

WELCOME!!!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We welcome each of you to our worship services today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

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 Bland, Kate Putney, Ellen Poland, Amy Stadiem

Adult Classes

Bradshaw Class: Parlor, Barbara Robl
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



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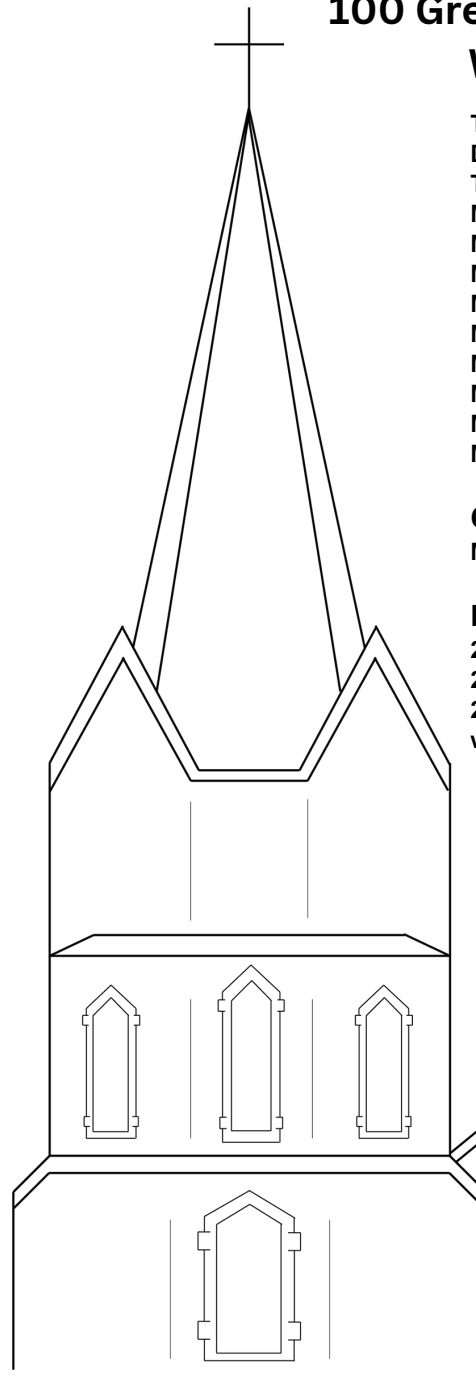
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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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“Invite, Inspire, Ignite”

February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after the
Epiphany

Teachings From Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Jesus taught the people. What did He say?

Guide the person through the maze to complete the passage.



"If you are offering your gift at the altar and remember there that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar."

Kindergarten and Pre-K Enrollment continues at FUMC Weekday School! We still have a few spots remaining in our Pre-K and Kindergarten Classes and we'd love to welcome any young learners who are ready to thrive in our vibrant, Christ-centered community! Please scan the QR code, visit our website at www.fumcwilson.org/weekday-school, or contact Lorie Daniel at loriedaniel@fumcwilson.org for more information! Don't forget to share this info with family and friends!



Parent's Night Out: FUMC Youth is hosting a babysitting fundraiser on February 14 from 6 - 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 for the first child and \$10 for additional children, with a maximum cost of \$50 per family. All ages are welcome, and dinner is included (chicken nuggets and fries). Register by scanning the QR code, or by calling the church office at 237-6121.



ERT Training: FUMC will host an Emergency Response Training (ERT) event on Saturday, March 1. It will be led by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). ERTs fill a specific need in the early days after a disaster to help to prevent further damage while providing a caring Christian presence. ERT Classes help participants understand how United Methodists are involved during a disaster, how we get prepared for a disaster, and what we can do when a disaster strikes. It will be from 8:30-4:30; snacks and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$20 for training. Register by scanning the QR code or by calling the church office at 237-6121.



MUSIC MINISTRIES

CAROLINA BRASS will be playing for Boy Scout Sunday on February 9 with special music starting at 10:45 a.m. Join us this Sunday for worship filled with festive brass music to celebrate the occasion.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will meet for rehearsal today at 5:00 p.m.

HANDBELL RINGERS WANTED We could use one more ringer in our group. Consider joining this group for a short season. Ability to read music is necessary. Contact David Bellows for more information. Email: davidbellows@fumcwilson.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
 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
 3:30 Confirmation Session - Watson Classroom
 5:00 Youth Group - Asbury
 5:00 Children's Choir & GSK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3
 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
 10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
 6:00 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Watson Classroom

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
 6:00 First Wednesday Night Dinner - Asbury
 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Suite

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School
 6:00 Finance Committee- Watson Classroom
 6:30 Praise Band Practice - Asbury

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
 7:00 UMM Prayer Breakfast - Asbury
 8:30 Weekday School - Blackburn Weekday School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
 6:00 Parent Daughter Dance - Asbury

LOOKING AHEAD...

