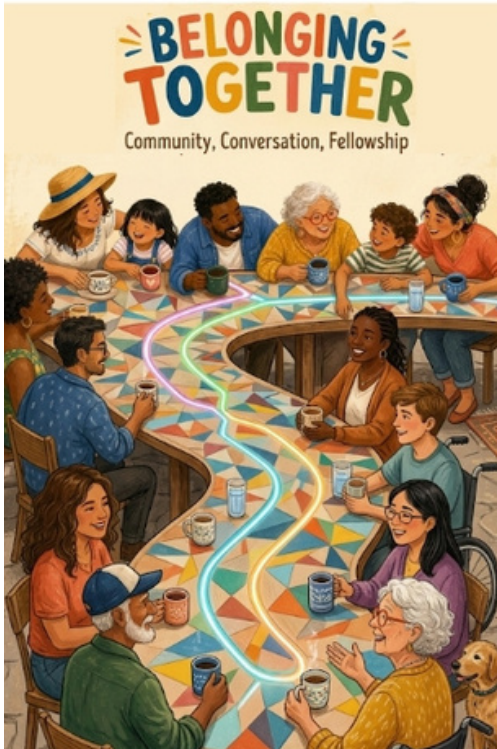




WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 2026



BELONGING TOGETHER

Community, Conversation, Fellowship

"Belonging Together," is a six-week journey through the Bible exploring what it means to truly belong — to God, to each other, and to a community wide enough for every generation and every story. From Peter stepping out onto stormy water to a bold outsider who refuses to be turned away from the table, these stories remind us that faith isn't a solo journey — it's one we take side by side. The series closes September 13 with our Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering, turning what we've learned about belonging into love in action for children in our community.

Welcome!

We are grateful you are here to worship with us! We are an open community of Christians helping people find and give hope through Jesus Christ - regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, disability or socioeconomic background. No matter who you are, where you are from, who you love, or what you look like, know that God loves you and YOU BELONG HERE.

Whether you are visiting with us or looking for a church home, it's great to have you here with us! Please scan the QR code or complete one of the Connection cards found in the pews to let us know you are with us today and how we can help you.



New Here?

We have many children's ministries for your kids to be a part of!

We have special listening devices for those who are hearing impaired.

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

For more information, visit our website at wsmethodist.org

No one at Washington Street will EVER solicit you for gift cards of any kind!



Making Disciples of Jesus for the Transformation of the World

The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach neighbors near and far. We welcome and affirm all who seek the love and mercy of Christ, regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth.

Today's Scripture:

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus. Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much." Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

Order of Worship 11th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

Glorify Thy Name

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leland Spencer

Leader: Christ welcomes us all to this Holy Space.

All: We come to hear of God's love and to learn God's path for our lives.

Leader: Are there mistakes from your past weighing you down?

All: We admit we are not fully the people we wish to be and we often struggle to feel that we truly belong.

Leader: We so often seek to belong by blending in and striving for sameness. In our worship today, may Jesus, by his grace, disrupt these habits.

All: Let us worship God as we pray for the courage to be more vulnerable and the grace to be our authentic selves. Amen.

***HYMN #79 (UMH)** *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

GROSSER GOTT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH) #886

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

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ANTHEM *For the Music of Creation*

Allen Pote

For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings, for your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things: God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice; music is your art, your glory; let the human heart rejoice! Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed, simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need, hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat, lilt of lullaby and lovesong catching heaven in a note. All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet, worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet; over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace; harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease. (Scripture reference: rather than a specific Scripture reference, The entire book of Psalms functions as an ancient songbook, but specific chapters explicitly call for musical expression and list various instruments)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Melanie Dobson

Following the Children's Moment, children will follow an adult into the choir room for a short time of music. Afterwards, children ages 3-5 will be escorted by a Children’s Church leader to Children’s Church in the 2-3 year-old Sunday school room, where they may be picked up after the worship service. Older children will return to their parents.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Tune My Heart

Paul S. Jones

Soloist: Maria Beery

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN#440 (UMH)

Let There Be Light

CONCORD

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1–10

SERMON

Pull Up A Chair

Rev. Shirley

*HYMN #451 (UMH)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Karen Horne’s birthday by her Church Friends.

NOTES: UMH = Red United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing
* = Please stand as you are able

Prayer List

If you would like for us to join you in prayer, please find a prayer card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate during the service today. You may also email your prayer requests to wsumcprayers@gmail.com

Ann Bell	Rob Graybill
Thom Berry	Karen Horne
Lisa Johnson	Charles Joye
Sam Matthews	Jean Leitner
Paul McClanahan	Patrick McClanahan
Cathy Puckett	Carole McConkey
Barbara Graybill	Beth Nelson
Homebound Members	

Prayer Thought

When we lay everything at God's feet, there will be peace that passes anything we can understand.

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 8/02: 256
154 in person
102 online (as of 8/06)

Offerings

YTD Received: \$505,797
YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$42,291

Expenses

YTD General: \$628,625
YTD Soup Cellar : \$45,994

Foundation
FYTD Gifts: \$28,682

Thank you for your Financial Support
Your gifts help make ministry happen every day!
You may give by texting CONNECTIONS to 73256, mailing your gift to 1401 Washington Street or by scanning the QR you see here.



Calendar of Ministry Events

Sign Up for Disciple Classes!

Each study is an opportunity to grow closer to God and to each other through individual study and vibrant group interaction.

Learn more about the Bible, get to know folks from the church, and increase your confidence in sharing your faith. Sign up by scanning the QR code!



Active Faith Yard Sale

This year's yard sale will be Sept. 25th from 10 AM - 3 PM and Sept. 26th from 7 AM - 1 PM. You may also bring donations for the yard sale to the church starting Sept. 16th from 10 AM - 2 PM. Please check our list of prohibited items at wsmethodist.org/yard-sale before bringing any donations!

Empty Jar Donations

If you have 8-ounce canning jars you are not planning to use, please donate the jars to United Women in Faith (UWF). Jars may be left in the church kitchen. Please label UWF.

Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Lucy Woods
Children's Church:	Kay Ayer's Garren Lilly Wilson
Greeters:	Ute
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes Spencer Stevens
Ushers:	Susan Caskey and Emily Caskey

Contact Information

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Office Hours:	Monday -Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00-am- 2:00 pm

Safe Space



We are committed to providing a safe, healing and affirming environment for All of God's Children to grow in Faith.

Staff Worship Leadership Team

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Becky Shirley	rjshirley@umcsc.org
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Organist:	David Turner	david@wsmethodist.org
Pianist:	Dr. Rick Frierson	(volunteer)
Audio/Video Technology	Ryan Wiskes	ryan@wsmethodist.org