

God Gathers Us Together

Preservice Music

Rise Up and Praise Him

Welcome

***Passing the Peace**

***Songs of Praise**

Ancient of Days

Father, I Adore You

***Opening Prayer**

God Speaks to Us

Psalter *Psalm 139*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song *Holy and Anointed One*

Prayers of the People

Offering

***Children's Time**

(Children are welcome to attend Children's Church. They will return at the end of the service.)

Epistle Lesson *Philemon 1:1-21*

Sermon *Danny Peck*

Serving Refreshment

We Respond to God's Call

***Closing Song** *Give Thanks*

God Sends Us Forth

***Words of Blessing**

***Postlude**

() Please stand, as you are able.*

Entrance

Prelude *Prelude in F major* J.S. Bach

***Chiming of the Hour**

*** Processional Hymn** No. 553

And Are We Yet Alive

***Call to Worship**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

***Introit**

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** No. 6

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed No. 881

***Gloria:** *Glory Be to the Father* No.70

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination (Unison) No. 6

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalter *Psalm 139* No. 854

Children's Moments

Anthem

Marcia & Randy Philips, Bonnie Jo Belcher, Don Kosik

Epistle Lesson *Philemon 1:1-21*

Sermon *Danny Peck*

Serving Refreshment

Hymn No. 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offering *Sonata in f minor* D. Scarlatti

***Doxology** No. 94

Sending Forth

***Hymn** No. 530

Are Ye Able

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Postlude**

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of Dorothy Owens, by her children and grandchildren on her 90th birthday.

Serving Us Today

VIDEO OPERATOR 8:30 – Tammy Campbell

VIDEO OPERATOR 11: 00 – Danny Peck

AUDIO OPERATOR 11:00 – Dave Thomas

GREETERS – Lynn and Frank Jennings

ACOLYTES – Mary Ellen Foreman and Margaret Brothers

ALTAR GUILD – Penny Raby and Karla Bishop

COMMUNITY CAFÉ –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you or someone you know can't be here in person, we broadcast our 11:00 service on **WGAI Radio**, AM 560.

CONGRATULATIONS to Scott and Anna Casteel Miller, who were married in Wilmington, NC, on Saturday, September 3, 2016. Anna is the daughter of Pastors Joe and Kimberly Carlson Casteel.

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST MEN:

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

Stop by between services on Sunday and see all the upgrades that have been made to the Preschool area!

IT'S TIME FOR CONFIRMATION.... Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11. Confirmation class begins that week, and is open to students in sixth grade and above. Additional details will be available in the e-News before the start of Confirmation class, and you may also always contact Danny or Pastor Joe with questions.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS...

UMW Circles will begin meeting in September. The following is a listing of meeting times, dates and location. Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to attend any Circle that suits your schedule.

- Circle of Friends - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. in member's homes
- Circle of Loving Kindness - 2nd Tuesday @ 1:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room
- Circle of Faith - 4th Monday @ 10:30 a.m. in the Asbury Room
- Circle of Hope - 4th Monday @ 9:00 a.m. in the Community Cafe

The General Meeting is the 3rd Monday @ 10:00 a.m. in the Asbury Room.

Please stay tuned for a listing of guest speakers and programs for the fall.

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2016 Tour of Prayer

Please mark your calendars to join the Beacon District in covering our region with prayer. Join others from the United Methodist Churches in your country at the Court House Steps 12:00 noon for a time of prayer led by the District Superintendent. Along with a time of prayer it will be a time of listening to the concerns, needs and issues for each respective county. Gathering will begin at noon, followed by our prayer time and then lunch with the District Superintendent. The date for the Pasquotank County gathering will be Tuesday, September 27. **What will happen?** Once we have gathered and shared greetings, the District Superintendent will lead out in prayer for the churches in the county and invite those gathered to then lift prayer concerns in prayer with those gathered. What follows is sometimes referred to as "popcorn" prayer or a "concert" of prayer as those gathered pray for the needs of that county. The time of prayer will be concluded with a unison praying of the Lord's Prayer. **How long will it last?** We anticipate that from Noon there will be 5 minutes of greeting. Prayer time that follows will probably average between 10-20 minutes. The DS hopes to conclude by 12:30 followed by lunch with anyone who would like to attend. **Who should come?** Anyone who would like to pray should come. The time has been set at noon so that those who take lunch may use their lunch hour to give in prayer. This will allow for clergy, laity and our communities to attend.

E-NEWS... To receive weekly email updates of events and opportunities, call the church office at 335-1771 or use this QR code on your smartphone to sign up:

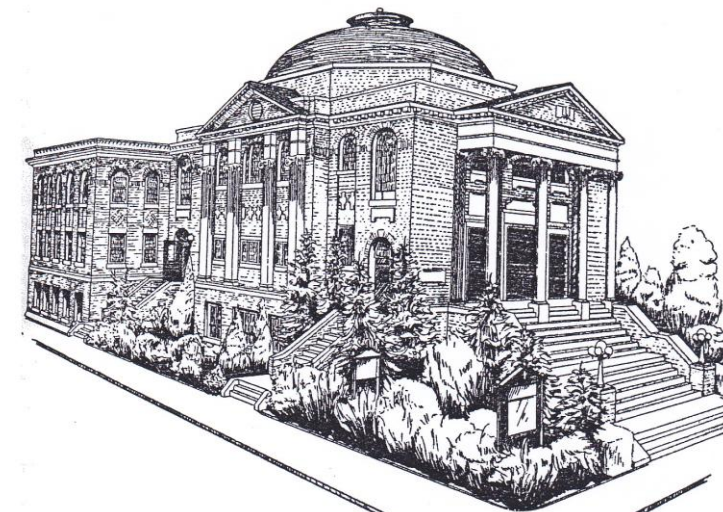


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September 4, 2016 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome

It doesn't matter where you come from or what your past might be, this is a place for ALL people. We are a Christ-centered community where you will be loved, encouraged, and challenged to discover a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ and a sense of community with others

*We invite you to fill out a **Connection Card** which is located on the pew in front of you (Sanctuary) or just outside (Asbury Room) and drop it in the offering plate. You are important to us and this is a first step in building a relationship with you.*

*While you are here we invite you to the **Community Café**, located on the first floor for coffee, juice and refreshments. A professional **Infant and Toddler Nursery** is available in our Preschool Wing on the first floor, too.*

We also invite you to check us out online at ecfumc.org where you can listen to sermons at any time. All of our contact and ministry information is there.