

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION “How Firm a Foundation” UMH #529

✠ SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 3:20-35*

SERMON “A Kingdom Divided” Rev. Howard James

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP “Trust and Obey” UMH #467
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We go with confidence into the days ahead, trusting in God’s unfailing love and faithfulness. God will not abandon us, for we are the work of His hands—His own creation— and His love endures forever. So let us go in joy to love and serve the Lord!

✠POSTLUDE “Allegretto” A. Hesse Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

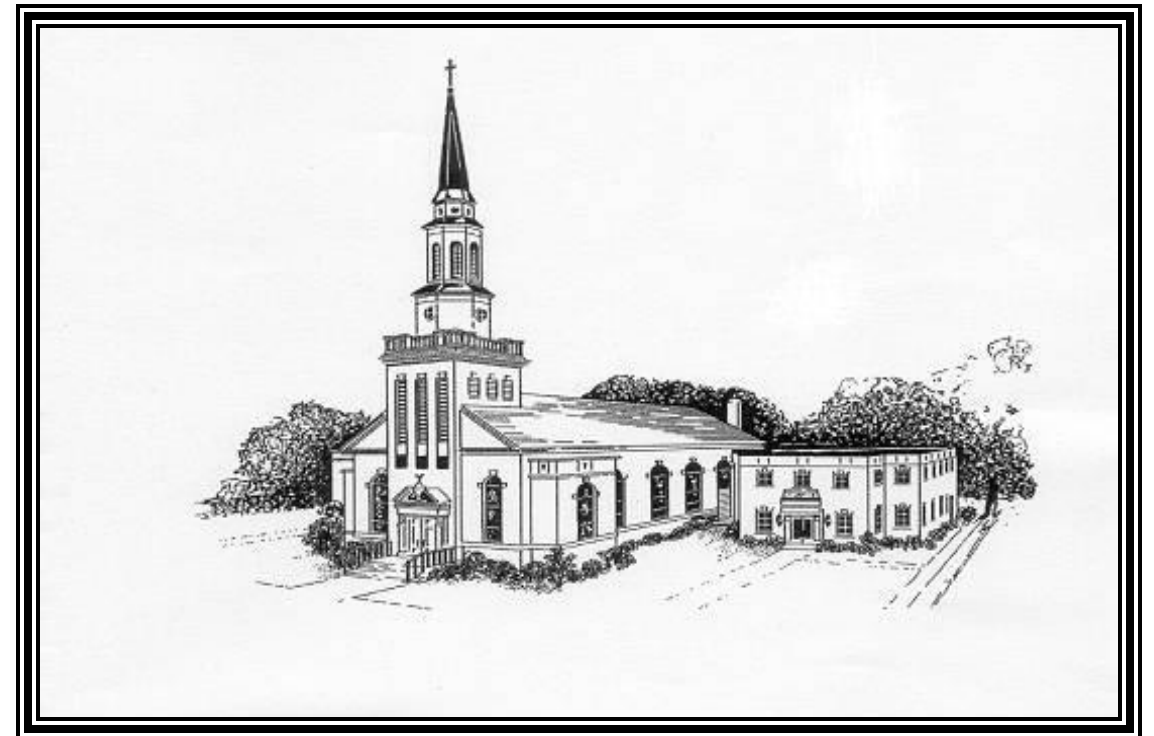
SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
Music Director.....L.A. Cothern
Organist.....Nan Leggett
Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee.....Celia Lynch, Sandy Turner,
Margie Rabon, Elizabeth Gibson and Gina Deans

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 9, 2024



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church
As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE

“Moderato” F. Peeters

Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

People: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

Leader: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

People: And God found me and brought me home.

Leader: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

People: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Gather Together”

UMH #131

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.

✠ 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.

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: God of Hope, forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you continue to stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting in those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Forgive us, and fill us with the spirit of faith which is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: The Lord is slow to anger and quick to forgive. The cleansing power of the Holy Spirit is here today. Receive God's forgiveness and the Holy Spirit's cleansing. Live now in the newness of life afforded children of God. Amen.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Cornerstone” by Goss/Swain

Chancel Choir

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God”

UMH# 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. We are happy to have you here with us today. Thank you.

Annual Conference will be June 13 – 15 in Greenville, NC. Our church still needs a representative. Please see Pastor Howard if you desire to serve our church as a representative.

New Email Platform! Our new email platform is up and running. If you are not receiving our weekly emails please contact the office.

Summer Office Hours: July- August our church office hours will be 9:00-1:00.

An Alzheimer's Awareness Walk will be held at our church Friday, June 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The walk will be 1 mile and is free to anyone who would like to participate. If you would like to help us get the word out there are flyers available in the office to pass out or leave at businesses around town. Thank you!

The Sunshine Group will travel to Southport for lunch at Fishy Fishy, the Southport Fun Tour, and a sweet treat at Nonnie's Baking Company. Cost is \$15.00 for the tour and you will need money for lunch and a sweet treat. We will meet at 10:30 Friday, June 21 in the back parking lot at the church. Seating is very limited so please reach out to Tammie McCullum ASAP to reserve your spot.

Prayer Concerns: Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Robert & Cynthia Page, Sara Brooks, Alan Pait, Emily Stephens, Tiffany Locklear, John Turner, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Jim Rabon, Lynda Thompson, Dan Biser, Marie Burnham Thompson, Thetus Sessions, Dan Smith, Carolyn & David Nix, Melinda Cook, Margaret Hicks, Bob & Alma Deans, Wayne Overcash, Jan Avant, Jim Hill, Grant Smith, John and Louise Barkley.

Prayer Requests: Contact the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org to add or remove names.

Ongoing ministries:

Adult Sunday School: Meet in classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12): Upstairs classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

Caregivers Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 p.m. in the parlor

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m. at Dale's Seafood

Fifty-Plus Exercise Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsals: Will resume in September.

Boy Scouts [ages 11-18] Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts [ages 6-10] Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: @ 9:30 a.m. in the parlor

Preschool [ages 2-4] Monday – Friday 8:15-11:30 a.m.

<i>2024 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$262,331.00</i>
<i>As of 06/02, Needed</i>	<i>\$110,990.00</i>
<i>As of 06/02, Received</i>	<i>\$85,132.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,045.00</i>
<i>Received on 06/02</i>	<i>\$3,730.00</i>
<i>Attendance 06/02</i>	<i>34</i>