



WASHINGTON STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2026



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, whom 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 special listening devices for those who are hearing impaired. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

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

For more information, visit our website at wsmethodist.org and follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

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:

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you will see the Lord's glorious presence, because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?"

Moses continued, "The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'" As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses, "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Order of Worship 17th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Becky Shirley

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John Evans

Leader: We gather to worship our God.

All: We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Leader: We worship our God who protects and provides.

All: We worship the God who became human to know what we experience and accompanies us through life.

Leader: We worship the God who loves us more than we can imagine.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN #731 (UMH) *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH) #887

*THE GLORIA PATRI #70 (UMH)

MEINEKE

ANTHEM

Ain't That Good News

Moses Hogan

Sanctuary Choir with Elliott Brown

I got good news! I got a crown up in that kingdom, ain't that good news? I'm a-gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross, gonna take it home-a to my Jesus! I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain't that good news?

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Joel Jones

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alston Lippert

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT

Jane Peterson

OFFERTORY

In This Very Room

Ron & Carol Harris

Soloist: Jordan Harper

*DOXOLOGY #94 (UMH)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN #127 (UMH) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDA

*SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 16:2-15

SERMON

Rhythm and Structure

Rev. Alston Lippert

*HYMN #672 (UMH) *God Be with You till We Meet Again* GOD BE WITH YOU

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Carol H. Clements by Deborah Rowe and family.

In Sympathy

Rev. Becky Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Mary Lide and family on the death of Mary's sister and aunt to Elizabeth Aravena, Catherine Brewer, who died on September 13, 2026.

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	Patrick McClanahan
Sam Matthews	Carole McConkey
Paul McClanahan	Mike Hutto
Barbara Graybill	Cathy Puckett
Brenda Fields	Homebound Members

Prayer Thought

Start each day with this simple prayer: God, guide all my thoughts directly to you today.

Stewardship Report

Attendance on 9/13: 319

182 in person

137 online (as of 9/17)

Offerings

YTD Received: \$615,380

YTD Soup Cellar Gifts: \$48,911

Expenses

YTD General: \$749,467

YTD Soup Cellar: \$55,650

Foundation

YTD Gifts: \$28,682

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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 code you see here.



Calendar of Ministry Events

40 Days of Prayer for Election Day

Please join us for 40 days of prayer starting September 24th leading up to Election Day on November 3rd. We will be hosting online prayers via Zoom every Monday at 7:30 AM and PM. Scan the QR code here to join these sessions!



Active Faith Yard Sale

This year's yard sale will be in Threatt Hall on Sept. 25th from 10 AM - 3 PM and Sept. 26th from 7 AM - 1 PM. Proceeds will go towards ministry efforts of the Active Faith team.

Fall Festival Donations

We are seeking donations of candy and water for our upcoming Fall Festival. Donations may be dropped off to the church office. Please leave a note with your donations!

Sing-Along Messiah Giving

Our annual Sing-Along Messiah is only a few months away! If you would like to contribute to the efforts of our SAM team, you may do so by donating via Realm. Scan the QR code to do it from your phone!



Today's Volunteer Team

Acolyte:	Beatrice McGandy
Children's Church:	Kay Ayers Garren Melanie Dobson
Greeters:	
Sound/Video/Projection:	Ryan Wiskes John Pannell
Ushers:	Hal Hanlin and Susan Caskey

Contact Information

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Office Hours:	Monday -Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & Friday 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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