

The FIRST-CENTENARIAN

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUN.
Sept 21st

8:30AM: Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30AM: Sunday School
9:30AM: Sunday School Fair
9:45AM: Coffee with the Pastor
9:45AM: Wesley Tour Q&A Meeting
10:45AM: Sanctuary and Vine Worship Services
1:30PM: Devotional Hike
2:00PM: Oak Street Playhouse Presents: Sarah, Plain & Tall
4:30PM: Sunday Night Youth Group
5:00PM: Sunday Night Worship & Dinner
5:00PM: Positive Christian Singles Walk at Northgate Mall
7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley

MON.
Sept 22nd

7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley

TUES.
Sept 23rd

10:00AM: Church Staff Meeting
10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00AM: ABIDE Caregivers Support Group
10:00AM: Crafty Capers
10:00AM: Positive Christian Singles Coffee Talk at Jacks
10:30AM: United Women in Faith Chris Bowles Circle
7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley

WED.
Sept 24th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
1:00PM: Positive Christian Singles Lunch at Top of the Rock
4:45PM: Youth Group
5:15PM: Prime Time Wednesday Meal
6:00PM: College & Children Programs
6:30PM: Prime Time Wednesday Classes
7:00PM: Chancel Choir
8:00PM: College Wednesday Night Worship

THURS.
Sept 25th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
1:30PM: Aldersgate Vibrations
7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley
7:30PM: Oak Street Playhouse Presents: Sarah, Plain & Tall

FRI.
Sept 26th

6:30PM: Date Night
7:30PM: Oak Street Playhouse Presents: Sarah, Plain & Tall

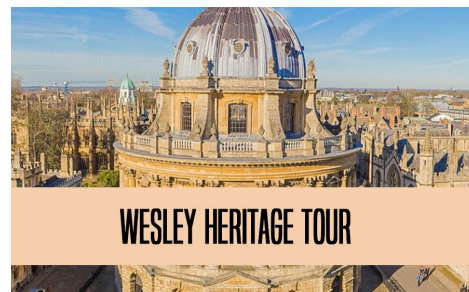
SAT.
Sept 27th

10:00AM: Forward Grief Group
7:30PM: Oak Street Playhouse Presents: Sarah, Plain & Tall

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR

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Join us for our Sunday School Fair on **September 21st, before and after the 10:45 a.m. worship services on the bridge!** This is a great opportunity to explore the variety of Sunday School classes we offer, meet class leaders, and find the group that's right for you. Whether you're looking for Bible study, fellowship, or a place to grow in your faith, there's a class for everyone. Stop by, learn more, and sign up for classes!



WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR Q&A MEETINGS

Interested in traveling to England with Pastor Will? Join us for one of our upcoming Wesley Heritage Tour Q&A Meetings to learn more about this awesome trip! The tour will take place April 22-30, 2026, and will include visits to the historical sites of the Methodist movement in England.

Q&A sessions will be held on:

- September 21st at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel
- September 28th at 11:45 a.m. in Oak Street Center Room 101/102



CLERGY CORNER

This week, I've been finding myself humming an old hymn over and over:

Rev. Caroline Archer

"I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me."

Although the phrasing doesn't work in the song, the bird I've actually been thinking about is the hummingbird. I've been listening to the audiobook version of Sy Montgomery's "The Hummingbirds' Gift." The book focuses on the rehabilitation of two orphaned hummingbird babies, appropriately naming their recovery and release into the wild a resurrection.

I learned many new things about hummingbirds in the process. The iridescent colors of their feathers change depending on the light. When measured by body lengths per second, they are some of the fastest birds in the world. They are the only birds able to fly backwards.

But one simple fact stood out to me the most: these baby hummingbirds had to be fed every 20 minutes, or they would starve. Baby hummingbirds are utterly dependent on their caretaker. Mom hummingbirds may fly back and forth from the nest over 100 times each day.

Jesus's eye is on the hummingbird, making a way for these fragile creatures to thrive even with their constant need. What if we admitted our own deep need of Jesus, the greatest Care-taker, every 20 minutes throughout the day?

~ Rev. Caroline Archer



PRIME TIME WEDNESDAY

Meal: 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Children's Music: 6:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

Classes: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Children's, Youth, & College Programs: 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir: 7:00 p.m.

