

✝ SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26]

SERMON

“Winds of change”

Rev. Howard James

✝ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“We Are the church”

UMH 558

(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✝ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life. Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God’s goodness in the words of those who would hear. And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight. May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming, and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,...set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
...In the name of Christ. Amen.

✝ POSTLUDE

“Allegro” Geissler

Nan Leggett, Organist

✝ Please stand if you are able.

*The lovely flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and
In loving memory of Elizabeth Sledge Magenbauer.
Given by Brett, Stephen & families,
and Soo Soo & Glenn*

SERVING THIS MORNING

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

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Howard James

June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday



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 “Andante religioso” setting by Callahan

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: Come, Holy Spirit! May heaven come down and your Spirit fill this place!

People: We call upon Your name with open hearts and we seek Your presence.

Leader: Blow through this place like a mighty rushing wind!

People: Come, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Power, Spirit of Joy!

Leader: May Your Spirit be poured out on ALL people- every nation, every tribe, and every tongue.

People: Let your presence rest on all of us who are seeking to be filled anew.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe on us, burn within us, and speak to us!

✝ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UMH 64

✝ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Abba, Father, You have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit make us generous givers of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. 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: On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord – our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place; our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be; our desire for a monolingual society, even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language, not favoring one over another; our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment, mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind.

People: On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord – help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit; guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness; and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You. Amen.

✝ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“O Lord, You Know My Heart” by Sandra T. Ford

L.A. Cothern, Baritone

Nan Leggett, Piano/Organ

✝ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God”

UMH 95

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

UMH 192

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.

Reminder: The Church office will operate on its summer hours July-August, 9:00-1:00.

<i>2025 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$302,140.00</i>
<i>As of 06/01, Needed</i>	<i>\$127,820.00</i>
<i>As of 06/01, Received</i>	<i>\$81,704.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,810.00</i>
<i>Received on 06/01</i>	<i>\$1,455.00</i>
<i>Attendance 06/01</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Online Views</i>	<i>24</i>

Prayer Concerns: The Family of Betty Lewis, The Family of Jim Hill, Debbie Conway, Dick & Janice Simms, Thetus Sessions, Florence Marlowe, Mary Hutchins, Phil Stoll, Wendy Hood, Sabra Allen, Peggy & Ralph Huffman, Dan Biser, Jan Avant.

Prayers of Support for our ongoing ministries: WUMC Preschool & Staff, Scouts, Food Pantry.

Prayer Requests: Contact the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org to add or remove names. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Ongoing ministries:

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

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

Handbell Rehearsals: Hiatus until September 2025.

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

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.

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

Food Bank: distributes food on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 a.m.

United Women of Faith: 1st Monday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. in the parlor

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

Reaching Out: 4th Tuesday of the month @ 11:30 (support group for widows and widowers)