

WHAT MATTERS MOST



Sanctuary Worship
August 16, 2026

Thank you for joining us!

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



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

Children's Pastor - Rev. Eleanor Christiansen

Bishop in Residence - Dr. Mike Watson

Choirmaster and Organist - Dr. Lester Seigel

Crucifer - Leigh Anne Precise

Acolytes - Charlie Brandenburg & Evelyn Bradenburg



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.

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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. Here 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 sight, sounds, and interactions of worship are appropriate for every age. We have worship activity bags available as you enter the worship space. Excellent nursery care is also 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. 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. Please email Breana Stallings at breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org with any questions about the nursery.

Help us celebrate the new life in our congregation by sharing the exciting news with us! Please let us know when your family is welcoming a new baby by emailing linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

Things to Know - *Ask an usher for assistance!*

- *Listen Everywhere*, a bluetooth hearing app, is available as well as other hearing assist devices.
- The Children's Comfort Room is located adjacent to the Narthex, a quiet place for you and your child.

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

Website

www.canterburyumc.org/worship/worship-online

Facebook

www.facebook.com/CanterburyUMChurch

YouTube

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 quarterly 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.

MEET WITH ONE OF 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, the United Methodist Church, and anything else you want to talk about. To set that up, contact the church office at 205-871-4695.

CONTACT US

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Order of Worship

Voluntary

Rhosymedre
Laurie Middaugh, Organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Eleanor Christiansen

* Processional Hymn 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with you.

Children's Moment

Breana Stallings

Call to Prayer

View Me, Lord

Richard Lloyd

View me, Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drown'd in night? Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

In thy Word, Lord, is my trust; to thy mercies fast I fly. Though I am but clay and dust, yet thy Grace can lift me high.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice! Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

* Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn 436

This is a Day of New Beginnings, vv. 1-4

BEGINNINGS

The Lesson

Acts 2: 42-47

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What Matters Most: The One Thing

Rev. Keith Thompson

* Closing Hymn 157

Jesus Shall Reign, vv. 1, 4, 5

DUKE STREET

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer

Ted Clark, cantor

Postlude

Thanksgiving for the life of

Linda BroachAugust 6, 2026

DAILY READING PLAN

Our churchwide Bible reading plan returns in September with the Book of Genesis!
Beginning Sunday evening, September 6, you will receive an email outlining the readings for the week. If you do not receive an email, please help us out by emailing becky.king@canterburyumc.org to make sure the church has your correct email address.

Happening at Canterbury

Wednesday Nights Return August 19

Canterbury Hall • 5-6:30 PM

Complimentary

Chik-Fil-A Dinner • Ice Cream
Inflatables for Kids • Explore Fall Studies

Holy Land at Home | August 20 & 23

As we begin our studies of the Old Testament, this opportunity will allow you to experience the Holy Land through the eyes of Nimati Tahhan, a Jerusalem resident and guide. She will share personal stories, cultural insight, and a deeper look at the people and places of Israel.

• Part 1: Beyond the Headlines

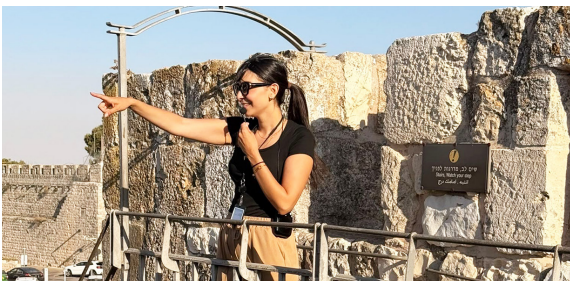
August 20 | 12 Noon | Wesley Hall

Go beyond the news cycle for a firsthand look at everyday life, faith, challenges, and hope in Israel today. Bring your lunch and a friend!

• Part 2: Holy Land at Home

August 23 | 9:15 AM | Wesley Hall

Take a photo journey through the Holy Land's sacred sites as Nimati brings Scripture to life with firsthand knowledge and rich context. See these familiar places with fresh eyes.



FALL STUDIES Begin August 26

Register Now for Sessions 1 & 2

What happens when God interrupts our plans? This fall, journey through the Old Testament and discover how God has always worked in unexpected ways. Through surprising twists, unlikely people, and divine interruptions, we'll see God's plans are often far better than our own. Pick your favorite



books offered and explore how God's "Holy Mischief" continues to shape lives! Classes begin Wednesday, August 26, 6 PM.

To register, scan the QR code or visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

HOLY MISCHIEF

DIVINELY DISRUPTIVE SINCE THE BEGINNING

- JUDGES, Rick Owen
- PROVERBS, Lisa Donnell & John Hutchinson
- GENESIS, Tori Hastings
- ECCLESIASTES, Matthew Montgomery
- RUTH, Natalie Moon & Annie Skinner
- NEHEMIAH, Keith Thompson

Other Offerings:

- History of Methodist Hymns, Lester Seigel
- The After Party, Tom Owens
- The After Party, Bill Morgan (*Thursday at Noon)

Women's Serve Night | September 1 | 6 PM

All ladies! Join us for dinner and a service project with the girls of Grace House. This is a great opportunity to connect, serve, and encourage young women in foster care. Register and learn how to help:

www.canterburyumc.org/community/encouragers

Happening at Canterbury

YAC Fall Kickoff | Tonight | 5-7 PM

Kick off the new school year with us this evening, August 16 from 5-7 PM at the church! This event is for all 2026–2027 7th–12th graders. We can't wait to see everyone!

Wednesday Nights For Kids | 6-7 PM

All children are invited to be a part of Wednesday night discipleship! Beginning on August 26, programming begins at 6 PM and ends at 7 PM in the Children's Ministry area. Please check your kids into their classes on your way to drop them off!

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/children

Grief Care | Begins September 9 | 12 PM

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to walk through it alone. Join Hill Carmichael for this six-week supportive group offering encouragement, meaningful conversation, and hope in the company of others who understand.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults

Next Steps | Begins September 13 | 9:15 AM

This friendly Sunday morning class is a basic introduction to our church family and a wonderful time for you to continue building connections with others. If you are interested in making Canterbury your church home, please join us on 9/13, 9/20 & 9/27.

To register, email becky.king@canterburyumc.org.

Men's Breakfast | September 24 | 6:30 AM

Wake up early and come for breakfast and hear from Hill Carmichael. He'll share about the Kenya Mission trip and Canterbury's impactful partnerships there.

Register: www.canterburyumc.org/mens-ministry

Outreach Delivery Elf Needed

Can you help deliver to various ministries? You can do it once a quarter, once a month, or as your schedule allows! For more details or to sign up, email rachel.estes@canterburyumc.org.

ENCOURAGERS KICKOFF DINNER

SEPTEMBER 24 | 6 PM

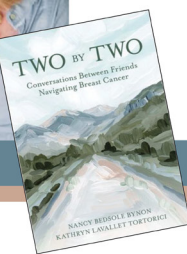


with author Kathryn Tortorici

All women are invited to be a part of this meaningful ministry!

Scan the QR code to register for the Kickoff Dinner and register to be a part of the 2026-27 Encouragers groups.

www.canterburyumc.org/community/encouragers



[\$25 per person]

