



ALL THINGS NEW



**Contemporary Worship**  
**APRIL 14, 2024**



## THANK YOU FOR VISITING CANTERBURY!

We are so glad you are here, and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by visiting:

[www.canterburyumc.org/attendance](http://www.canterburyumc.org/attendance)

We look forward to connecting with you!

**Senior Pastor** - Rev. Keith Thompson

**Pastor** - Rev. Hill Carmichael

**Pastor** - Rev. Tori Hastings

**Pastor** - Dr. Bill Morgan

**Pastor** - Rev. Sheryl Thornton

**Pastor** - Rev. Sam Williamson

**Pastor** - Rev. Matthew Montgomery

**Children's Pastor** - Rev. Ruth Grissom

**Youth Pastor** - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright

**Bishop in Residence** - Dr. Mike Watson

**Director of Contemporary Music** - Natalie Moon



## Who Are We

As people of the church, we are committed to following Jesus with an authentic faith. We seek to be real and authentic in every part of our lives because we believe that Jesus wants to know us. We also believe that Jesus wants to meet us wherever we are in life. At Canterbury United Methodist Church, this is what it means to be in relationship with Christ. Jesus said the most important thing we can do is to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love our neighbor as our self. This simple yet profound statement represents the real grace and real love Jesus has for all people, particularly those whom the rest of the world often overlooks. This statement from Jesus also represents the very nature of who God is. Through sharing real grace and real love with people, Jesus brought healing into their lives. At Canterbury, we seek to follow Jesus' example, striving to share and experience real grace and real love in our real life.

### Real Grace

Grace stands as a central tenant to our community. It is at the very core of who we are as children of God because it is part of our lives before we are even aware of it. We confess that we are each imperfect, regularly falling short of our own standards and God's. God loves us anyway just as we are. God initiates every relationship with us through grace. God's grace can never be earned, it is all gift. We, as God's children, strive to do the same with each other. We start with grace given to us by God. We live offering the same grace to ourselves and one another.

### Real Love

In a world where people are sometimes criticized for being different, the people of the church are called to be intentionally different. Our Holy Scriptures remind us that we are all created in the image of God; and, if God is Love, then we are created in the image of love. God as revealed in Jesus Christ is what real love looks like. When we are most true to who we are created to be, we are loving. At Canterbury, we seek to embody that love is patient and kind ... and we particularly like it best when it is a verb.

### Real Life

God constantly invites us into a life of full connection with God and others through Jesus Christ. This is the real life we are created for. Nothing but relationship with God and each other will truly satisfy the longing inside us. We believe this is the path to real, abundant life. Our desire is to walk this path together.

# Welcome to Canterbury

## ***We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!***

We want you to feel at home. Through close relationships, the study of scripture, education, and caring for others, our goal is to connect you to God, each other, and His world in a real and meaningful way. We want to be a place where you will meet Jesus exactly where you are. You will find a community of real people, led by leaders who express their real experiences to help renew and empower you to follow Him. So no matter where you are in life, we invite you to come as you are and to live for something greater. If you need help finding your way around, we have welcome guides located at our main entrances and outside the worship areas. We look forward to connecting with you!

## **WORSHIP:**

**Children in Worship** All children are welcome in worship! The sights, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. Worship Activity bags, Sensory bags, and other resources are available as you enter. If you have a child with sensory challenges who might need a break from worship, we have a Sensory Room located on the 2nd floor of the Children's Building that is staffed with knowledgeable caregivers. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years old, however we love having all ages worshipping together and look forward to the ways they can help us worship God.

**Watch Online** We understand the challenges you face and we strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us. Our Sanctuary and Contemporary Worship services are available on our website.

## **Things to Know:**

- *Make sure your children get a worship activity pack on the wall in Canterbury Center.*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is in the back hallway.*

## **NEXT STEPS**

If you are new to Canterbury, this is a great class for those who want to learn more about our church. Held on Sunday mornings, it provides an overview of what makes Canterbury thrive. You can find out more about the church, ask questions, and make personal connections. Sundays, 9:15-10:15 AM in the Dining Room. For questions or to sign up for the next session, please contact Becky King at [becky.king@canterburyumc.org](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

## **MEET WITH OUR PASTORS:**

Our pastors would love to meet with you over coffee and get to know you. You can bring any questions you might have and get to know a little more about Canterbury, and anything else you want to talk about. Contact Matthew Montgomery at [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org) or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

