

# RESURRECTION STORIES

**Contemporary Worship**

**May 11, 2025**





## 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](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. Matthew Montgomery

**Pastor** - Dr. Rick Owen

**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. 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](http://www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online)

### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch)

### **YouTube:**

[www.youtube.com/@CanterburyUMC](http://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](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***

#### ***Child Of Love***

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

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

#### ***I Thank God***

#### ***Stand In Your Love***

### ***We Respond To God***

God's People Pray

God's People Give

#### ***Over And Over***

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

Acts 10: 34-43

Resurrection Stories: Setting at Liberty

Those Who are Oppressed—Addiction & Sobriety

#### ***Gratitude (Live)***

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

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

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Lizzie & Zachary Carothers, the proud parents of a baby boy, Jack Walter Carothers, born on May 6, 2025.

Karen Limparis (Katherine Murdock's mother).....April 25, 2025

We are updating Canterbury's membership database and would like to add a photo of you or of you and your family. If you took a picture here on Easter morning, or if you have another recent photo you prefer, please email it to [directory@canterburyumc.org](mailto:directory@canterburyumc.org).

# Happening at Canterbury

**Side by Side Spring Concert | May 13 | 2 PM** Don't miss "A Stroll Down Broadway!" this Tuesday, May 13 at 2 PM in Canterbury Hall. Great for all ages! No tickets are required, but donations will be accepted at the door to benefit McCoy Adult Day Care. Please come support us with your presence for this special event!

**The Calm Before the Stork | May 18 | 9:30 AM** If your family is growing through birth, adoption or fostering, we would love to share all the ways our church hopes to wrap around your family during these sacred days and years! We will discuss baptism, nursery, Sunday School, and share ideas about books and Bibles for your little one. We will hold our first bi-annual *Calm Before the Stork* on Sunday, May 18 at 9:30 AM in room 213 in the Children's Department. Please RSVP: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

**Birmingham Boys Choir Spring Concert | May 18 | 2:30 PM** The Birmingham Boys Choir presents its 47th annual spring concert on Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 PM in the Canterbury Sanctuary. All are invited! The concert is free and is the Choir's gift to the community.

**ENCOURAGERS Interest** This fall, Canterbury will launch Encouragers - an intergenerational women's program. The goal is to form many small groups of all ages to meet together once a month for a year for fellowship, prayer and service. Sign up to be a part of it at: [bit.ly/43pCwfe](http://bit.ly/43pCwfe)

**Kids Summer Camp & Events** Register today for everything we have in store for your kids this summer at Canterbury at [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children).

## YAC Summer Trips & Getaways

*Summer booklets are here! Make sure to pick one up for your student at the round desk!*

- June 6-8 — Sr. High Lake Trip
- June 23-26 — Jr. High Adventure Trip
- July 13-18 — Magic City Work Week
- May 28 — Six Flags Getaway
- June 11 — Activate Getaway
- June 18 — Braves Game Getaway

Sign up: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth/#summer)

**Legacy Luncheon | May 27 | 12 Noon** Join us for a very special luncheon with Dr. John Waits from Freedom Farm, homes for abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk kids. Learn how this amazing ministry is changing the lives of children and families by giving them the "freedom to soar" and to succeed in a loving home where God and faith are the center. Lunch is \$5. Please RSVP by May 22 to Valerie at [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org).



**Women's Health & Menopause Interest Survey** We're exploring the possibility of hosting an event focused on all of the stages of menopause and what women of all ages can do to support their long term health. Please scan the QR code to share your valuable feedback. It will help us shape an event that will meet these needs.

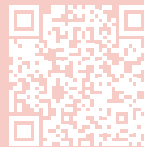


# SUMMER EVENTS



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