

January 27-February 3

• Sunday, January 27

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 2-4 p.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall for Mark and Darla Ward
- 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Singers
- 5:00 p.m. EPIC Youth

• Monday, January 28

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group in Wesley Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Weekly mission to Augusta Rescue Mission

• Tuesday, January 29

- 5:30 p.m. Yoga in Wesley Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council in Wesley Hall

• Wednesday, January 30

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel (all are welcome)
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper—Menu: soup/sandwiches
- 6:45 p.m. Family Night Faith Study—James (The First Real Christian)
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

• Thursday, January 31

- 5:00 p.m. Weekly mission to Whitworth Women's Facility
- 6:00 p.m. PreK Board meeting in Wesley Hall

• Sunday, February 3

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Nominations & Leadership Development
- 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Singers
- 5:00 p.m. EPIC Youth

Letter from Pastor Thomas

Do you receive emails from Pastor Thomas? If not, pick up his most recent letter to the congregation in the narthex. Also, please email your address to him if you would like to be added to his list. Thank you!
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Save the Date

Called Church Conference
April 28 @ 5:00 p.m.



Irving Baston family, Ed George family, Judy Thompson, Larry Fortson, Phil Nasworthy, Lewis Cook, Tom Wells, Judy Lowe (Thomas' mother), Vicki Harvey, Graham Eason, Bill and Martha Cronic, Nicole Oldham, Martha Johnson (Lewis Cook's sister), Cheryl Canton, Mary Lou Dyar, Bobby Stevens, Lauren Connell Austin, George Pate, Jeremiah Smith, Michael Ruff,

William Stevens (June Durden's brother), Jim Crowley (Linda Smith's brother), Gene Gunby, Marc Hammond, Rose Bennett, Walter Branham, Herbert Powell, Dave & Sandra McKelvey, Bill Pendrey, Karin Lindsey, James Baston, Jr., Olin & Rose Newby, Barbara Long, Adele Seymour, John Ivey, G.T. Hall, Hartrell & Garland Pate, Maurine Appelt, Irene Rousey, Randolph Lawrence, Shari Bryson, Tim Purdy, Bishop Sue & family, D.S. Terry Fleming & family and WFUMC family.

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January 27, 2019

11:00 AM

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany



GREATER GIFTS
WORSHIP SERIES

"Now eagerly desire the greater gifts."
1 Corinthians 12:31

Letting Go of What You Love

Genesis 22

*Thank you for worshiping with us today
We hope you will come again soon!*

Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.

Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Radio Program, Faith Talkin' 9:00 AM, WLOV 95.3 FM

Our Mission: *The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Our Motto: *200 years on mission with God, across the street and around the world.*

Our Vision: *To be disciples who make disciples that we may all enjoy Christ and eternal life.*

Family Night Suppers

Family night suppers have resumed.

Pauline Bell and her team cater delicious meals each week. Won't you join us?
\$7 per person. No household over \$20. RSVP to the Church office by noon on Tuesdays

Family Night Faith

We have started a study of James by J.D. Walt entitled, The First Real Christian on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. We will work through the book of James together and be challenged by what genuine faith looks like. We hope to see you Wednesday!

Meetings

***The Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

***The PreK Board will meet on Thursday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

***Nominations & Leadership Development will meet Sunday, February 3, 4:00 p.m.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Have you turned in the results of your spiritual gifts assessment? You can complete your assessment online. Just look for the instructions on the front of our webpage, www.washingtonfirstumc.com. Don't have a computer? That's okay. You can complete a hard copy and turn it in to the office. Copies are in the narthex. Please complete and turn in to the office by February 8. The compiled results will help us with important decisions we need to make regarding our ministry together. Thank you!

Leadership Workshop

Saturday, February 9, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

“The Nuts & Bolts of the Simplified Board with Accountable Leadership”

Rev. Allen Stewart will help us with the nuts and bolts of transitioning to a simplified board with accountable leadership. Rev. Stewart has been pastor of Hartwell FUMC for the past 15 years. HFUMC is a well established congregation who shares many of the same similarities and concerns as WFUMC. HFUMC has successfully transitioned to a simplified board with accountable leadership under his leadership and they are doing quite well. We prayed for someone with this background to help us and God has provided. Thank you Lord! Church leaders, please be present. Your church needs you and we will not have opportunity for a make-up session. Church members, you are welcome and are encouraged to come to find out more about leadership and structural changes we anticipate making this spring. The information that will be shared will guide us in our next steps.

Emmanuel Singers

The Emmanuel Singers will start back today at 5:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men

Hey guys, do any of you like to eat breakfast? Could any of you use a faith boost from an inspiring devotion and great fellowship? Plan to join us next Sunday at 8 am in the fellowship hall. We hope to see you there!

Help Wanted

There are many volunteer job openings at the church throughout the year. Some jobs are short-term while other jobs may be ongoing. We will periodically highlight opportunities where help is needed trusting God will provide all we need to do the work God has called us to do.

Is God nudging you to help?

This Week's Job Posting:

Kitchen Assistant for Family Night Suppers

Ms. Pauline needs a new assistant beginning in February. No assistant, no food. Please see Ms. Pauline or Pastor Thomas if you are interested in helping. See Ms. Pauline for specific details of what kind of help is needed.

Missions

Save the Date: Sunday, March 31

2nd Annual Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

Last year's event was a blast and we packaged 10,200 meals in barely over an hour. Wow! This year our goal is to raise \$3,500 so that we can package as many meals as last year. The cost is more than last year as the price of food has risen. Each meal we will package this year cost \$0.34. Won't you begin giving now to help us reach our goal? You designate a gift anytime. Just mark your check: "Rise against Hunger". Also, please save the date and plan to be part of this awesome mission event. You will be blessed! For more information about

Rise Against Hunger, visit <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org>

Farewell

Today's worship service is a farewell service for Mark and Darla Ward who have been a vital part of our congregation and community for 30 years. The songs we sing today are among Mark and Darla's favorites. May we bless God in our singing and as we give God thanks for the Wards. Also, we hope for all to join us for a reception honoring Mark & Darla today from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll have a special program beginning at 3:00 p.m.

2018 Contributions Statement

Your 2018 statement is available in the Narthex.

Financial Report 2019

Every week we have a financial report that builds on each week's prior figures. The first figure is our church budget divided by 52 weeks. (\$386,166.98 / 52). We need \$7,426.28 to operate each week.

The second figure is actual income received.

Estimated Budgeted Expense	\$22,278 (\$7,426 x 3)
Actual Income	\$29930

Thank you for your generosity!