

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15:

9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (209)
 9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)
 9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
 9:45a-Unity Class (213)
 9:45a-Children’s Sunday School (CW)
 9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
 9:45a-Confirmation Class (WC)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 12:30p-Acolyte Training (J)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 5:15p- Sanctuary Bells
 5:15p- Youth Group

Monday, September 16:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 6:00p-Girl Scout Service Unit (J)
 7:00p-Harmonia Rehearsal (S)

Tuesday, September 17:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 11:00a-Staff Meeting (BCR)
 2:30p-Lectionary Bible Study
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)
 7:00p-ESOL

Wednesday, September 18:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 9:30a-AA Meeting (WC)
 10:00a-Christian Women’s Fellowship Breast Cancer Pillow Workday (217)
 4:00p-Come Paint with Us! (Art Room)
 5:00p-Wednesday Night Supper (AC)
 5:30p-Cherub Choir (MC)
 5:30p-Melody Bells (210)
 5:45p-Making Sense of the Bible (209)

Wednesday, September 18 continued:

5:45p-Living Our Beliefs (203)
 5:45p-Covenant Bible Study (201)
 6:20p-Wesley Singers (MC)
 7:30p-Chancel Choir (MC)

Thursday, September 19:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:00a-Grandparents Support Group (213)
 6:30p-AA Meeting (WC)

Friday, September 20:

9:00a-Weekday Preschool
 10:00a-Backpack Buddies (WC)
 5:00p-Activities Center Reserved

Saturday, September 21:

9:00a-Activities Center Reserved
 10:00a-Advent Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church (C, J, CW)
 3:00p-City of Tucker Adult Field Day (Greenspace)

Sunday, September 22:

9:30a-Discovery Class (201*)
 9:30a-Discipleship Journey (209)
 9:45a-Searchers Class (205*)
 9:45a-Christian Friendship (206)
 9:45a-Unity Class (213)
 9:45a-Children’s Sunday School (CW)
 9:45a-Youth SS (WC)
 9:45a-Confirmation Class (WC)
 11:00a-Traditional Worship (S)
 12:30p-Church Council (J)
 1:00p-Shower Ministry (AC)
 2:00p-Girl Scouts 17176 (WC)
 4:00p-Youth Chapel Bells (210)
 4:30p-Tucker ACTS (C)
 5:15p- Sanctuary Bells
 5:15p- Youth Group

(C) Chapel	(BCR) Becker Conf. Room	(AC) Activities Center
(J) Jenkin’s Hall	(WC) Wesley Center	(AR) Art Room
(S) Sanctuary	(CW) Children’s Wing	*Contact Group Leader for Zoom
(GR) Gathering Room	(MC) Music Center	Link

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Pat Hicks	Donna Powell	Alice Shepard	Jo Anne Maxwell
Garnett Halstead	Olevia Thrasher	Ethel Bay	Dot Melo
George Bonito	George Mize	Henry Wall	Shelly Thomas
Rev. Jess Walter	Cliff Walter	Mary Smith	Charles Bannister
Chuck Stevenson	Marjorie Foster	Julia Torbert	Gail Cook
Garnett Fisher	Carole Fisher	Dawn Hines	Barbara Higgins
Gloria Jones	Lisa Tink	Jim Cook	Linda Brooks

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte: EN Hunt & Nate Lee
 AV Team: Craig Coleman, David Smallwood & Eric Hunt

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Prov. 31:10-31 | Psalm 1 | James 3:13-4:3 | Mark 9:38-50

Last Week’s In-Person Worship Attendance 145
Last Week’s Online Worship Attendance 24

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United Methodist Church
TUCKERFIRST

September 15, 2024
 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Church Mission:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Arr. Flower
 Dr. Soo Jin Kim, Organ

Your wisdom cries out for our attention, O Lord. But we look for her in all the wrong places, and we ignore her when she’s right before our eyes. Make your wisdom known to us this day. Center us in your Word and in your Spirit, that we may worship you in joy and hope this day. Amen.

Please let us know you’re here and take a moment to fill out the pew pad located at the end of each row. Then pass it down to others on your row.

WELCOME & INVOCATION **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
 and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
**Day to day pours forth speech,
 and night to night declares knowledge.**
 There is no speech, nor are there words;
 their voice is not heard;
**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
 and their words to the end of the world.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. **Alleluia! Amen!**

** Please stand as you are able*

Vision Statement:

To be a church in connection with God, our community, and each other.

