

Eatonton First Methodist Church
July 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m.
The Historic Sanctuary
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements Rev. David Wofford

Welcome! If you have questions, speak to our ushers at the doors.
Restrooms are located beneath the Sanctuary. We are blessed that you are here today!

Prelude *America, the Beautiful* Mrs. Mary Alice Dennard

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy Brittain

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

People: We give thanks for the gift of life and the freedoms we enjoy.

Leader: We remember those who dreamed of liberty, those who worked for justice, and those who sacrificed for the common good.

People: With gratitude we remember the past, and with humility we seek a better future.

Leader: Yet our highest allegiance is not to any earthly power, but to the kingdom of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

People: Christ is our peace, our hope, and our true freedom

Leader: Free us from fear, from hatred, and from all that divides your children.

People: Teach us to love our neighbors and seek justice for all.

Leader: Empower your Church to be a light in the world, a people of mercy, truth, and reconciliation.

People: May our freedom become service, our gratitude become generosity, and our faith become action.

Leader: Let us walk together in the way of Christ, that all people may know the blessing of God's love.

People: For where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my father's died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountainside let freedom ring!*

*My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's
song;
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

*Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might great God, our King.*

Holy Communion pp. 730-731

The Invitation
The Confession
The Pardon
The Comforting Words

Morning Prayer Rev. Wofford

Anthem *Our Song of Freedom* arr. Patti Drennan
An Americana Medley

Randy Brittain, Marydale Reeves, Tod Swymer, and Sarah Wofford

Offertory Prayer Rev. Wofford

Offertory *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Mrs. Dennard

***Doxology** No. 682

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Scripture Lesson II Kings 4:1-7

Message "Next: What's in Your House?" Rev. Wofford

Holy Communion pp. 731-734

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread

***Hymn of Response** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* No. 283

***Benediction** Rev. Wofford

***Postlude** Mrs. Dennard

*Please Stand as You Are Able

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Family 4 Families Diaper Drive-We will again be collecting diapers for foster families in our area. Most needed sizes are listed on the flyer handouts. Collection boxes are placed in both sanctuaries and in the church office. Contact Lynn Gary from our Mission Board for any information.

Restore the Broken-Mark your calendars now! Christian Band Restore the Broken will perform in the Historic Sanctuary during our service on August 16, 2026. Nestled in the heart of West Virginia, Restore the Broken (RTB) is more than just a band-it's a mission-driven movement. With their powerful unique blend of music and heartfelt messages, RTB is on a mission to bring healing, hope, and restoration to a broken world. Their music transcends entertainment: it serves as a beacon of faith and testimony to the transformative power of God's love. There will be one service that day, followed by lunch in the Great Hall at 12:30 pm. Sunday School will go as scheduled at 10 AM. Plan on attending this powerful service and invite a friend. To learn more about RTB look at this link: <https://restorethebroken.net/blogs/news-and-events/rtb-wants-to-spread-hope-through-music-and-faith>.

Have you invited someone to join us at EFMC? - Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 is clear, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Let's reach out to the Lake Country area and spread the good word.

Potential Prayer Room Furniture - Prayer is central to who we are at Eatonton First Methodist Church. Our Nurture Team have been working diligently to update and relaunch our Prayer Room which has been a collective ministry in this community for over a decade. After a significant sprucing up, which includes fresh paint and new interiors, the plan is to launch the next season of our prayer ministry August 9 at 10:45 am.

The space has a few remaining needs that perhaps you may be interested in helping. The prayer room will need a couple of matching, comfortable sitting chairs. It will also need a desk or secretary with a chair. If you have furnishings you may want to donate, please contact Linda Elkins at elki9330@gmail.com or Linda Ralston at linda@wcralstonson.com with a picture of your furniture. Thank you, and we look forward to what God will do with the revamped Prayer Room!

Summer Office Hours (through Labor Day)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Mondays & Fridays

Statistical Information

You can make your offering through our PayPal account.
There is a link on our website for your convenience.

Giving for the week of 6/28/26-\$7,423.30

Attendance for June 28, 2026

9:00 am	55 people
11:00 am	47 people
Real Time Viewers	50 viewers

Prayer Concerns

Our members: Al Bassett, Bob Clair, Sandy Collins, James Dooley, Helen Gregory, Gerrye Jenkins, Brenda Manley, Terry Lyle, Ann & Eddie McLeroy, Terry Moore, Rebecca and Walter Rocker, Stewart Rodeheaver, Ernest Rogers, Mike Wood

Our Members in Nursing/Personal Care Homes: June Clay, Helen Gregory, JoAnn Harper, Jackie Jones, Brenda Preston, Suzanne Smith

Our Friends and Family

Ree Brown Beavers(Daughter of Dr Tom Brown),
Robin Benton(Friend of Martha Wood), Becky Childre (Friend of Mary Kitchings), Jodi Collins (Friend of Jill Boyer),
Marie Conrad (JoAnn Bigelow's mother), Susan Davis,
David Doss (Brother of Freda Rountree), Jeremy Everett,
Laura Gardner (Friend of Jason Minchey), Dr Chris Henna
Argent Hewitt (Mike Rountree's Cousin)
Janet Hicks (Friend of Connie Christophel),
Tim Johnson(Scott & Kathy Hoepfner's son-in-law),
Mark Krull(Friend of the Rosseter's)
Liz Williams Lowe (Duncan William's Sister),
Michael Smith (Johnny Harrell's brother-in-law),
Shirley Thompson (Donna Birt's Mother), Ken Vickery

Our Military Chris Arnold, Rhett Boyer, Will Corry, Ashley Wiggins

July Birthdays

3rd David Woodard	16th Al Bigelow
5th Ed Baker	23rd Dan Haley
8th Emily Embry	James Nipper
Laramie Fuller	24th Ann McLeroy
12th Hannah Schwartz	Terry Lyle
13th Paulette Hall	28th Susan Crawford
14th Lou Rodeheaver	31st Mackay Haley

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 5		
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Various
11:00 am	Worship	Historic Sanctuary
Monday, July 6		
Tuesday, July 7		
5:00 pm	Karen's Bible Study	Upper Room
5:30 pm	Youth Bible Study	Parsonage
Wednesday, July 8		
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study	Gathering Room
	Women's Bible Study	Upper Room
Thursday, July 9		
Friday, July 10		
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast	ANEW Classroom
	Men's Breakfast Waffle House at Harmony	
6:00 pm	Walk to Emmaus Gathering & Dinner	Great Hall
Saturday, July 11		
Sunday, July 12		
9:00 am	Worship	Historic Sanctuary
10:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Various
11:00 am	Worship	Great Hall
4:00 pm	Prayer Hour for Youth	ANEW Classroom
5:00 pm	New Life-Youth	ANEW Classroom

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