

Church Life & Community

Chamblee First UMC helps people find peace and purpose within a Christian community. For our most current calendar, visit chambleeumc.org/happenings and you can sign up for our email newsletter, Deep and Wide, at chambleeumc.org/updates

Women’s Spiritual Retreat

Registration deadline extended
All adult women are invited to the CFUMC Women’s Spiritual Retreat at Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, September 18–20, 2026. Whether you are seeking rest, spiritual growth, or deeper fellowship, this weekend is designed to nourish your soul in a peaceful, beautiful setting. Register today at chambleeumc.org/retreat

Chamblee First UMC is Hiring

chambleeumc.org/employment
We are currently seeking one key team member for the position **Communications and Administrative Assistant**. If you or someone in your network might be a great fit, we’d love for you to help spread the word! Please direct inquiries to spr@chambleeumc.org

PMO is looking for Substitute Teachers

Our Parents' Morning Out toddler preschool program would love to add to our list of caring, dependable substitute teachers. If you would like to spend your mornings playing and growing with some of our youngest disciples, please contact Emily Jameson, PMO Director, at pmo@chambleeumc.org

Safety Blanket Training

August 16, 12 noon - 2 PM
Safety Blanket training is a holistic safety training for children and youth. Though our faith communities often prioritize physical safety, this training seeks to address the essential gap of how to engage emotional and mental well-being into our faith life. Lead by Pastor Hope Cody, this training is for anyone who cares about children and youth, who seeks to be a better mental health advocate, and might be curious on how to have these conversations. You can register at chamblee.org/SafetyBlanket

Disaster Response Training

August 22, 8:00 AM - 4 PM
When disasters happen, we need people ready to be part of a team that can help. This one-day training will prepare you to assist in a crisis situation. The \$30 fee covers registration covers training materials, snacks, and lunch. Learn more and sign up at chambleeumc.org/ERT

Night on Broadway

August 23, 5 PM in the Sanctuary
As a part of our bicentennial celebration, we have a night to celebrate the Drama Ministry and its history here at Chamblee First UMC. Make plans to join us as members and guests perform and sing.



Rev. Hope Cody Peppers | hcpppers@chambleeumc.org
Pastor of Youth & Community Engagement

Chamblee First Youth is an inclusive space for all youth, 6th - 12th grades. **LEARNING | PLAYING | GROWING**

Sunday Mornings: 9:30-10:30 am

Weekly Youth Group and supper will resume in late August. In the meantime, check out our schedule of events at chambleeumc.org/youth

ChambleeKids

Jordan Black | Director of Children’s Ministries | jblack@chambleeumc.org

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30-10:30

Our fun-filled programs and age-appropriate curriculum help children develop their faith in meaningful, understandable ways.

Room 101 - Children ages 3 through preschool | **Room 223** - Children in grades K-5th

During Worship, 10:45-11:45

- Children ages 3 through preschool are welcome in **Room 101** for the worship hour.
- Children in grades K-5th begin the worship hour in the sanctuary. Following the Children’s Moment, they are dismissed for Kids’ Church in **Room 223**.

Nursery is available in Room 100 during Sunday School and Worship Service for infants and toddlers. A **calming room** is available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Classes & Groups

Faith Formation Classes for ALL AGES meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. We encourage you to explore any and all classes to find the small group that is right for you! Learn more at chambleeumc.org/sunday-school

- Grace Class**
- A group whose name reflects its very values: open invitation and radical welcome; relevant for diverse ages, life experiences, and perspectives; open acknowledgement of our perfect imperfection; and a deep desire to grow together in the transformational love of God. May grace abound! **Room 200**
- Faith Class**
- Faith Class begins each Sunday with a song, followed by a short devotion and prayers of concerns and praises. One of CFUMC’s largest faith formation groups, lessons are led by individual class members using selected study material typically spanning four to ten weeks. The class supports missions of the church as well as class specific activities. **Room 204**
- