

WELCOME!!!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We welcome each of you to our worship services today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

Children's and Youth Classes

Blackburn Education Building

Nursery (Infant to Pre-K): Rm. 102 - Kelly Hayes, Alicia Gregory, Nicole Duenas

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School (Pre-K—5th Grade)

Room 104 Hannah Thomas, Kate Putney, Ellen Poland, Amy Stadiem

Youth Small Groups

Room 204 Kaitlyn Dean, Mandy & Wes Berry

Adult Classes

Bradshaw Class: Parlor, Barbara Robl

Open Door Discussion Class: Room 201

Transforming Lives Class: 2nd Floor, Room 202

Sanctuary Building

Adult Classes

Pathfinders Bible Study Class: Chapel, Michelle Newton

Woman to Woman: First Floor, Conference Room - Debbie Bradley

Hardison Discussion Class: 2nd Floor, Dave

Williams, various class members

Watson Class: 2nd. Floor, Snookie Parker

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The Reverend Robert E. Bergland, Pastor Emeritus
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Mrs. Hannah Bland, Director of Children and Family Ministries
Mr. Tiler Bland, Director of Youth Ministries
Mrs. Shelley Gibson, Director of Communications
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday School
Mrs. Fran Stafford, Financial Secretary
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Church Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00pm

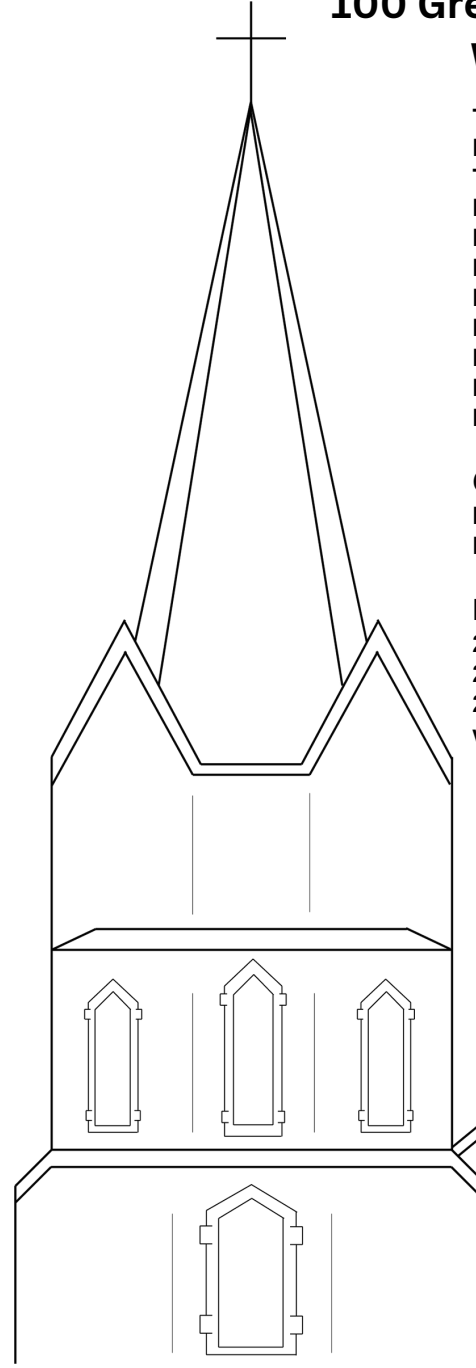
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“Invite, Inspire, Ignite”

