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

Want to Know How to Get Involved in Our Church? Pick up a Membership Companion Booklet outside the Sanctuary on the table or outside Wesley Hall at the Welcome Center. Learn how you can be the "Hands and Feet" of Jesus.

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.

**Lenten Lunch.** On *Tuesday*, *April 8*, at *12:00 noon*, we will gather in *Wesley Hall* for our *fifth of six Lenten lunches* and a special time of sharing. This series is *sponsored* by FMC Women. We will share a lunch provided by the Circle of Kind Blessings of soup, sandwich, and water. Our speaker will be Tommy Edwards who lives in Washington, NC. You may know Tommy through The Gideon's, his HVAC business, or have heard him as a speaker bringing witness for Jesus.

Family Night Dinner. Join us for Family Night Dinner on Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert with tea and/or water. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

Easter Egg Hunts. April 13, 3:00 p.m.—Children's Egg Hunt outside the Sanctuary on Van Norden and Second Street side. April 16, 6:30 p.m.—Youth Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt, upstairs hall in the Education Building. 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.

Yard Sale Countdown. Only 3 more Sundays until the Yard Sale prep begins. On Sunday, April 27, we will start unloading those priceless treasures you have been purging. "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Hopefully, you have cleared your calendars for that week because lots of volunteers are needed from *Sunday*, April 27 through Saturday, May 3. There is a job for everyone as we sort, organize, and price all these treasures. What a great opportunity to work with and get to know other church family members. Thank you in advance for volunteering. The two storage trailers in the parking lot are for drop offs and the office will have a key. Furniture and large items can be dropped off at a storage unit in Chocowinity. Just call Ron Branch (828-719-8803) or George Isovitsch (724-822-4749) to make arrangements. For more information, please contact **Debbie Branch** (828-719-8804) or Bonnie Isovitsch (724-822-1529).

VBS Registration is here! Get ready to Marvel at Jesus and Live for His Glory with us at **Wonder Junction!** June 16-20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily Register on the church website **fmcwashington.com** or **scan** the OR Code. Register on the church website *fmcwashington.com* or *scan* the QR Code.



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 April 6 Preschool Sunday	
Sunday	·
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—Sanctuary
Monday	April 7
9:30 a.m.	MW Executive Board Mtg—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Child Care Mandatory Mtg.—WH
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99—FH
Tuesday	April 8 Circle Meetings
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lenten Service—WH/WH Kitchen
6:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Wiccacon Order of Arrow—Ruble
Wednesday	April 9
11:30 a.m.	WWBS Spring Luncheon—WH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner—WH/WH Kitchen
6:15 p.m.	Children and Youth Ministries—FH
6:15 p.m.	Zion Shelter Program—WH
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	April 10
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
5:00 p.m.	Detail Team—ACR
6:00 p.m.	SPRC—ACR
6:30 p.m.	Pack 99 Meeting—FH
Friday	April 11
5:00 p.m.	Tate/Edwards Rehearsal— Sanctuary
Saturday	April 12
11:00 a.m.	Matthew 25 Fellowship Luncheon—FH
6:00 p.m.	Tate/Edwards Wedding—Sanctuary
Sunday	April 13 Palm/Passion Sunday
	Blended Worship Service—WH
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH Children's Church—FH
9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Children's Church—FH  Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms
	Sunday School Children, Youth,
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Children, Youth, and Adults—Regular Classrooms Traditional Worship—Sanctuary Kids' Easter Egg Hunt—Church

# **God's Servants Worship Services**

# ~ April 6 ~

Nursery: Brett O'Brien, Kim Hernandez

# Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Altar Guild: Nancy Jessup, Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner, Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon

Zachary Cushing Communion Rob and Libby Cameron, Tom and Paula Willey, Dal and Ginger Newbold, Elizabeth Sweatland. Janice Williamson Mary Toler (Gluten-free)

Holy Java: ABC

Praise & Prayer: Sarah Beth Wood

Welcome Center: Judy Griffin Camera: Greg Cushing Sound: Erin Franz Streaming: Sarabeth Franz Video: Kari Hall

# Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Altar Guild: Marsha Bowes. Shirley Stone, Kasey Stone, Alma Friedman

Marilyse Keely Acolyte: Will Jefferson Sound:

## ~ April 13 ~

Nursery: Delaney O'Brien,, Morgan Bullard

# Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Altar Guild: Nancy Jessup, Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner, Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon

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Praise & Praver: Dal Newbold Welcome Center: Chris/Linda Smith Camera: Bill Rompilla Jerry Cessna Sound: **Streaming**: Ingrid Hall

Video:

Holy Java: Friendship

## Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Altar Guild: Marsha Bowes, Shirley Stone, Kasey Stone, Alma Friedman

Moses Move

Acolyte: Isaac Bazan Sound: Charlie Moore

Asbury Conference Room ACR FΗ Fellowship Hall MYF Methodist Youth Fellowship

New / Old Education Building NEB/OEB MM / MW Methodist Men / Methodist Women WH Wesley Hall

### **NEB and ACR Classrooms**

Adult Sunday School: Friendship Upstairs

**ACR** ABC and

**Downstairs Ruble Conference** Downstairs Children's Sunday School Youth Room

Unstairs Upstairs

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## **BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE**

# **Preschool Sunday**

9:00 a.m.

Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

**Preschool Celebration** 

\*Call to Worship

**Gathering Song** 

Leader: Praise the Lord who does great things for us.

PEOPLE: WE REJOICE IN THE LORD'S ABUNDANCE.

Worship Songs Praise Team

Preschool Report Amanda Bazan

**Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord's Prayer** Sarah Beth Wood *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 Philippians 3:4b-14

**Sermon** "Checking Our Standing" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

## **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**

Rob and Libby Cameron, Tom and Paula Willey, Dal and Ginger Newbold, Elizabeth Sweatland, Janice Williamson, 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

# **Preschool Sunday**

11:15 a.m.

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Prelude** "What Wondrous Love Is This" Arr. by Joel Raney

Leigh Stanley and Susan Crawford, Piano Duet

**Preschool Celebration** 

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord who does great things for us.

PEOPLE: WE REJOICE IN THE LORD'S ABUNDANCE.

\*Hvmn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

\*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.

Preschool Report

Amanda Bazan

**Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer** 

Children's Church is held for ages five through 2nd Grade.
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Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** "Ah Holy Jesus" Arr. by Alec Wyton

\*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 "God So Loved the World" John Stainer Chancel Choir Arr. by Keith Christopher

Christine Gustafson, Flute

Scripture Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14

**Sermon** "Checking Our Standing" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

**Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion** 

Sonata Opus 9 No. 2 Jean-Marie Leclair

Christine Gustafson, Flute

**Prayer Following Communion** 

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

\*Hymn "My Hope Is Built" No. 368

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Variation on "Picardy" Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

\*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.



"...'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

1 Corinthians 11:24 (RSV)



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



Please welcome **Christine Gustafson** this morning as our guest instrumentalist during the 11:15 a.m. Worship Service. This is made possible by the B.E. Singleton, Jr., and Jane W. Vaughn Memorial Funds.

### **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, John Gunnels, Will Jefferson, Brian McCormick, Brad Skerik

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Vital Signs on of March 30, 2025

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