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**than rows.**



**Contemporary Worship**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

## Welcome to Canterbury!

We are so glad to have you as our guest in worship and we would love to connect with you. Let us know you are here by scanning this QR code or by following this link: [www.canterburyumc.org/attendance](http://www.canterburyumc.org/attendance)



**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



## WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Canterbury UMC where we seek to be a church full of real grace, and real love in the midst of real life. Guides are available to help you find your way, and hearing assist devices are available – ask an usher for assistance.

**Children in Worship** All children are welcome in worship! The sight, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. We have worship activity bags available as you enter the Sanctuary. Excellent nursery care is also available for 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. Nursery is provided for infants and preschoolers for all regularly scheduled worship services. Canterbury uses a computer check-in system as part of our Safe Sanctuary Policy. *Adjacent to the Narthex, the Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child.*

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

### **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)

## CONNECT

**Next Steps Class** This class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with other followers of Christ. Since many of us come from different church backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are, what we believe, and how you can take the next steps in partnering with us to build the Kingdom of God. After attending these classes, it is our hope you will decide to make Canterbury your new church home. For more information, please contact Becky King at [becky.king@canterburyumc.org](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org).

## CONTACT US

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# *It's great* TO SERVE WITH **CANTERBURY**

## **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. *No indoor worship services will be held.* 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!'

### **Schedule:**

9:30 AM Gather for a brief time of worship | CHAPEL PARKING LOT  
10:00 AM Disperse to service projects  
11:30 AM Enjoy a complimentary fellowship lunch

### **Projects Include:**

- RISE AGAINST HUNGER FINALE - Volunteers Needed: 200
- KIDS ACTIVITY - Volunteers Needed: 25
- FLOOD BUCKET PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 40
- BOOKS TO PRISONS LETTER WRITING - Volunteers Needed: 20
- LITTLE BROWN BAG PACKING - Volunteers Needed: 75
- SAGE ACTIVITY for HOMEBOUND - Volunteers Needed: 30
- THANKSGIVING CARDS for PRISONERS - Volunteers Needed: 25
- PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING - Volunteers Needed: 15
- FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TEAM - Volunteers Needed: 10
- BUNKBED DECONSTRUCTION (Off-site at Midfield Ministry Center) - Volunteers Needed: 25
- SOUP MAKING (At home option) - Volunteers Needed: 25

**Scan to register!**



**We will need over 500 volunteers to make this day a success!**

Grab your friends and family and make sure to be a part of it! For full details on each of these projects and to register your spot, please visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/outreach](http://www.canterburyumc.org/outreach)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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

#### ***Raise A Hallelujah***

Welcome & Greeting

Children's Moment

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

#### ***Glorious Day***

#### ***If The Lord***

### **We Respond To God**

God's People Pray

God's People Give

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

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

Mark 5: 21-34

Circles are Better than Rows: Alone in a Crowded Room

#### ***Time And Time Again***

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

Reminder of God's Promises

A Challenge to Live Like Jesus

**SERMON NOTES:**

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**Thanksgiving for the life of**

Nancy Miller (Lanie Kent's mother).....September 20, 2024

# Happening at Canterbury

## **Grief Care | Begins October 9 | 12 Noon**

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. These sessions will be offered 10/9-11/13 on Wednesdays at 12 Noon in Room M200. Led by Hill Carmichael. For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **Men's Breakfast | October 17 | 6:30 AM**

Save the date! All men of Canterbury are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Thursday, October 17, at 6:30 AM. We'll enjoy breakfast and fellowship in Canterbury Hall 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 in the church, you don't want to miss this breakfast event! \$12 per person. Registration details coming soon!

## **Legacy Luncheon | October 29 | 12 Noon**

Please join us for our "October Juke Fest" as we reminisce to the music from the 50's, 60's and 70's featuring Bob Norman and friends. Be on the lookout, you never know who is waiting in the wings to jitterbug. Come and enjoy a fabulous lunch, fellowship, singing, and yes, some dancing on Tuesday, October 29 at 12 Noon in Canterbury Hall. Please RSVP to [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org) by October 24.

## **Divorce Support | New Session Begins October 29 | 6 PM**

The Divorce Journey: Past, Present & Future - Going through a divorce holds such a wide range of feelings, decisions and reassessments of life goals. We are launching another group on Tuesday nights beginning on 10/29. This 10-week course 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 on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Registration deadline is Monday, October 28. For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

## **Faith Pilgrimage Wesley Heritage Tour | June 2025**

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburians on a Wesley Heritage Tour June 4-12, 2025. You will spend nine days in England touring Coventry, Epworth, Cotswolds, Stratford, Oxford, Bristol, Wesley's London and much more. Starting from \$4,248 per person. For the complete brochure and to register, please visit: [www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages](http://www.canterburyumc.org/community/faith-pilgrimages)

## **Youth@Canterbury**

### **Registration Open for Journey Retreat**

Our Journey Retreat will be held November 22-24, and we will be going to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL. This is a retreat for all 7th-12th graders and is an awesome weekend filled with meaningful talks, amazing worship, fun games, and more! This is a retreat that your student is not going to want to miss! For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/youth)

## **Kids@Canterbury**

### **4th Grade Faith Milestone | October 20 | 9:15 AM**

Faith Milestones are a chance for the church to celebrate exactly who your child is right now and connect that to important parts of our faith practices here at church. We are so excited to see you and your 4th grader at our 4th grade milestone on October 20 during the Sunday School hour. We will be learning about how our faith pushes us out into the world to serve others. Please RSVP so that we will be prepared with materials for your family. For more details and to register: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children)

## **Adult Studies**

### **Wednesday Evening Studies | Session 2 Begins October 9 | 6-7 PM**

The next round of studies begin in just two weeks! Register today at: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

- A Deeper Dive into the Psalms

Led by Bishop Mike Watson | Room 226

- The Archeology of the Holy Land

Led by Paul McCracken | Room M227

- Wednesday Evening Bible Study (ongoing)

Led by Keith Thompson | Room 209, Wesley Hall

- Genesis: The Beginning (ongoing)

Led by Lisa Donnell and John Hutchinson | Room 228-229

## **Stewardship**

### **It's Great to be at Canterbury!**

THANK YOU to all of those who have made their financial commitments for the coming year. All the gifts you bring make this place special and remind us that it's great to be at Canterbury. We have so much to look forward to in 2025! If you are ready to make your financial commitment to support Canterbury's vital ministries, please visit [www.canterburyumc.org/giving](http://www.canterburyumc.org/giving). If you have questions, please email Carolyn Phillips in the Finance Office or call 205.874.1553.



*Thank you for joining us today!*