

CELEBRATE
Easter
HE IS RISEN

Contemporary Service

March 31, 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. 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.

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

Praise

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

We Prepare Our Hearts With Song

Glorious Day

Made For More

We Respond To God

God's People Pray

God's People Give

Miracle

We Listen For God's Voice

Mark 16: 1-8

Sermon

Bless God

We Go To Live Like Jesus

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

SERMON NOTES:

Easter Crosses in Martha's Garden

The Easter crosses are placed in Martha's Garden and ready to be adorned with spring flowers by you and your family! This makes for a wonderful photo opportunity and will be a great memory of this beautiful Easter celebration.

Mission Outreach Easter Offering

This year your gift to the Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund Easter Offering will benefit the following ministries:

- Fair Haven Fountain of Love Offering
- Beeson Social Work Assistance Fund
- ASP's Use Your Noodle Program

Please drop your gift in the plate this morning or mail it to the church office - Canterbury UMC 350 Overbrook Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213. Please make your check payable to *Mission Outreach United Appeal Fund*.

Happening at Canterbury

New Wednesday Night Studies | Begin April 3

The next round of studies will start this week on April 3 at 6 PM. Join your church family for dinner (5 PM) and plug in to a new study! For full details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

- Judges, led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson
- Wednesday Bible Study, led by Keith Thompson
- Living Your Strengths, led by Annie Skinner
- Not In It To Win It, led by Natalie Moon

Wednesday Night Outreach Sessions | Begin April 3

We are excited to announce a great new set of informative sessions that will take place on Wednesday nights at 6 PM beginning this week! Sessions include: April 3 - Narcan Training / April 10 - Books to Prisons / April 17 - CPR Training / April 24 - Wellhouse / May 1 - Urban Ministries. For full details and to register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

New Opportunity! engAGE Lunch and Learn | April 18

Looking for the Fountain of Youth? Let us help by offering you a roadmap to successful aging. Through this new program, engAGE, we will offer quarterly Lunch and Learn gatherings featuring engaging and informative topics on how to live our best lives. On Thursday, April 18 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM, we will hear from our own Valerie Boyd, Executive Director of Encore and SAGE Ministries, as she addresses dementia prevention. Lunch is \$10. Please register at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/sage-adults

Women's Retreat | April 26 & 27

Don't miss the Spring Women's Retreat, ENLIVEN, featuring guest speaker and author Kathy Izard. The 2-day event will be held here on campus, and will be a weekend of growth and fellowship including an optional pre-event workshop on April 25. Register at: www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat

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

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!

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. Sign up to be a volunteer today at: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Upcoming Events

NEXT STEPS

Next Steps | Begins April 7

New to Canterbury? Considering joining the church?

This Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family, a path to membership, and a wonderful time for you to build connections with others. The next session will be held on four Sunday mornings beginning next Sunday, April 7 at 9:15 AM in the Dining Room. Sign up today by emailing Becky King at becky.king@canterburyumc.org.



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WOMEN'S RETREAT

CANTERBURY UMC

APRIL 26 & 27

- Friday evening, April 26 | 6-8:30 PM
Dinner provided
- Saturday, April 27 | 9 AM – 2 PM
Breakfast & Lunch provided

FEATURING KATHY IZARD

REGISTER TODAY!

www.canterburyumc.org/womens-retreat





Thank you for joining us today!