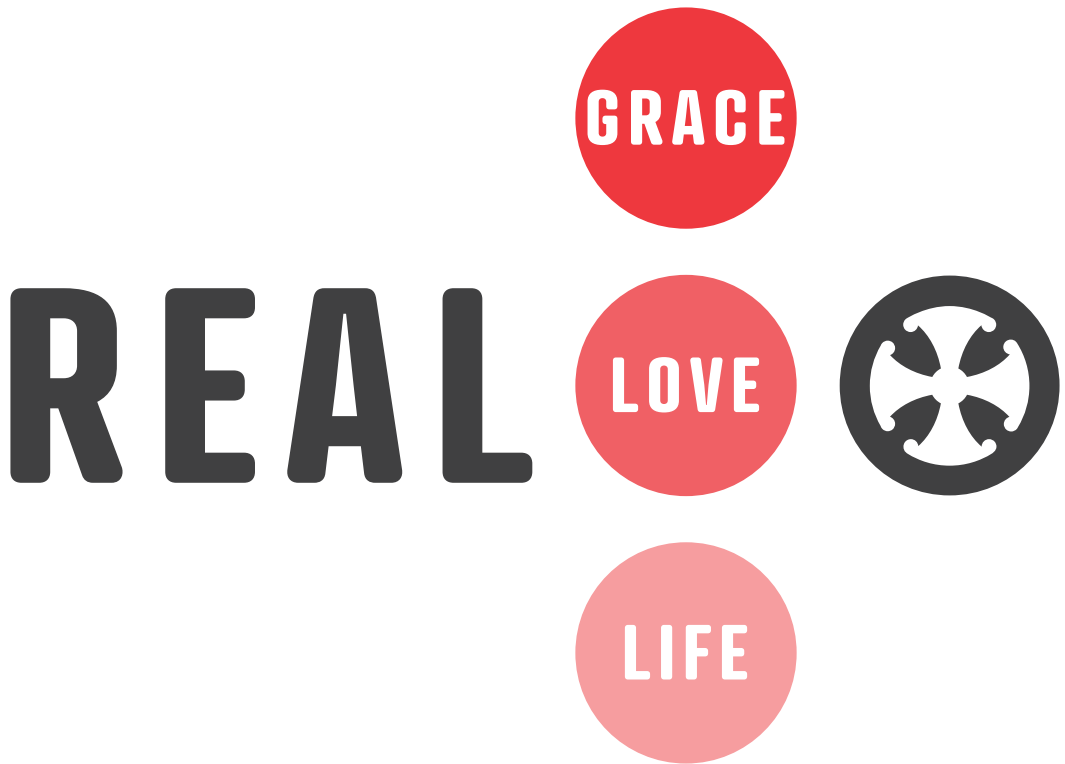


Epiphany Sunday



Contemporary Worship

JANUARY 7, 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

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. Seth Moon

High School 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 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.

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

These Are The Days

Welcome & Greeting

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

King

New Creations

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

He Is

We Listen For God's Voice

Mark 1: 4-11

Sermon

We Gather Around God's Table

Holy Communion

Been So Good

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Thanksgiving for the life of

Anne Berte.....December 30, 2023

Nancy Copping.....January 1, 2024

Happening at Canterbury

Book Club with John Archibald | January 8 | 11:30 AM

Join us for Book Club from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM in Room M200. The January book is "Shaking the Gates of Hell" and will be led by the author himself, John Archibald. Lunch is available for \$12, email Clare at clare.mallette@canterburyumc.org to place your order. Register today: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Winter Studies | Begin January 10

Join us on January 10 when Wednesday dinner returns along with Winter Session 1 studies and a special NEW Wednesday night series - Real Life Sessions. For more details and to sign up please visit: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Confirmation Retreat | January 12-14

7th grade YACs! It's almost time for the Confirmation Retreat - an incredible weekend at Shocco Springs (where Journey was!) You don't want to miss it! Registration is now open at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#confirmation

Men's Breakfast | January 16 | 6:30 AM

All men of Canterbury are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, January 16. We'll enjoy breakfast and fellowship, and will also discuss the upcoming events specifically designed for men of the church. So, if you are interested in being a part of a Life Group, signing up for a Men's Retreat, or being a part of any of the upcoming ministries for men, you don't want to miss this breakfast event! Register now at: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-breakfast

Emotionally Healthy Relationships | Begins January 17 | 5:30 PM

This course, led by Annie Skinner, is based on core Biblical principles to guide you into an experience of discipleship that will deeply change your life. You will learn 8 practical relationship skills to develop mature, loving relationships with others. Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30 PM, January 17-March 13. Register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Next Steps | Begins January 21 | 9:15 AM

New to Canterbury? This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with others. It will be held on Sunday mornings, 1/21- 2/11. To register, please email Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

Women's Dinner Event | January 23 | 6 PM

Canterbury women of all ages are invited to attend "Flourishing with Faith and Joy" – a very special evening of faith, fellowship and fun. The night will feature guest speakers Betty Gunn and Laura Sisson. A delicious Italian meal will be served and we will enjoy an evening focused on how we find faith and joy! This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with old friends and to meet new people at Canterbury. The event is hosted by Canterbury United Methodist Women, but you do not have to be a member or join UMW to attend. Register today at www.canterburyumc.org/community/united-methodist-women.

Upcoming Events



Raising Boys

GUEST SPEAKER
David Thomas

JANUARY 28
2-4 PM

What does it look like to raise boys with emotional strength? Young men who have the skills and resources to navigate all the moments of life - from the first day of school to conflict with friends, losing games and struggling with homework, facing challenges, and developing resilience.

This session will equip you to help boys develop three foundational ingredients for emotional health, known as the 3 R's. You will walk away with questions to ask the kids in your life, practical ideas and intentional practices for building emotional strength in your family.

David is the Executive Director of Daystar Counseling Ministries in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a frequent guest on national television and podcasts and has been featured in publications like The Washington Post and USA Today, and speaks across the country. For more information, visit raisingboysandgirls.com.

Free Admission. Open to the public!

Let us know you are coming by registering:
www.canterburyumc.org/event/guest-speaker-david-thomas/



AGAINST HUNGER

February 25 & 26
Canterbury Hall

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. Each year, Canterbury partners with Rise Against Hunger to pack thousands of meals. In 2023, we reached our goal by packing 150,000 meals. **In February, we plan to pack 200,000 meals** - bringing the total meals packed at Canterbury since beginning this program to 4 million meals!

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve with your Sunday school class, small group, or even your neighbors and friends. Many hands and hearts are needed, so register for a shift today! Click the QR code below or visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/rise-against-hunger





Thank you for joining us today!