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

Dear First Church Family,

Words cannot express the depth of gratitude I feel for the outpouring of love and appreciation I experienced during Pastor Appreciation month. The cards, the gifts, and the many kind words meant more to me than you can ever know. I count myself blessed to have the privilege of continuing to serve such wonderful people. May God bless you richly.

Ken

Calling All Veterans. Join us today as we recognize and honor our veterans through a ***reception for*** veterans and their families ***at 10:00 a.m.*** in the ***Fellowship Hall***. All are welcome.

Membership Sunday. Please schedule to ***talk with our minister*** if you wish to become a member of First Methodist Church Washington. We will have ***Membership Sunday*** on ***November 29 and a combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.*** which will be a great time to become a part of our First Church family. Please ***schedule a time to talk about membership by Monday, November 23.***

Missional Fundraising Opportunity. The Fall Fling ***Committee invites all missional organizations*** in our church to participate in the ***Fall Fling Marketplace*** (***Friday***, ***November 20***). All proceeds from your table will go directly to your organization. Contact ***Shirley Stone*** at ***252-481-2420 by 11/15/26*** to reserve your space.

Family Night Dinner. Sign up at the Welcome Center or on the table outside the Sanctuary by ***Monday***, ***November 9***, and join us for ***dinner at 5:30 p.m.*** on ***Wednesday***, ***November 11***. The menu includes ***Sloppy Joes, Buns, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Dessert, and Water and/or Tea***. The cost is ***$8.00*** and children ***12 and under eat free***.

Operation Christmas Child. Please ***pick up*** a ***shoebox and a "How to pack a shoebox***" brochure from the display in Wesley Hall or outside the Sanctuary. ***Fill it*** with personal care items, small toys, and school supplies. ***PRAY*** for the child who will receive your box, and ***bring it back*** to church ***no later than November 22***. That's how easy it is to share your love and the good news of Jesus with a child somewhere in this great big world that God created. God bless you! Questions? Call ***Jean Ash*** at ***252-945-9129.***

It's Peanut Butter Sunday! The Channels Missional group will ***collect jars of peanut butter the third Sunday of each month.*** Help us alleviate food insecurities in Beaufort County and provide protein to those in need. A grocery basket will be stationed outside the restrooms near Wesley Hall to collect the jars. **Please help us, help others.** *Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food . . ."* This will be an ongoing project. Contact ***Candy Sherrill*** if you have questions.

The Angel Tree. ***FMCW*** and the ***Salvation Army*** are partnering to make Christmas wishes come true for children in our community. Please ***select an Angel*** from the tree outside Wesley Hall or the Sanctuary, ***purchase gifts*** from the child's wish list, ***place the items in a plastic bag*** marked with the child's number and ***place them under the tree*** or deliver them to the Salvation Army on East 7th Street. Please do not wrap the gifts. What a great Christmas project for your family to do together! ***Contact Shirley Stone, 252-481-2420*** for more information.

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	**November 8 Veterans Appreciation**
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children's Church—Library
110:00 a.m.	Veteran's Reception—FH, Kitchen
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
Monday	**November 9 Newsletter Deadline**
9:30 a.m.	Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting—ACR
12:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting—Ruble
5:30 p.m.	Missions Meeting—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99—FH
Tuesday	**November 10**
12:00 p.m.	Circle of Kind Blessings—ACR
6:30 p.m.	Scout Pack 99 Meeting—FH
7:00 p.m.	Wiccacon Order of Arrow—Ruble
Wednesday	**November 11 Preschool Closed Veterans Day**
9:30 a.m.	WWBS Meeting—WH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
4:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary/**6:15 p.m.** Cantata Practice—Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner—WH
6:00 p.m.	Operation Christmas Child Shopping—Leslie/Van
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	**November 12**
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:00 p.m.	SPRC—ACR
Friday	**November 13**
Saturday	**November 14**
11:00 a.m.	Matthew 25 Luncheon—FH
Sunday	**November 15 Charge Conference**
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
5:00 p.m.	Charge Conference—Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Yahoos—Off-Campus

God's Servants

~November 8~

Veterans Appreciation

Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Nursery: Delaney O'Brien, Morgan Bullard
Acolyte: Gabriel Keech, Tyner Little
Altar Guild: Laura Davis, Jackie Monroe, Jean Ash, Kathleen Taylor
Communion: David Gossett, Bea Dillon, Tom and Paula Willey, Matt Sopher, Lynn Bassett, Larry and Roxanne Beeman Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: Friendship
Praise and Prayer: Matt Sopher
Welcome Center: John and Janie Hauser
Camera: To be determined
Sound: Chris Tilley
Streaming: To be determined
Video: Moses Moye

Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Acolyte: Coleson Oden
Altar Guild: Barbara Smith, Jane Dockins, Mary Rummel, Sally Brodie
Sound: Charlie Moore

~November 15~

Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.

Nursery: Lilly Ann Davis, Savannah O'Brien
Acolyte: Marilyse Keely, Elaina Deans
Altar Guild: Laura Davis, Jackie Monroe, Jean Ash, Kathleen Taylor
Communion: Amber and Jonathan Moore, George and Bonnie Isovitsch, Cadmus Capehart and Brayden Capehart, Will and Beth Page, Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: Methodist Men
Praise and Prayer: Beth Page
Welcome Center: Mike and Jean Ash
Camera: To be determined
Sound: Erin Franz
Streaming: To be determined
Video: Butch Weston

Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.

Acolyte: Marilyse Keely
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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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: Come, let us lift our voices to the Lord of all hope.

PEOPLE: WE COME TO WORSHIP THE ONE WHO CALLS US TO BE READY AND FAITHFUL.

***Worship Song** Praise Team

Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord's Prayer Matt Sopher

First Scripture Lesson I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Worship Songs Praise Team

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon "Semper Paratus" 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

David Gossett, Bea Dillon, Tom and Paula Willey, Matt Sopher, Lynn Bassett, Larry and Roxanne Beeman, 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

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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 "Abide with Me" Monk
Susan Crawford and Leigh Stanley Arr. by Carter
4-Hand Piano Duet

***Call to Worship**
Leader: Come, let us lift our voices to the Lord of all hope.

PEOPLE: WE COME TO WORSHIP THE ONE WHO CALLS US TO BE READY AND FAITHFUL.

***Hymn** "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" No. 596

***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.

First Scripture Lesson I Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory "Pass Me Not" William Doane
Arr. by Hoekstra

***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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Robinson/Warrenton and Nettleton
Chancel Choir Arr. by Lloyd Larson

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon "Semper Paratus" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

***Hymn of Response** "Onward, Christian Soldiers" No. 575

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Lead On, O King Eternal" Henry Smart
Arr. by Berry

****Congregation standing*.**

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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
are given to the
Glory of God
and in memory of our family in heaven:
Harley and Beatrice Alligood and Ted Bowen
by Lorre Bowen, Christi Wilhem and Patrick Wilhem.

Chancel Choir
Lynette Amick, Jerry Cessna, Alma Friedman, Marcia Haddock, 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 November 1, 2026

Worship Attendance (*In-Person Service*)	**278**
Worship Attendance (*Online*)	**244**
Sunday School Attendance	**48**
Monthly Giving thru 11/01/2026	**$ 24,804**

Online Contributions