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

Handbell Ringers. We extend many thanks for the Handbell Ringers for their extra practice time and for playing with the choir today!

Offering Envelopes. If you are not receiving contribution envelopes and would like to, or if you are receiving them and no longer wish to receive them, please contact the church office by ***October 23***.

Missions. The Missions Committee is offering the opportunity to ***purchase T-Shirts, Ballcaps, Aprons and Tote Bags***. We will have ***sign-up sheets*** available at the Welcome Center areas. (Cost will be determined by the number we order.) The ***deadline*** to order your items will be ***Sunday, October 25***. (*This will be the only opportunity to order until next Fall.*) If you have any questions, please ***contact George or Bonnie Isovitsch*** or anyone on the Missions Team.

The Church Has Left the Building. On ***Sunday, October 25***, we will participate in The Church Has Left the Building. Our ***in-house project*** will be ***packing 200 Blessing Bags*** for those less fortunate in our community. Each bag needs a ***blessing card***, printed clearly, that expresses how much Jesus loves them. Please place your Blessing Cards in the baskets provided at both welcome areas ***by Friday, October 23***. Thank you from your Mission's Committee.

Wednesday Night Dinner. Sign up at the Welcome Center or on the table outside the Sanctuary by Monday, October 12, and join us for ***dinner at 5:30 p.m.*** and a ***program at 6:15 p.m.*** on ***Wednesday***, ***October 14***. The menu includes ***Baked Ham, Green Beans, Mac 'n' Cheese, Yeast Rolls, Dessert, and Water and/or Tea***. The cost is ***$8.00*** and children ***12 and under eat free***.

Upcoming Youth Events.

1. On ***October 16***, girls Godly dating evening with Sarah Sullivan—*time to be determined*.
2. On **October 24,** we will go to **Busch Gardens** for a day trip. Please ***RSVP Leslie by October 16.***
3. ***Trunk or Treat*** will be ***Wednesday, October 28*** from ***5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*** Sign ups for trunks will be at the Welcome Center areas of Wesley Hall and the Sanctuary. Candy can be placed in baskets in both places. We look forward to another fun fellowship event as a church family*!* ***Contact Leslie*** if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Fall Fling. The Fall Fling Committee invites all missional organizations in our church to participate in the ***Fall Fling Marketplace*** on ***Friday***, ***November 20***. All proceeds from your table will go directly to your organization. Contact ***Shirley Stone*** at ***252-481-2420*** by ***November 15*** to reserve your space.

Young Adult Retreat. If you are in your twenties or thirties and need a refreshing weekend with God before starting the holiday season, consider joining us to attend the ***NC and SC GMC conference Young Adult Retreat***, ***November 20-22***. It's $200 per person, for the room, meals and a t-shirt. The weekend promises to be filled with great fellowship, worship and being in God's Word. Contact Sarah Beth or sign up at ***https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/c7b68743-e7eb-4ea7-9159-a12dcb5f0***

Candlelight Outing. Adult Ministries is looking to see if there is interest in a night out to visit the ***Beyond the Palace Tour*** at ***Tryon Palace*** on ***Saturday, December 12***. There will be all sorts of fun activities as well as food trucks with food and hot beverages. The night ends with a wonderful show of black powder fireworks. Please ***sign up at the Welcome Center areas*** if you are interested. If you have questions, email ***Sarah Beth at DFM@fmcwashington.com***.

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 our pastor.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	**October 11**
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children's Church—Library
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Children, Youth, and Adults)—Regular Classrooms
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary/ Children's Church—Parlor/OEB
1:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Practice—WH
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—Off-Campus
Monday	**October 12 Newsletter Deadline**
12:00 p.m.	Beth Page Bible Study—ACR
12:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting—Ruble
5:30 p.m.	Missions Meeting—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99—FH
Tuesday	**October 13 Preschool Field Trips**
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
10:30 a.m.	Circle of Kind Blessings—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting—ACR
6:30 p.m.	Scout Pack 99 Meeting—FH
7:00 p.m.	Wiccacon Order of Arrow—Ruble
Wednesday	**October 14 Preschool Field Trips**
9:30 a.m.	WWBS Meeting—WH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
4:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner—WH
6:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming—WH
6:15 p.m.	Young Women's Study (Beth Page) —Friendship SS Class
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	**October 15 Preschool Teacher Workday**
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
5:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting—ACR
Friday	**October 16**
Saturday	**October 17**
Sunday	**October 18 Consecration Sunday**
8:00 a.m.	Methodist Men's Breakfast—FH
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children's Church—Library
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Children, Youth, and Adults)—Regular Classrooms
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary/ Children's Church—Parlor/OEB
1:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Practice—WH

