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**Sanctuary Worship**

**August 17, 2025**

## Thank you for visiting!

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. Matthew Montgomery

**Pastor** - Dr. Rick Owen

**Youth Pastor** - Rev. Gann Waters - Wright

**Bishop in Residence** - Dr. Mike Watson

**Choirmaster and Organist** - Dr. Lester Seigel



## 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. Nursery for other activities and church events can be provided. Please email Breana Stallings at [breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org](mailto:breana.stallings@canterburyumc.org) with any questions about the nursery.

Help us to celebrate the new life in our congregation by sharing the exciting news with us! We need you to let us know when your family is welcoming a new baby and hope you will email [linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org](mailto:linda.carpenter@canterburyumc.org) so that we can all celebrate another child in our midst.

## **Things to Know**

- *Hearing assist devices are now available – ask an usher for assistance*
- *The Children's Comfort Room is a place where you may sit with your child. It is adjacent to the Narthex*

**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).

## **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. Contact the church office at 205-871-4695 to set that up.

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## **CONTACT US**

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# Order of Worship

**Voluntary**

Adoration

Jean Langlais

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Rick Owen

**\* Processional Hymn 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

**\* 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**

Maddie Moravek

**Anthem**

Ubi Caritas et Amor

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

**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**

Anthem

Bright Canaan

Sacred Harp tune, arr. Shaw/Parker

O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the land of Canaan;  
 I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan.  
 (Refrain) O Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan;  
 O Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan.  
 I'll join with them who've gone before, where sin and sorrows are no more. (Refrain)  
 Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, and higher still our joys they rise. (Refrain)

\* 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 399

Take My Life, and Let it Be

MESSIAH

The Lesson

Romans 12:1-2, 9-13  
*The word of God for the people of God.* **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Keith Thompson

\* Closing Hymn 560

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA

\* Dismissal & Blessing

\* Recessional Prayer

Ted Clark, cantor

In Celebration

Wil and Sally Stewart are the proud parents of a baby boy, Wilson Rawls Stewart, Jr.,  
 born on August 6, 2025.

Thanksgiving for the lives of

Whitney Sandefer (Kacy & James David Sandefer's sister).....July 29, 2025  
 David Crawford (Kathy Crawford's husband).....August 7, 2025

Communion Server Training | September 7

Join us for Communion Server Training, September 7 from 11:30 - 12:30 as we prepare and equip volunteers to serve during the Lord's Supper with reverence, care, and understanding. This brief but essential session will cover responsibilities, logistics, and the spiritual significance of the role. Whether you're new or seasoned in serving communion, your participation helps ensure a meaningful worship experience for our church family. All are welcome! Questions? Email Rick Owen at [rick.owen@canterburyumc.org](mailto:rick.owen@canterburyumc.org).

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# Fall Kickoff

Wednesday Night Dinner & Fall Bible Studies

# August 20

Canterbury Hall • 5-6:30 PM

*Complimentary* Chik-Fil-A Dinner & Ice Cream Sundae Bar  
Games & Inflatables for Kids • Preview of Fall Studies

**All ages! Bring the whole crew!**

## Important August Dates

We look forward to kicking off a wonderful fall here at Canterbury! Please make note of these key dates:

- **August 17** | YAC "Rodeo" Kickoff (5-7 PM)
- **August 20** | Fall Kickoff Event for  
Wed. Night Dinner & Studies  
(5-6:30 PM Canterbury Hall)
- **August 27** | Wednesday Night Dinner  
(5-6 PM Canterbury Hall)  
Bible Studies Begin (6 PM)  
Youth & Kids Activities (6 PM)

## Fall Bible Studies | Register Now

**Begin Wednesday, August 27 at 6 PM**

Our Pastors and Staff are teaching "Fall Favorites," their favorite books of the Bible. Register now for Sessions 1 & 2, there are so many to choose from!

- ACTS - Hill Carmichael
- JOHN - Rick Owen
- REVELATION - Keith Thompson
- JOB - Matthew Montgomery
- PSALMS - Mike Watson
- JAMES - Tori Hastings
- GENESIS - Eleanor Christiansen & Natalie Moon
- JONAH - Annie Skinner
- PAUL - Lisa Donnell & Team

Sign up: [www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grow/adults)

# Happening at Canterbury

## **Lunch at Back Forty | Today**

We're so excited to be back in worship together this Sunday! All are invited to meet for lunch immediately following the 10:30 AM services at Back Forty (3201 1st Ave North). Bring the kids and enjoy lunch together!

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## **NARCAN Training | Today | 11:45 AM**

Jefferson Co. Health Dept. will conduct a very important NARCAN training session in the small dining room today from 11:45-12:45 PM. This is a free training and you will leave with a NARCAN kit.

## **YAC "Rodeo" Fall Kickoff Event | This Evening | 5-7 PM**

Hey YACs! Join us at 5 PM in the parking lot for an evening packed with fun... featuring inflatables, rodeo games, and more! We'll be grilling hot dogs, serving up snacks and giving away awesome prizes. Everyone will get a free t-shirt, plus we'll launch our first MYF series of the year and introduce small groups.

## **Kids@Canterbury 5K Faith Milestone | August 24 | 9:15 AM**

Faith Milestones celebrate your child and connect them to Canterbury's faith practices. Join us August 24 for the 5K "I Can Go To Worship" Milestone, featuring a worship scavenger hunt. RSVP to ensure materials for your family at [www.canterburyumc.org/grouw/children](http://www.canterburyumc.org/grouw/children).

## **Interest Meeting | Faith Pilgrimage Poland & Germany | August 24 | 11:30 AM**

Join Rev. Tori Hastings and fellow Canterburyans April 9-19 and follow the footsteps of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Reformation. For more details, plan to attend an Interest Meeting next Sunday, August 24 immediately after 10:30 AM worship in Wesley Hall. Questions? Email [tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org](mailto:tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org)

## **New Small Group for Young Married Couples Cookout | August 24 | 6 PM**

Are you married, under 35, and looking to build community with others in the same season of life? Join us this fall for a brand-new small group led by Tommy and Leigh Ann Sisson. To kick things off, join us for a cookout next Sunday, August 24 at 6 PM. RSVP: [matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org](mailto:matthew.montgomery@canterburyumc.org)

## **Legacy Luncheon | August 26 | 12 Noon**

Join us for a fun-filled Legacy Luncheon with The Basement Band—lifelong friends Lewis, Mike, and Vic, who turned basement jam sessions into a classic oldies adventure. Enjoy great food, good company, and toe-tapping tunes as we kick off the fall season in Canterbury Hall. (Lunch \$5) RSVP: [valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org](mailto:valerie.boyd@canterburyumc.org)

## **NEXT STEPS | Begins September 7**

This 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 9/7, 9/14 & 9/21. RSVP: [becky.king@canterburyumc.org](mailto:becky.king@canterburyumc.org)



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