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invited!

Contemporary Worship

AUGUST 25, 2024



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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

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. Matthew Montgomery

Pastor - Dr. Rick Owen

Youth Pastor - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Director of Contemporary Music - Natalie Moon

REAL

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. Excellent nursery care is available to children through 4 years.

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

Worship Online We strive to be a church that is accessible to you whenever and however you need us! All worship services are available online:

Website:

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC

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.

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 or 205-868-6588, to set that up.

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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

Everlasting Light

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Graves Into Gardens

Jesus You Alone

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Promises

We Listen For God's Voice

2 Corinthians 1: 17-20

You Are Invited: To Say Yes

Goodness Of God

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Thanksgiving for the Lives of

Howard Phillips (Barbara Taylor’s father).....August 20, 2024
Gerry Dunham (Charlie Dunham’s mother).....August 20, 2024
Jean Land.....August 21, 2024

Outreach

Churchwide Day of Service | October 27 | 9:30 AM - 12 Noon

For years, Canterbury’s Outreach ministries have been guided by Jesus’ words in Matthew 25. On Sunday morning, October 27, our church will experience this passage as we worship together through hands-on service from 9:30 AM-12 Noon. Please make plans to join us as we live out our call to love ‘the least of these’ and for a day to remember that ‘It’s Great to Serve With Canterbury!’ We will need over 400 volunteers to make this day a success, so grab your friends and family and make sure to be a part of it!

Projects Include:

- SWEET POTATO DROP - Volunteers Needed: 150
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 25
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 30
- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 150
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- KIDS ACTIVITIES - Volunteers Needed: 25
- LETTER WRITING BLAST - Volunteers Needed: 15
- FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM - Volunteers Needed: 10
- SAGE ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30

For full details on each of these projects and to reserve your spot, please visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/outreach

Happening at Canterbury

Wednesday Night Dinner & Studies | Return August 28

Have you registered for a fall study? Make plans to join your church family for dinner at 5 PM and stay for a small group study at 6 PM. Studies kickoff THIS WEEK on Wednesday, August 28.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Spiritual Practices and the Enneagram | September 6 & 7

Canterbury is hosting a special event on September 6 & 7 featuring Rev. Joseph and Suzanne Stabile. Our ways of connecting with God are as varied as our Enneagram numbers. This 2-day workshop will walk participants through varied spiritual practices, practical application and expectations, and the struggles and benefits that each enneagram personality presents along the way. Cost: \$99. Friday, September 6 from 6-9 PM & Saturday, September 7 from 9 AM-5 PM. Register: www.lifeinthetrinityministry.com/alabama

Next Steps | Begins September 15 | 9:15 AM

Considering joining Canterbury? This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time to continue building connections with others. The next session will be held in the Dining Room at 9:15 AM on 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 & 10/6. Reserve your spot by emailing becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

Youth@Canterbury

Midweek | Returns August 28 | 6-7 PM

YAC's Wednesday night programming is called MidWeek, and it starts back on August 28 from 6-7 PM! MidWeek will include a game, a lesson, and a great time with your friends! All 7th-12th graders will begin together in the Youth Center, and then we will split into a senior high group and a junior high group. The junior high group will move to room M-118, and senior high will stay in the Youth Center.

Kids@Canterbury

RISE Connect Fall Retreat (4th-6th grades) | September 20-21

This year we are including 4th graders in the Rise community of 5th & 6th graders. Make sure to sign up your child for our first RISE retreat on September 20-21, held in conjunction with Asbury UMC and Grace UMC. This will be a super fun fall weekend at Camp Sumatanga. Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Encore

Encore Volunteer Training | September 16 | 9AM - 12 Noon

Now is the time to plug in to Encore! We need you! Join us on Monday, September 16 for a new volunteer training - or for a refresher training for current volunteers! This is THE most rewarding experience where you can make a difference in the lives of people living with memory loss and their families. It's very flexible and can adapt to anyone's schedule! To register, email Patti Williams at encorepatti@gmail.com.

SAGE

Legacy Luncheon | August 27 | 12 Noon

Come enjoy fellowship and a great lunch at Legacy Luncheon this month! Join us at Noon in Canterbury Hall on August 27 to hear from and to meet Canterbury's new Director of Children's Ministry, Eleanor Christiansen. Lunch is \$5. RSVP by emailing Valerie Boyd at valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org.

Support Groups at Canterbury

Grief Care | Two Sessions Available

When we lose someone we love, we embark on a journey not of our choosing. But it is a vital and sacred journey for grief just the same. This group serves as a means of self-care and shared community for persons in grief. During this 6-week course, we will listen, share and gain important tools in navigating our unique grief experiences. Two sessions will be offered on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in Room M200.

- Led by Annie Skinner, 8/21-9/25

- Led Hill Carmichael, 10/9-11/13

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Mental Health Caregiver Support Group | Begins September 11

Thank you, Canterbury, for the feedback you provided through the recent survey on mental health. From the data collected, we've developed a 4-week program starting on September 11 that contains helpful sessions designed to support and equip persons caring for family members with mental health challenges. This support group is co-sponsored by United Counseling and all sessions will be led by professionals from our community. It will be held on four Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in Room 208.

1: Understanding Depression & Anxiety

2: Nurturing Children with Mental Health Challenges

3: Caring for Parents with Mental Health Challenges

4: Supporting Yourself, Boundaries and Self Care

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Divorce Support | Begins September 15 | 5-6:30 PM

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present & Future - Going through a divorce holds such a wide range of feelings, decisions and reassessments of life goals. This 10-week course on Sunday evenings is a safe and encouraging community where participants are guided along their unique journeys and beyond. Sessions include space for teaching, personal reflection and fellowship. Led by Rev. Leslie Etheredge in Room M200.

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Thank you for joining us today!