*HYMN NO. 126 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Verses 1-3

*A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885 **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Verse 4

*PASSING OF THE PEACE **Dr. Nathan Frank**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God has gathered us here today,

**a day in which we bring our full selves—
our simplicity, our complexity, our joy, our sadness,
our vigilance, our apathy, our hopes, our fears.**

In the midst of our own stories, we gather here to be found in God’s story—

**a God who welcomes all people,
a God who loves all people without conditions, and beyond measure.**

So let us gather, and let us greet one another with words of grace and peace.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 3:1-12 **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

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 that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*During the Lord’s Prayer, children are invited to
come forward for the Children’s Moment*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Dr. John Entrekin

MISSION MOMENT *Great Day of Service*

Lori Ussery

OFFERTORY *Grace* Arr. Hayes
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 *Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 8:27-38 **Rev. Dr. John Mattox**

ANTHEM *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*
Amanda O’ Connor, soloist

SERMON “Speak Carefully” **Rev. Katie Mattox**

*HYMN NO. 389 *Freely, Freely*

*BENEDICTION **Rev. Katie Mattox**

*SENDING FORTH NO. 672 Verse 1
God Be With You till We Meet Again

SPOTLIGHT

Great Day of Service 2024

Join us for the Great Day of Service 2024 on Saturday, September 28, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm! This annual event is an opportunity to give back to our community by serving local organizations. Choose from a variety of projects, both indoor and outdoor, and spend four hours making a difference in the community we love. We’ll kick off the day with breakfast in the Activities Center, courtesy of Chick-fil-A, before heading out in teams. Projects include assisting at FODAC, sorting clothes at the Northlake Clothing Closet, cleaning up the Old Fellowship Cemetery, and more.

Plus, this year, we have cool free T-shirts and a BBQ lunch on Sunday, September 29, at 1 pm to celebrate our collective efforts. Register in person in the Gathering Room on Sundays (9/15, 9/22), by calling the church office at 770-938-3030, or online at www.tuckerfirst.org/gdos2024. Don’t miss out on this incredible day of service and fellowship!

New Sunday Morning Book Study

Join the Unity group in Room 220 on Sundays at 9:45 am for a transformative study based on *The Moral Teachings of Jesus: Radical Instruction in the Will of God* by David P. Gushee. This book explores forty of Jesus’ teachings from the New Testament, offering a fresh perspective on faith for those seeking a deeper, more meaningful spiritual path. If you’re questioning traditional evangelical views, this study provides an opportunity to reconnect with the moral heart of Jesus’ message. The book is available from Amazon. Questions? Contact Leigh Andersen at lcandersen@bellsouth.net.

Preschool Spirit Night at Enzo’s Pizza

Join us for Spirit Night at Enzo’s Pizza in Tucker on Thursday, September 26, from 5:30-7:30 pm! Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting a great ministry—Enzo’s will donate a portion of the evening’s sales to benefit the Tucker First UMC Weekday Preschool. Bring your family, friends, and appetite for a fun night of good food and community spirit!

Come Paint with Us!

Let’s Paint Watercolor Together! Join us Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15 pm in the Art Room just behind Jenkins Hall. If you’re new to watercolor, we will give you ideas and help you get started. Supplies provided. For the more experienced watercolor painters, bring your current project and supplies. We will fellowship together while we work. ALL ages are welcome. (Families encouraged!) Questions? Contact Claire Wheeler at homeclairewheeler@icloud.com.

Tucker ACTS (Acting, Creative, Theatre, Song)

Tucker ACTS meets Sundays at 4:30 pm in the Chapel. Tucker ACTS is a supportive music and arts program that includes music lessons, musicals, handbells, and choirs, fostering limitless creativity and artistic exploration for all students grades 6-12. Our musical this year will be *Godspell Jr.*

The musical isn’t just for singers. Have you ever wanted to learn how to run sound, do makeup, make costumes, or build sets? Or maybe you are interested in playing in the orchestra, recording, or video work? Or maybe you just want to go on a trip? This is a great place to learn and make friends. The musical is a free program. For more information (including tour details) visit tuckeracts.org or contact Dr. Nathan Frank at nfrank@tfumc.org.

Wednesday Night Supper

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm; Take-Out until 7:00 pm

Adults \$10; Kids (12 and under) \$5; 2 and Under - Free; Family Maximum \$30

Please make reservations by Monday through Realm, the church website
or by calling the church office at 770-938-3030.

Cheese Ravioli, marinara, creamed spinach, garlic bread, salad and dessert.