call the church office*.

Children's Church. Sign up to volunteer for Children's Church! Come experience pure joy one Sunday with our kiddos. Questions? Contact **Leslie Keely**, 252-945-1222.

Lenten Lunch. On **Tuesday, March 25, 12:00 noon**, we will gather in **Wesley Hall** for *our third of six Lenten Lunches* and a special time of sharing. The series is *sponsored by FMC Women*. We will share in lunch *provided by the Joy Circle*. Our guest speaker will be **Frances Holloman Pennick** who lives in Raleigh, NC. Frances spends most of the summers at Topsail Beach. She is originally from Washington, NC.

Child Care Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. FMCW Child Care WILL HOST Family Night Dinner on **Wednesday, March 26**, from **5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** The menu includes *spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert*. **Tickets are \$10.00** and can be purchased from Child Care Board Members. They invite you to stay following the meal to meet the staff and to enjoy a talent show from the children.

Combined Worship Service. Please join us for a Combined Worship Service at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Sanctuary** on **March 30**. There will be no Children's Church, Communion or Sunday School. We look forward to having you worship with us.

Egg Hunt. We are collecting bags of *individually wrapped candy* that can fit inside Easter eggs for our children and youth egg hunts! If you'd like to provide some, there are white laundry baskets placed in Wesley Hall and the Sanctuary vestibule to receive them! Thank you for your generosity and supporting our youth and children ministries! Questions? Contact **Leslie Keely** at 252-945-1222.

Washington Women's Bible Study Spring Luncheon - Ladies, please join us on **Wednesday, April 9**, at **11:00 a.m.** for a time of fellowship. You will feast on a lunch provided by the *Agape and Kind Blessings Circles* and receive a blessing from our speaker, **Wanda Kleber**. Wanda is a former certified speaker for Christian Women's Club and presently leads Bible Study Fellowship in New Bern. The cost of our event is \$20 per person. Registration forms are at the information centers outside of Wesley Hall and the Sanctuary. Bring family members and friends, and you do not have to have done any of our Bible Studies to attend. **Contact Laura Davis** with any questions at 252-943-4711.

Easter Bake Sale. The *Circle of Mary and Martha* will be offering assorted *homemade desserts* to purchase for your Easter Dinner on **Sunday, April 13**, **before and after services**. Cheesecakes go fast! **Call Shirley Stone** at 252-481-2420 to *reserve yours today*. Proceeds will be used for the Mary and Martha Circle's Preschool Scholarship.

Family Picnic. Make plans now and put **Sunday, May 4**, on your calendar for a *church family picnic*! This will be a time for fellowship, food, and fun for the entire church family! Look for more information in the April Newsletter.

VBS. Wonder Junction! **Sign up to volunteer** on fmcwashington.com or contact **Leslie Keely** at 252-945-1222. Marvel at Jesus and live for His glory with us **June 16-20!** Scan the **QR Code** to sign up today!

Preschool Scholarship Need. Our preschool is in need of about **\$1,000** for our *Scholarship Fund* to get us through the remainder of this school year. We have three families currently on scholarships that benefit from these monies. If you feel so led, we appreciate anything you can give toward this cause. Please **contact Amanda Bazan** if you have any questions. As always, we appreciate your prayers and support.

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	March 23
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship—WH/ Children's Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
Monday	March 24 Preschool Teacher Workday (No School)
1:00 p.m.	Matthew 25 Board Meeting—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99—FH
Tuesday	March 25
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lenten Service—WH/ Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	Salvation Army Annual Meeting/ Dinner—WH
7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting—FH
7:00 p.m.	Troop Committee Meeting—Ruble
Wednesday	March 26
9:30 a.m.	WWBS "Revelation" by Jen Wilkin—WH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Child Care Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser—WH/WH Kitchen
6:15 p.m.	Childcare Staff—Introduction/ Plans/Talent Show
6:15 p.m.	Children and Youth Ministries—FH
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	March 27
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—WH Kitchen
6:30 p.m.	Pack 99 Meeting—FH
Friday	March 28
Saturday	March 29
	Private Memorial Service — Sanctuary
Sunday	March 30
10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship Service— Sanctuary followed by Reception for Lyda.

God's Servants Worship Services ~ March 23 ~	
Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O'Brien	
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.	
Altar Guild:	Laura Davis, Jackie Monroe, Jean Ash, Kathleen Taylor
Communion	Richard and Ann Jones, Will and Beth Page, Ed and Buffy Lich, Kevin and Janice O'Kane, Sarabeth Franz (Gluten-free)
Holy Java:	BathTime
Praise & Prayer:	Larry Lang
Welcome Center:	Mike and Jean Ash
Camera:	Bill Rompilla
Sound:	Jerry Cessna
Streaming:	Ingrid Hall
Video:	Moses Moye
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.	
Altar Guild:	Barbara Smith, Jane Dockins, Mary Rummel, Sally Brodie
Sound:	Charlie Moore
~ March 30 ~	
Combined Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	
Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O'Brien	
Sanctuary	
Altar Guild:	Barbara Smith, Jane Dockins, Mary Rummel, Sally Brodie
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	Upstairs
Joy	ACR Downstairs
ABC and Ruble Conference	Downstairs
Children's Sunday School	Upstairs
Youth Room	Upstairs

First Methodist Church Washington

Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025



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BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 a.m.

Gathering Song Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

*Collect

God of wilderness and water, Your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. *Amen.*

Worship Songs Praise Team

Praise and Prayer Concerns and Lord's Prayer Larry Lang
*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.*

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:6-9

Sermon "A Gardener's Advice" Rev. Stephen Bazan

Presentation of Holy Baptism

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Come forward as directed by the ushers.
Offering is 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

*Richard and Ann Jones, Will and Beth Page,
Ed and Buffy Lich, Kevin and Janice O'Kane,
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*



Presented for baptism during the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service is

James Gentry Scott Bollow.

Born July 8, 2024, James Gentry Scott is the son of

Christopher Scott and Allyson Lynn Milligan Bollow

of Washington, NC. Paternal grandparents are Lee and Elizabeth Bollow of Springboro,

OH. Maternal grandparents are William and Debra Milligan of Wilmington, NC.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Morning Praise" Arr. by Jan Sanborn

*Collect

God of wilderness and water, Your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. *Amen.*

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 98

*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.*

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer

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Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Wilbur Held

*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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Arr. By John Innes
Leigh Stanley, Piano and Stephen Vaughn, Organ

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:6-9

Sermon "A Gardener's Advice" Rev. Stephen Bazan

*Hymn "For the Fruits of This Creation" No. 97

*Benediction

*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Johann Pachelbel

*Congregation standing.



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.

*The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the
Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Leland G. Sawyer
by his Family.*

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.*

Chancel Choir

*Lynette Amick, Jerry Cessna, CeeCee Carroll, Ron Champion, Alma Friedman,
Charley Hopkins, Wayne Hopkins, 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 March 16, 2025

Worship Attendance (In Person)..... 273
Worship Attendance (Online)..... 345
Sunday School Attendance..... 94

YTD Giving thru 02/28/2025..... \$143,938
YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget .. \$148,134
YTD Expenditures thru 02/28/2025 \$160,434

Monthly Giving thru 03/16/2025 \$ 71,368

Online
Contributions