February 9: Boy Scout Sunday
February 10: CHEW Packaging
February 11: Trustees Meeting
February 14: Parent's Night Out
February 17: Youth Leaders Meeting
February 19: SPRC Meeting
February 21-23: Youth Ski Trip
March 2: Youth Sunday
April 13: Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt

From the Pastor . . .

The primary game piece for The Game of Life is a car with 6 holes in it. The idea is that there will be companions added as you play the game. While The Game of Life limits the companions to a spouse, children, and pets, we know that our relational network is much more expansive. Relationships matter. They are crucial for a full and meaningful life. God created us as social creatures. Through meaningful connections with others, we find both joy and strength in our lives.

The problem is that relationships are complex. While they are absolutely necessary for a fulfilling life, they also are difficult to maintain. We are imperfect people. We love and are loved by equally imperfect people. This leads to disagreements, conflicts, and alienation. The only way to maintain relationships is with humility and an eye towards reconciliation.

This Sunday’s sermon will focus on six simple words that are key for healthy relationships. Three words, “I am sorry,” represent confession and contrition. The other three, “I forgive you,” reflect a willingness to forgive and start anew. Both require a humble disposition of the soul. We will be looking both at the biblical call for these six words as well as some practical guidance to make them a part of our lives.

Mike Frese

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.

Henry Davis - WilMed
Frank Eagles - WilMed

BY OUR PRESENCE
The following numbers represent our in-person and livestream numbers for Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025:
9:00 am Worship Service
In-Person - 70 Online - 25
11:00 am Worship Service
In-Person - 165 Online - 55
Total In-Person Attendance - 235
Total Online Worship Attendance - 80
Sunday School - 41

BY OUR GIFTS
The budget for 2025 is pending.

BY OUR SERVICE AND OUR WITNESS
First Wednesday Night Dinner: Our first Wednesday night dinner of the year will be this Wednesday, February 5th, at 6 p.m. The Joyful Hands Circle will be serving Chicken Pot Pie, salad, and ice cream cake for dessert. Cost: \$7 for adults; \$4 for children; \$20 max. Following the meal, Rev. Mike Frese will give a presentation, "Understanding the Sacraments" in Asbury Hall. This short, 30-minute, teaching session will explore the background and meaning of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to attend. The deadline for sign-up is Monday at noon. Please call the church office to make reservations at 237-6121.

Parent/Daughter Dance: FUMC Kids is hosting their annual Parent/Daughter Dance on February 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. It is \$20 for one parent and one child and \$5 for additional children. Register by scanning the QR code, or by calling the church office at 237-6121.



Family Game Night: FUMC Kids is hosting a Family Game Night on March 2 from 5-7 PM! Come out to Asbury hall for pizza, bingo, family trivia and more family bonding fun! Sign up by scanning the QR code, or by calling the church office at 237-6121.



The Worship of God

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Hour
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Gathering of God’s People

Sharing in Song **HOUSE OF THE LORD** Praise Band
GOD SO LOVED

Welcome and Announcements

Children’s Moments

First Lesson **Colossians 3:12-15**

Morning Prayer

Special Music **LORD I NEED YOU** Praise Band
(Please sign and pass the attendance pad)

Prayer of Dedication

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson **Matthew 5:21-24**

Morning Message **“6 Simple Words”** Reverend Mike Frese

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth **AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)** Praise Band

Sound Operator: Bill Bass
ProPresenter: Johna Kite
Video: Ed Reel

Reader: Lee Edwards
Greeters: The Fasnacht Family

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
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

PRELUDE “Our Father Who Art In Heaven” G. Böhm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN NO. 77 “How Great Thou Art” HOW GREAT

CHORAL INTROIT “How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely” H. Hopson

+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 MOMENTS

FIRST LESSON Colossians 3:12-15 NT page 201

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please sign and pass the attendance pads.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace” M. Hayes

+HYMN NO. 95 DOXOLOGY OLD 100th

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:21-24 NT page 4

MORNING MESSAGE “6 Simple Words” Reverend Mike Frese

HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to join in the singing of the Communion hymns.

Partita on 'Jesus, Thou Art Most Beautiful (I-IV) G. Böhm
Hymn 549 Where Charity And Love Prevail (vss 1-4) ST. PETER
Hymn 402 Lord, I Want To Be A Christian I WANT
Partita on 'Jesus, Thou Art Most Beautiful (XII-XIV) G. Böhm

+HYMN NO. 358 “Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind” REST

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE “Praeludium in C Major” G. Böhm

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+Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God from The Flower Fund.

Participating with the clergy today:

Sound: Shelley Gibson

Reader: Janice Walston

Video: Mark Godwin

Greeters: Kate & Witt Putney

Prepare for Next Sunday: *Boy Scout Sunday*