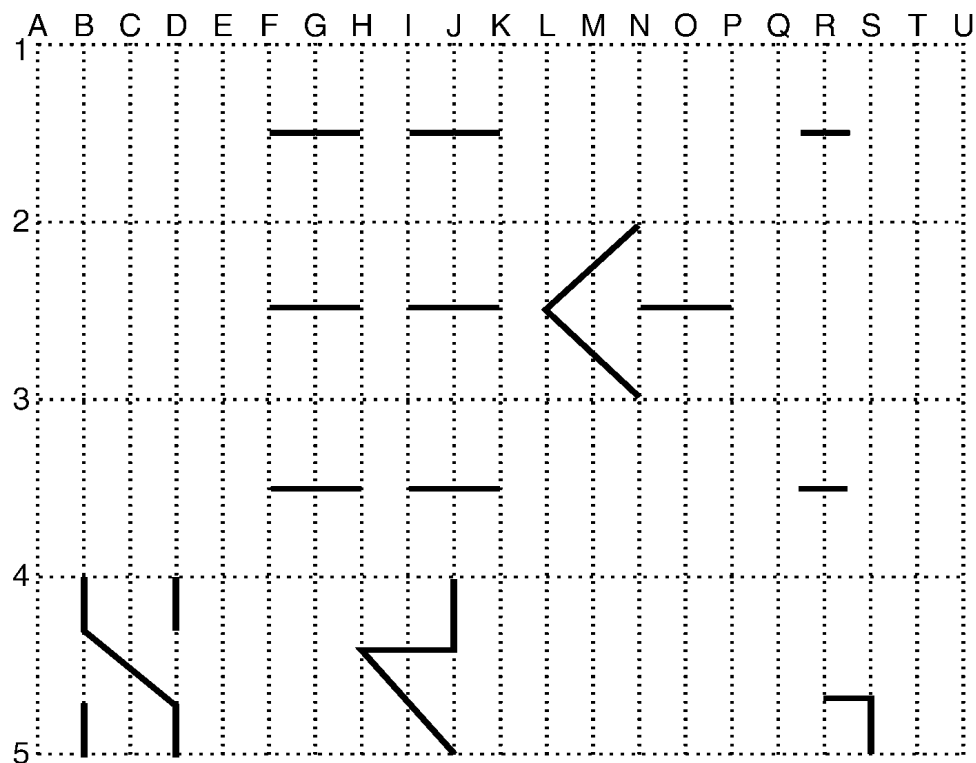
**October 6, 2024
Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**



Difficulty can be a blessing if we allow God to demonstrate His power through it.

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| 1L - 1I - 2I - 2L - 1L - 2N - 1N | 4S - 4Q - 5Q - 5S | 5B - 5D |
| 2Q - 1R - 2S - 1S - 2T - 1U - 2U | 3P - 5P - 4N - 5N | 4E - 4G |
| 3K - 3I - 4I - 4L - 3L - 4N - 3N | 3H - 2J - 3L - 2L | 1P - 2P |



Parenting Seminar For Elementary and Younger parents by Dr. Gabby McHarg. Dr. Gabby has her Phd in Developmental Psychology and has done a postdoctoral contract with Children and Screens: Institute of Digital Media and Child Development. Through this seminar, she will help parents develop a tech plan specific to their family. Join us at FUMC on November 4 from 6 - 8 p.m.

FUMC Kids is having a parent/son fishing trip on October 19 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bring your fishing supplies and chairs and we will provide hotdogs, s'mores, fish, and a fire!!! Register on our website!

Animal Blessing, join us Sunday at 2:00 p.m. for a special St. Francis of Assisi inspired Blessing of the Animals service. You're encouraged to bring your socialized pet to attend and receive a special blessing. We will meet in the Courtyard, unless it rains! Rain plan is Asbury Hall.

Greeter and Usher Celebration We want to celebrate the people who make our services welcoming and seamless! All Ushers, Greeters and their spouses are invited to dinner in Asbury Hall on October 16 from 6 - 7 p.m. Childcare will be provided! Please call the church or email shelleygibson@fumcwilson.org by 10/14 to RSVP.

Trunk or Treat Bash! FUMC kids will be hosting their annual trunk or treat on October 27 from 4 - 6 p.m. Sign up to host a trunk and compete for the most unique design.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be singing next on October 27 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Children should arrive in the choir room before the 10:15 a.m. rehearsal so they have enough time to get their robes on.

FLUTE CONCERT performance will be on November 15 at 7:00 p.m. Christina Gustafson, ECU Flute Professor, Barbara Shipp, Cello and David Bellows, Harpsichord & Organ will perform. Free Concert. Donations accepted for the "Psalm 150" Music Ministries Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury
- 10:00 Adult Sunday School Children/Youth Small Groups - Sanctuary Building and Blackburn
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 2:00 Blessing of the Animals- Courtyard
- 5:00 FUMC KIDS
- 5:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:00 Trustees
- 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal - Watson Classroom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Suite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 9:30 Weekday School Chapel - Sanctuary
- 6:30 Finance Committee

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
- 9:00 ECU Organ Lessons - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 9:00 Missions Day
- 2:00 Wedding

LOOKING AHEAD...

- October 12:** Love Your Neighbor Missions Day
- October 19:** Parent/Son Fishing Trip
- October 23 - 25:** Congregational Soup Care
- October 27:** Trunk or Treat Bash
- November 4:** Parenting Seminar
- December 1:** Family Movie Night
- December 8:** Youth Progressive Christmas Party
- December 15:** White Gift Service

From the Pastor . . .

