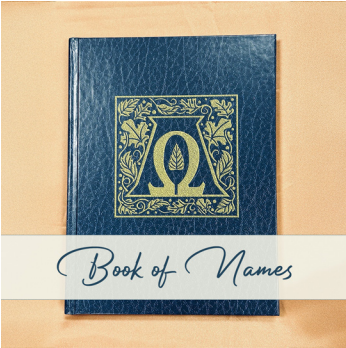
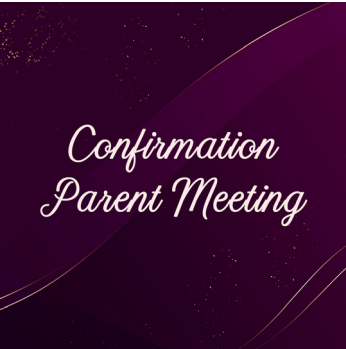


ANNOUNCEMENTS



BOOK OF NAMES

All Saints’ Sunday is November 1st. As we prepare you are invited to record the names of loved ones who have passed in the Book of Names. The book will be in the Narthex throughout October. Those “named” may be church members, family, friends, heroes, or heroines from other places. The Book will be on the altar on November 1st as a reminder of our communion with these saints.



CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

Parents of students interested in Confirmation are invited to a parent meeting **TODAY at 12:00 p.m. in the Student Center**. We’ll share information about the Confirmation program and answer any questions you may have. **For more information, contact Tori at tcrook@firstcentenary.com.**



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Bring your furry friends to our Blessing of the Pets **TODAY!** Join us **outside the Welcome Center from 2:00–4:00 p.m.** for a special drive-thru blessing for your beloved pets. All pets are welcome—except snakes! We look forward to celebrating the special animals who bring so much joy and companionship into our lives.



2026 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Advent is just around the corner! We’re looking for congregants to contribute to our 2026 Advent devotional, *The Greatest Gift Ever Given*. Participants can share a 150-word reflection, story, artwork, or music about hope, peace, joy or God’s love. **To contribute, email Maria Crawford at mbcraw4d@gmail.com. Submissions are due October 16th.**



CAMPFIRE CONCERT

Join JOYs (Just Older Youth) on **October 16th at 6:00 p.m.** for a campfire concert at **Reflection Riding** featuring Donna the Buffalo! Bring your own lawn chair and food trucks will be onsite. **To purchase tickets, visit reflectionriding.org/events. For more information, contact Harriett at 704-942-8218 or fcjoys@gmail.com.**

NEW MEMBERS COMMENDATION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the First-Centenary congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

CHURCH STAFF

JASON GATTIS	Senior Minister
WILL LAUDERBACK	Senior Associate Minister
MICHELLE HUNTER	Minister of Congregational Care
CAROLINE ARCHER	Minister of Environmental Justice
MARY THOMPSON	Executive Pastor
RICHARD LOONEY	Bishop in Residence
CHARLES NEAL	Minister Emeritus
DAVID HARR	Minister Emeritus

BRANDI ANDERSON	ABIDE Respite Ministry Director
JIM ANDERSON	Facilities Assistant Director
DEANNA BECKWITH	Welcome Center Administrator
TORI CROOK	Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Director
ASHLEY DURHAM	Facilities
BRITTANY EASTRIDGE	Administrative Assistant, Ministry Support
MICHAEL EDWARDS	Facilities
TROY HAMILTON	Facilities Director
CLAIR HARRISON	Communications Director
BINDY LEWIS	Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor
JANICE MCNAIR	Worship & Music Ministry Director
JONATHAN MCNAIR	Music Ministry Assistant
GRANT MORGAN	Contemporary Worship Director
MARY GREY MOSES	The Centenary Director
ADDIE CAMPBELL NIX	ABIDE Respite Ministry Assistant Director
DAVID PATTON	Organist
LINDA QUINTRELL	Business Assistant
KIRSTEN SHIPP	fcCollege Ministry & The Wesley Director
RANDALL SHUPTRINE	Multimedia Specialist
CHRIS SPITZER	Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern
WILLIAM SMITH	Interim Organist
TONIA TAYLOR	Children’s Enrichment Center Director
LEESHA VANDER WILT	First Kids Children’s Ministry Assistant Director
ELLEN WARD	First Kids Children’s Ministry Director
TROY WOOD	Facilities
HANNAH WOODRUFF	Shouting Stones Youth Ministry Intern

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GIVING KIOSK MAIL SUNDAY OFFERING BANK DRAFT ONLINE



OCTOBER 11, 2026

8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

How Can I Keep from Singing

Chords: F, Bb, F, C

1 My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

Chords: F, Bb, F, C7, F

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain Chords: C, Dm, F, C, F

No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Chords: Bb, F, C7, F

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899), P.D.
Music (HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING 8.7.8.7 refrain 8.8.9.7): Robert Lowry, alt., P.D.