God's Servants

~October 11~

Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Nursery: Delaney O'Brien, Morgan Bullard
Acolyte: Hayden Keely
Altar Guild: Mary Toler, Elizabeth Sweatland, Brenda Anderson, Betty Jo Bradshaw
Communion: Beth Litchfield, Angela Haltigan, David Gossett, Bea Dillon, Doug and Valerie Whitehead, Ed and Buffy Lich, Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: Friendship
Praise and Prayer: Paige Davis
Welcome Center: Jackie Monroe
Camera: To be determined
Sound: Chris Tilley
Streaming: To be determined
Video: Seth Edwards

Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Acolyte: Marilyse Keely
Altar Guild: Bettye Nichols, Missy Deaner, Kaye Buckman, Becky Buck
Sound: Charlie Moore

~October 18~
Consecration Sunday

Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Nursery: Lilly Ann Davis, Savannah O'Brien
Acolyte: Marilyse Keely, Elaina Deans
Altar Guild: Mary Toler, Elizabeth Sweatland, Brenda Anderson, Betty Jo Bradshaw
Communion: Keith and Gail Travis, Lentz and Tricia Stowe, Kevin and Janice O'Kane, Rachel Cessna, Allison Harris, Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: Methodist Men
Praise and Prayer: Dixon Davis
Welcome Center: Judy Griffin
Camera: To be determined
Sound: Erin Franz
Streaming: To be determined
Video: Butch Weston

Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Acolyte: Stephen Oden
Altar Guild: Bettye Nichols, Missy Deaner, Kaye Buckman, Becky Buck
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

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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2026



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BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Wesley Hall **9:00 a.m.**

Gathering Song Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

PEOPLE: WE COME TO CELEBRATE THE ONE WHO INVITES US TO HIS TABLE OF GRACE.

***Worship Song** Praise Team

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

Worship Songs Praise Team

(The children are invited to meet in the back for Children's Church and will return following the Sermon.)

Stewardship Moment

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Sermon "Talking About Thankfulness" 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

Beth Litchfield, Angela Haltigan, Bea Dillon, David Gossett, Doug and Valerie Whitehead, Ed and Buffy Lich, Mary Toler (gluten-free)

***Concluding Song** Praise Team

***Benediction**

Please stand as led.

Youth Praise Team (*3rd Sunday of each month*)

Rebekah Bollow, Eileen Culbertson, Sarabeth Franz, Darcy Keely, Carole Musselwhite, Leader: Laurie Weston

Praise Team

Gail Breed, Pam Carson, Neva Cashion, Dixon Davis, Travis Davis, Jim O'Brian, Bill Peele, Dale Peele, Les Sheridan

Ushers

Ron Branch, Paige Davis, Alton Griffin, Walter Jessup, Richard Jones, Lawrence Mallard, Wayne Oestreich

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

Sanctuary **11:15 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Rejoice! The Lord is King" Darrell
Handbells Arr. by Childers

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

PEOPLE: WE COME TO CELEBRATE THE ONE WHO INVITES US TO HIS TABLE OF GRACE.

***Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92

***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.

Stewardship Moment

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

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Atkinson
Handbells Arr. by Childers

***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 "Canon of Praise" Natalie Sleeth
Chancel Choir and Handbells

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Sermon "Talking About Thankfulness" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

***Hymn of Response** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 399

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Lead On, O King Eternal" Henry Smart
Leigh Stanley, Piano Arr. by Bober

****Congregation standing*.**

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

Handbell Ringers

Lynette Amick, Marsha Bowes, Susan Crawford, Leslie Keely, Weston Keely, Leigh Stanley

Chancel Choir

Lynette Amick, Cheryl Carroll, Jerry Cessna, Alma Friedman, Charley Ann Hopkins, Wayne Hopkins, Patty Jackson, Melonie Lewis, Jim McPherson, Mike Moore, Patricia Moore, Tish Moore, Gay Reames, Mark Reames, Nic Stembridge, PJ Stembridge, Melanie Tilley, Barbara Van Vliet, Rhonda Vickers, Laurie Weston

Ushers

Charlie Alligood, Rick Amick, Steve Gravely, John Gunnels, Brian McCormick, Brad Skerik, Kelly Tabor, Chris Tilley

Vital Signs as of October 4, 2026

Worship Attendance (*In-Person Services*)	**251**
Worship Attendance (*Online*)	**186**
Sunday School Attendance	**75**
Monthly Giving thru 10/04/2026	**$ 14,923**

Online Contributions