This Saturday, October 5th, kicks off Mission Week at First UMC. This year, our work will have both an international and local focus. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. set-up) in the Fellowship Hall to package 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. This is a mission project for people of all ages. While you can register on Saturday, it would be easier and quicker if you take a moment to register online. Here is the link for our event: events.riseagainsthunger.org/FUMCWilson24. Then, on Saturday, October 12, we will gather again to help members and friends around town with various tasks, as well as do some work in the church's playground.

On Sunday, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Started in 1933, the purpose of World Communion Sunday is to promote a Christian unity around the table of our Lord. On the first Sunday of October, most local churches will celebrate Communion. In this common act, we set aside differences of theology, language, nation of origin and remember that we are united in our faith in Jesus Christ. As Paul states in Ephesian 4:5-4, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

The sermon this Sunday will focus on Moses' response to God's revelation in the burning bush and God's call for him to be an agent of liberation for the people of Israel. Despite having an intimate conversation with God and even though God shared with him the divine, covenantal name, Moses is overwhelmed by the task set before him. He comes up with a variety of excuses as to why he is not able to fulfill God's request. I'm sure we can resonate with Moses' situation. There are times when we sense a calling that is above our ability. However, to each of Moses' concerns, God offers reassurance. Could it be that God will do the same for us in our calling? Join us in worship and discover the empowering presence of God. Pastor Mike

UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, retirement and rest homes, and the sick and shut-ins with prayers, cards, calls, and visits:
Hospitalized - Mary Edmundson and Andy Michaud

BY OUR PRESENCE

The following numbers represent our in-person and livestream numbers for Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024:

Combined Service
In-Person - 183 Online - 158
Total In-Person Attendance - 183
Total Online Worship Attendance - 158

BY OUR GIFTS

2024 Operating Budget	\$1,083,500
Weekly Requirement	\$20,837
Received September 29, 2024	\$6,640
YTD Requirement	\$812,625
Received YTD	\$815,211
Over (Under)	\$2,586*

*Includes 2024 pledges paid in full

BY OUR SERVICE AND OUR WITNESS

Congregational Soup Care is looking for volunteers! We will be making and packaging the soup October 23 - 25 this year. Please sign up to volunteer for this amazing ministry that not only feeds your belly, but provides soup for those in need throughout the year!

Hurricane Response Announcement In response to the catastrophic destruction from Hurricane Helene, First UMC is making short-term and long-term plans to help. Scan the QR code below to learn more.



The Worship of God

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Hour
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering of God's People

Sharing in Song

GLORIOUS
HOLY FOREVER

Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Moments

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

IN JESUS NAME
(Please sign and pass the attendance pad)

Praise Band

Prayer of Dedication

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

Exodus 4:1-17

Morning Message

"Excuses and Empowerment"

Reverend Mike Frese

Holy Communion

OUR RESPONSE

Closing Song

NEW WINE

Praise Band

Reader: Adyson Clemmer

Sound Operator: Parker Gibson

Pro Presentor: Shelley Gibson

Video: Aiden Gibson

Greeters: The Millers

We are so grateful to all who give of their time and talents to our Praise Band. Thank you for leading in worship and for your ministry to our church!

The Worship of God

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Hour
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please sign and pass the attendance pads.

Please let the first note of the prelude be a call to silent meditation.

PRELUDE **“Meditation on 'Adoro Te Devote' ”** A. Fedak

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN NO. 73 **“O Worship the King”** LYONS

CHORAL INTROIT **“I Come with Joy”** C. Webb

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

+HYMN NO. 71 **GLORIA PATRI** GREATOREX

CHILDREN’S CHOIR **This is the Day** M. Burrows
Accompanied by Janet Bennett

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

+FIRST LESSON **2 Corinthians 12:1-10** **NT page 185**

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **“Shout the Glad Tidings”** G. F. Handel; arr. H. Hopson

+HYMN NO. 95 **DOXOLOGY** OLD 100th

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND LESSON **Exodus 4:1-17** **OT page 51**

MORNING MESSAGE **“Excuses and Empowerment”** Reverend Mike Frese

HOLY COMMUNION **All' Elevazione** D. Zipoli
One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD
Bread Of The World EUCCHARISTIC HYMN
All' Elevazione (II) D. Zipoli

+HYMN NO. 578 **“God of Love and God of Power”** UNSER HERRSCHER

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE **“All' Offertorio”** D. Zipoli

+Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of our incredible Volunteers in Mission team.

Participating with the clergy today:

Sound: Shelley Gibson Reader: Carrie Maravi
Video: Mark Godwin Greeters: George and Caroline Hunt

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Reverend Bob Bergland will be our guest speaker in honor of Missions Week. “Sounds Impossible” Mark 10:17-31