



**WELCOME!!!
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

We welcome each of you to our worship services today. PLEASE sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Visitors, please include your address and phone number.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

Church, 1st Floor

Chapel: Pathfinders Bible Study - Michele Newton

Conference Room: The Upper Room - Doug & Michele Insko

Church, 2nd Floor

Watson Class - Larry Price, Kent Anderson, Snookie Parker, & Lindy Newton

Hardison Discussion Class - Dave Williams, Will Winslow & Woody Harrison

Blackburn Education Building

Room 104 3 & 4 Year Olds - Teachers - Ginger Bisette, John & Stephanie Robl, Renee Pearson, Shelley Gibson

Room 106 Infants, Toddlers & 2-Year Olds

Room 108 The Bradshaw Class (older adults) - Teachers - Bob Bergland, Charles Robl, Bill Presnell & Susan Barnes

Room 203 Young Adult Class - Leaders - Emily Aycock, Shelley Gibson, & Suzette Gibson

Room 201 4th & 5th Grade Class - Debbie Bradley, Allison Robl, Suzette Gibson, Alicia Gregory

Room 206 2nd & 3rd Grade Class - Teachers - Ellen Barkley, Anne & Gary Benton, Ginny Eagles, Ginger & Mark Godwin

Room 205 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Class - Teachers - Noelle Halverson, Anne & David Clark, Jenny & Reggie Harrison, Heather Lasitter

Epworth Building

Middle School & High School Teachers - Alysun Skinner, Henrienne Allegood, Ben Eagles, Mandy & Wes Berry, & Susan Barnes

Woman to Woman Teacher - Cathy Heimer

Transforming Lives Class (TLC) - Teacher - Lorie Halverson



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Mrs. Vickie Franks, Director of Children's Ministries
Mr. Andy Michaud, Director of Communications
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday Preschool
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April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"

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The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 529 "How Firm a Foundation" UMH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" UMH 881

+GLORIA PATRI UMH 71

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MORNING MESSAGE "The Growing Point" Reverend Robl

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+DOXOLOGY UMH 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 2130 "The Summons" FWS

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Registration deadline is **THIS FRIDAY, May 4th**, for the two Preschool summer camps for ages 2 - Kindergarten. Classes meet from 9 - 12 daily and cost is \$85 per camp.

Fossil Find - Tuesday, May 29 - Friday, June 1. Join our expedition as we create, excavate, and discover how fossils are formed and why they are windows to the past!

Outdoor Adventures - Monday, July 16 - Thursday, July 19 - Camp under the stars, grow a garden, and make a big splash! Ignite your passion for the great outdoors as we learn about nature through stories, songs, art and other activities.

Are you graduating from high school, college, or graduate school? If so, we would love to recognize you in our special **Graduation Sunday bulletin on June 3rd**. Please send the following information by **Thursday, May 24th** to joshackelford@fumcwilson.org. Information needed: student's complete name, recent photo (send via jpeg), parent's names, name of school graduating from, plans following graduation (college attending, branch of service entering, work, etc.). For college/graduate students - indicate the name of your degree (Bachelor of Science in ____, Master of Education, etc.) and plans following graduation.

Church Scholarship applications for college students and high school seniors are now available online at fumcwilson.com/ministries/2018-scholarships. You may also pick up a paper copy in the church office. A recent picture is required. Scholarship applications are **due THIS TUESDAY, May 2nd**.

Parents, grandparents, middle and high school folks, or anyone who cares about teenagers should make plans to join us in Asbury Hall on Wednesday, **May 9th, at 7 p.m.**, to hear Professor of Youth Ministry, Dr. Duffy Robbins (Grove City College in PA). His topic, "**You Were Never My Age!**" *Changes in the Landscape of Teenage Life*, probes questions such as, "Is life so different now?" and, "What makes the teenage years so tough?" **Tickets are \$5 at the door. RSVP to alysunskinner@fumcwilson.org.**

MUSIC NOTES



We thank our Chancel Choir and Jennifer Gay for the beautiful anthem during the offertory, and Claire Davis for her beautiful and touching solo at the opening of our service today. Thank you all for your service to God through song.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
10:00 Sunday School / Confirmation Class
11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:15 Children's Choir - Blackburn Building

MONDAY, APRIL 30

6:30 Men's Bible Study - Dinner at Jac's Grill

TUESDAY, MAY 1

10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
6:00 Trustees - Conference Room
6:00 UMW Salad / Dessert Dinner - Asbury Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

8:00 Preschool Muffins for Moms - Asbury Hall
6:15 Carillon Ringers - Handbell Room
7:15 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

THURSDAY, MAY 3

8:00 Preschool Muffins for Moms - Asbury Hall
10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles' Office

FRIDAY, MAY 4

7:00 United Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast - Asbury Hall
6:00 Father / Son Night Out - Benton Farm

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Confirmation Class - La Estrella

From Pastor Bob :

I recently discussed the Sacraments with our Confirmation Class. All of them were aware that United Methodists observe two sacraments – Baptism and Holy Communion. We talked about Baptism being our “initiation” into Christ’s holy church and understanding that through baptism we each are “incorporated” into God’s mighty acts of creation.

One of the stories I shared is from Acts 8:26-40, which is the assigned New Testament lectionary reading for today. There we read about the Philip’s encounter with a stranger on a wilderness road from Jerusalem to Gaza. The stranger was a person of real importance – a court official of Queen Candace of Ethiopia. He was put in charge of the queen’s treasury.