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## **CONTACT US:**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WORSHIP IS AN AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION OF GOD'S PRESENCE LIVED OUT MOMENT BY MOMENT

### **We Gather In God's Presence**

#### ***New Creations***

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

### **We Prepare Our Hearts With Song**

#### ***Goodness of God***

***Highlands (Song of Ascent)***

### **We Respond To God**

God's People Pray

God's People Give

***Jesus I Have My Doubts***

### **We Listen For God's Voice**

John 20: 19-30

All Things New: Behind Closed Doors

***Time And Time Again***

### **We Go To Live Like Jesus**

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus



# Happening at Canterbury

## **Info Session | Today | Following the Service**

The United Methodist Church will hold General Conference in Charlotte, NC at the end of this month. To answer any questions you may have, we are holding an information session this morning in Canterbury Hall immediately following this service.

## **Wednesday Night Outreach Sessions | 6 PM**

We are enjoying this great new set of informative sessions that are taking place on Wednesday nights at 6 PM in Room 226. April 17 - CPR Training / April 24 - Wellhouse / May 1 - Urban Ministries  
For full details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **New Opportunity! engAGE Lunch and Learn | April 18 | 11:30 AM**

Join us as we learn how to navigate the seasons of our lives. Through this new program, we will offer quarterly Lunch and Learn gatherings featuring informative topics on aging and how to live our best lives. The first one is this week, April 18 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM. We will hear from Valerie Boyd, as she shares about successful aging. Lunch is \$10. Please register at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/sage-adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/sage-adults)

## **Legacy Luncheon | April 23 | 12 Noon**

Please join us as we welcome Canterbury's very own Allen Baynes to share his long running NFL referee career and his latest adventure in refereeing this year's Superbowl. Allen will share stories, photos and his family history of being a part of the NFL organization. Come and ask all the questions that you have always wanted to know about the great sport of football on April 23 from 12-1 PM in Canterbury Hall. Lunch is \$5. RSVP to Valerie at 205-874-1523 or [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).

## **UMW Spring Meeting & Luncheon | May 6 | 10:30 AM**

All are invited to the UMW spring meeting and luncheon that will be held on May 6 at 10:30 AM in Wesley Hall. Guest speaker will be Michael Wilson, Executive Director of Avondale Samaritan Place. (\$17) You do not have to be a UMW member to attend! Please email Susan Yarbrow at [myarbrow35223@yahoo.com](mailto:myarbrow35223@yahoo.com) to sign up.

## **Side by Side Community Chorus Concert | May 14 | 2 PM**

Encore's Side by Side Community Chorus will present their spring benefit concert on May 14 at 2:00 PM in Canterbury Hall. This hard working and dedicated group of friends will share a fun and upbeat performance! Mark your calendar, see you there!

## **YAC Summer Events | Register Now**

Summer is one of our favorite times at YAC, and we want your student to be a part of Senior High Lake Trip, Jr. High BigStuf Trip & Mission Week! For info, dates and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## **Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Are Needed | June 10-13**

One of the most fun weeks of the summer is coming June 10-13 and @kids\_canterbury needs MANY adult volunteers to make VBC a huge SUCCESS! Questions? Contact Ruth at [ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org](mailto:ruth.grissom@canterburyumc.org). Sign up to be a volunteer today at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

# Upcoming Events

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WOMEN'S RETREAT  
**APRIL 26 & 27**

**NEW!  
PRICING  
OPTIONS**

There is still time to register, and we hope you'll join us! We have heard from many of you that it might be easier to make Friday or Saturday only as opposed to the entire retreat. We have adjusted the registration and pricing options as follows:

**\$30 for Friday | \$45 for Saturday | \$75 for the full weekend**

On Monday, April 15 at 10 AM, the price will increase to \$100 for the full weekend or \$40 for Friday and \$60 for Saturday. Registration deadline is April 22!



FEATURING  
KATHY IZARD

**REGISTER TODAY!**

[www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat](http://www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat)



### Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise

October 8-20, 2024

Join Rev. Tori Hastings, Canterbury pastors, and guest speaker Rev. Brian Erickson on a 10-night Mediterranean cruise, Journeys of Paul, October 8-20, 2024. Stops will include Cairo, Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Istanbul and more. For full details and registration info, visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages)  
Register by May 26 to avoid extra fees!





*Thank you for joining us today!*