THIS SEASON'S CLASSES

August 20th - October 22nd

The Parables of Jesus

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Pastor Jason in the Prigmore Room

Methodism Deep Dive

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Pastor Will in The Vine

The Tears of Things by Richard Rhor

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Pastor Michelle in the Parlor

Eat - Pray - Move

August 20th - October 22nd (except October 1st & 15th)

led by Brittany Eastridge in the Oak Street Center Room 101/102

First Things First Parenting Class

September 17th - October 8th (except October 1st)

led by Gena Ellis in the Conference Room

Special Event

October 1st in The Vine

Life Must Go On by Bea Lurie & Dr. Steven Jacobs

October 15th

led by Bea Lurie & Dr. Steven Jacobs in The Vine

DINNER INFORMATION

Please make dinner reservations by 4 p.m. Monday

Costs:

Adult Meal: \$10

Child's Meal: \$5

Family Meal: \$30

Menu:

September 24th

Chicken Pot Pie with Roasted Carrots, Garden Salad, Rolls, Buffalo Chicken Salad (Vegetarian Protein Option: Roasted Chickpeas), and Chocolate Chip Cookies



DATE NIGHT IS BACK!

Join us for our next Date Night on **September 26th from 6:00-9:00p.m. in Oak Street Center Room 101/102!** Couples can enjoy a relaxed evening together with dinner, while childcare is provided. The cost is \$30 per couple, and dinner will feature a Red Robin Burger Bar. Our speakers for the evening will be Kirk and Patsi Walker, who will share from their own experience and wisdom. Visit our website, firstcentenary.com/marriage, for more information and to reserve your spot!



This month in First Kids K- 5th Grade, we are learning that it's hard to be brave, but when we look at God's Big Story, we can reflect on how He can help us be brave even when things are scary or hard. Our memory verse for the month is "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." ~ Psalm 56:3, NIV



This month in First Kids Preschool our theme is "Construct and Create." God had plans when He made the sun, moon, and stars. God had plans when He made rain fall and plants grow. God had plans when He filled the ocean and land with animals. So I know that God has plans for me! Our monthly verse is "'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord." ~ Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

Join us in the Children's Wing for our Sunday School and Worship Opportunities!

- Early Service Childcare: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- First Kids Worship: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- First Kids Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Patricia MacLachlan's
**Sarah,
 Plain and Tall**
 Adapted by Joseph Robinette

OAK STREET PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS: SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL

Sarah, Plain and Tall comes to life on stage in the Flo Summitt Theater! Set in the early 1900s, this heartwarming family story follows Jacob Witting, a widowed Kansas farmer, and his children as they welcome Sarah Wheaton, from Maine who may become part of their family. Through love, laughter, and challenges, the Wittings discover what it means to grow together. **Performances run September 19-21 and 25-28, with a special Family Night on September 26, where all proceeds benefit Camp Lookout. Visit firstcentenary.com/the-oak-street-playhouse to purchase your tickets today!**



22ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us on **September 27th at 8:00 a.m.** at Bear Trace at Harrison Bay for a fun-filled day of golf supporting Camp Lookout's ministry! Visit our website to register!

NEW MEMBERS



Mark Malone



Judy Ann Smith



2025 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

With cooling temperatures and the approach of Fall, Advent is just around the corner! We are looking for congregants of all ages and stages of life to share their wisdom, experience, enthusiasm, and inspiration in a **2025 Advent devotional**. Participants can share a piece of art or music, a story, and/or their experiences or reflections for our Advent theme – **Wonder**. You're invited to share stories about how God has jolted you out of your routine with something **unexpected**. Maybe you have a story about how experiencing something new and **unfamiliar** has given you insight into the kingdom of heaven. How do you see God in **beautiful** actions, nature, art, people? When has puzzling over the **inexplicable** brought you into deeper relationship with the Holy One?

If you are willing to contribute a 150-word text to this special project, or would like more information, please contact Maria Crawford at mbcraw4d@gmail.com. Submissions are due no later than October 15th.

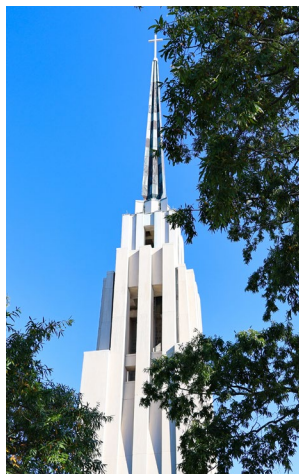


CREATION CARE FIELD TRIP

Crabtree Farms Plant Festival

Join us on **September 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for a Creation Care field trip to the Crabtree Farms Fall Plant Festival! We'll attend together as a group and enjoy this wonderful celebration of gardening, sustainability, and community.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 21st, 2025

Sanctuary Services:
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

"All or Nothing"
Luke 16:1-13
Rev. Jason Gattis

The Vine Services:
10:45 a.m.

"The Gospel All Around Us: Wicked -
Changed For Good"
2 Corinthians 5:13-19
Rev. Dr. Will Lauderback

Mustard Tree Services:
5:00 p.m.
The Vine
Rev. Barry Kidwell

Lectionary Readings:
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 16:1-13

WDEF-TV Televised Sermons:
11:30 a.m. Sundays & 12:35 a.m. Mondays

"Lost"
Rev. Jason Gattis