

Barnabas Fund. Offering left at the Altar railing or placed in the offering plate designated *in a labeled envelope* (cash or check) will be placed in the Barnabas Fund. This fund is to receive monetary gifts (outside of the FMCW budget) to provide ***assistance to the needy*** within our community and church. Gifts are appreciated at any time.

Teny Tanner Rosebud. A *fund* was established in memory of “Teny” Tanner, the teenage daughter of the late Fritz and “Punkin” Tanner, to provide a *rose on the Altar each time a baby is born* into our church family. The baby’s parents or grandparents must be *members of First Methodist Church Washington* and will complete an information form located in the church office. When the form is returned to the church office with a chosen date, a rose will be ordered for Wesley Hall and the Sanctuary for the selected Sunday.

Four First Churches Community Concert. The Four First Churches in Washington will combine their choirs to perform a *Community Concert* on *Sunday, June 1*. This will be held at *First Baptist Church* at *4:00 p.m.* The concert is *made possible by the generous Endowment for Hannah Bagwell from First Christian Church.*

Global Methodist. Please note that the *North Carolina Global Methodist Church Webpage* has changed to <https://ncglobalmethodist.org/>. You can find information on what the Global Methodist Church believes, *information about the upcoming Annual Conference, June 24-28* and *mission work the conference is involved with*.

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	May 25
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	May 26 Church Office Closed Memorial Day
1:00 p.m.	Matthew 25 Board Meeting—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Visitation for Stan Friedman—WH
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99—FH
Tuesday	May 27
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Stan Friedman—Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Bereavement Lunch—WH
7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting—FH
Wednesday	May 28
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Children Ministries—SS Rooms
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	May 29
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Child Care Graduation—Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Pack 99 Meeting—FH
Friday	May 30
Saturday	May 31
Sunday	June 1
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
4:00 p.m.	Community Concert—First Baptist Church
4:00 p.m.	Family Picnic—Home of Paige and Laura Davis

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

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BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE		
		9:00 a.m.
Gathering Song	Praise Team	
Welcome and Announcements		
Collect	O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>	
Worship Song	Praise Team	
Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord’s Prayer	Paige Davis	
Worship Songs	<i>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.</i>	
Scripture Lesson	John 5:1-9	
Sermon	“Front Porch Sittin’ ”	Rev. Stephen Bazan
Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion	<i>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.</i>	
	Communion Servers <i>Beth Litchfield, Janice Williamson, Dal and Ginger Newbold, Sarah Purvis, Will Jefferson, Mary Toler (Gluten-free)</i>	
Concluding Song	Praise Team	
Benediction		
<i>Please stand as led.</i>		

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	“O Word of God Incarnate”	Robert Lau
*Collect	O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>	
*Hymn	“Be Thou My Vision”	No. 451
*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. <i>Amen. Amen.</i>	
*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	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.	
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	“Beside Still Waters”	Nathan Cort
*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. <i>Amen.</i>	
Anthem	“I Then Shall Live”	Sibelius Tune
	Chancel Choir	
Scripture Lesson	John 5:1-9	
Sermon	“Front Porch Sittin’ ”	Rev. Stephen Bazan
Reception of New Members		
*Hymn	“More Love to Thee, O Christ”	No. 453
*Benediction		
*Postlude	“In Praise of the King”	Arr. by Gene Clark
*Congregation standing.		

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

GMC 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 honor of
Shirley Stone, Director of Altar Guild,
by Gay Reames, Jane Weaver, Kaye Alligood, and Kay Smith.

We welcome into our First Church Family:
Paul and Susan (Suzie) Taylor join by letter of transfer from First Methodist Church of Cape Coral, FL. They reside in Chocowinity, NC.

Chancel Choir

Lynette Amick, Jerry Cessna, CeeCee Carroll, Ron Champion, Sarabeth Franz, Alma Friedman, Charley Hopkins, Wayne Hopkins, Patty Jackson, Melonie Lewis, Jim McPherson, Mike Moore, Patricia Moore, Tish Moore, Gay Reames, Mark Reames, Nic Stenbridge, Melanie Tilley, Barbara Van Vliet, Stephen Vaughn

Ushers

Charlie Alligood, Rick Amick, John Gunnels, Will Jefferson, Brian McCormick, Brad Skerik

Vital Signs as of May 18, 2025	
Worship Attendance (In Person).....	263
Worship Attendance (Online).....	208
Sunday School Attendance.....	71
YTD Giving thru 04/30/2025.....	\$334,181
YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget ..	\$296,268
YTD Expenditures thru 04/30/2025	\$300,406
Monthly Giving thru 05/18/2025	\$ 37,844

Online Contributions