The man was in a chariot and he happened to be reading the Hebrew Scripture book of Isaiah. Scripture tells us that “...the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’” He ran to the chariot and asked the man from Ethiopia, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The Ethiopian replied, “No. How can I unless someone guides me,” and he invited Philip to climb in the chariot.

You know how the story continues – Philip climbs in, teaches that the person the Ethiopian is reading about is Jesus and that he can be “initiated” and “incorporated” into what God through Christ is doing in the world by being baptized. The man doesn’t hesitate a moment. Upon seeing some water, he says, “What is to prevent me from being baptized.” He commanded the chariot to stop and then he and climbed out and Philip baptized him.

One thing I failed to mention – this court official of Queen Candace was an eunuch. An eunuch is a man who has been emasculated either by castration or some other means. According to teachings of Hebrew Scripture, anyone who, for whatever reason and no matter what social standing they may have, is officially unclean and thus separated from God for all time.

But the Spirit told Philip to go to him, which lead to him learning about Jesus Christ, accepting Christ, and being baptized! The story ends with the newly baptized Ethiopian eunuch, now a brother in Christ, continuing on his way rejoicing. We’re not told if or who he shared this good news about Jesus with, but it is has been passed on to us today. Is there anyone God’s Spirit is telling you to go to?

UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, nursing and rest homes, the sick and shut in with prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

We send our love and sympathy to **Emily Aycock** and family in the death of her grandmother, Millie Bryan, who died on Friday, April 20, 2018, in Rocky Mount, NC.

BY OUR PRESENCE

ATTENDANCE April 22, 2018

Sunday School -125
8:45 - 33; 9:00 - 92; 11:00 - 224
Tuesday Communion - 17
Total Worship - 366

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget \$ 1,091,282
Weekly Requirement \$ 20,986
Received April 22nd \$ 25,160
YTD Requirement \$ 335,776
Received YTD \$ 354,522
Over (Under) \$ 18,746

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

The UMW invite all women to join us for **Women’s Night** on Tuesday, May 1st, at 6 p.m., in Asbury Hall. We will have Emily Sexton of the Flourish Market in Raleigh as our guest speaker. Please bring a salad or dessert to share for our covered dish meal and join us as we learn how our purchase power can spread dignity across the GLOBE. If you have questions or need childcare please contact Sandy Clark at 252-399-9801 or dclark15@nc.rr.com. It will be a great evening!

FUMC **preschool - 5th grade boys and their fathers** are invited to attend the **Father-Son Night Out** on Friday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Benton Family Farm. Great food, games, fellowship, cooking around the campfire, and watching *Star Wars Episode IV : A New Hope!* outdoors under the stars are a few fun things we’ll do. Interested? RSVP to vickiefranks@fumcwilson.org

Mark your calendars for **VBS June 18th-22nd!** Registration is available now on the children's page of our church website. We are in need of volunteers. Contact Vickie if you are interested at vickiefranks@fumcwilson.org

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song **SING, SING, SING** Praise Band
DESERT SONG

Announcements

First Lesson **1 John 4:7 - 21**

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings **MADE ME GLAD** Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson **John 15:1 - 8**

Message **“The Growing Point”** Reverend Bergland

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth **LORD, I NEED YOU** Praise Band

Greeters for April 29th Debbie Bradley, Tobi and Matt Nestor

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“The Prayer of the Children”

Kurt Bestor

Can you hear the prayer of the children on bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room? Empty eyes, with no more tears to cry turning heavenward, toward the light. Crying, “Jesus, help me to see the morning light.; but if I should die before I wake I pray my soul to take.” Can you feel the heart of the children aching for home, for something of their very own? Reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to but hope for a better day, a better day. Crying, “Jesus, help me to feel the love again; but if unknown roads lead away from home, give me loving arms, away from harm.” Can you hear the voice of the children softly pleading for silence in a shattered world? Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate, blood of the innocent on their hands. Crying, “Jesus, help me to feel the sun again; for when darkness clears, I know you’re near bringing peace again.” Can you hear the prayer of the children?

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 529

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE VIM TEAM

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS - A short children’s devotion for preschool and elementary children.

FIRST LESSON

1 John 4:7 - 21

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PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Child of God”

Lari Goss

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

Child of God, do not be afraid; child of God, trust and obey. He will walk with you in the way. Child of God, do not be afraid. Lost and wandering in a world of sin. Why would God ever take me in? A cry rang out from Calvary’s bloodstained hill: “Child, I love you, and I always will.” Child of God, do not be afraid; child of God, trust and obey. He will walk with you in the way. Child of God, do not be afraid. Just hold to His hand, to God’s unchanging hand. Oh, hold to God’s unchanging hand. Build your hopes on things eternal. Child of God, do not be afraid. Do not be afraid.

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 707

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

John 15:1 - 8

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MORNING MESSAGE

“The Growing Point”

Reverend Bergland

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 2130

“The Summons”

FWS

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Musical Selection for the Organ

+Those who are able, please stand.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God from the wedding of Rebecca Lee and Luke LaHay who were married in our sanctuary on April 28, 2018.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Thomas Radford and Ashley Abrams

Crucifer: Mason Blake

Reader: Will Winslow

Volunteers:

Sound System: Henry Davis

Greeters for April 29th:

8:45 Narthex: Susan Barnes

11:00 Office Area: Julia Batts

11:00 Narthex: Donna and Gene Allen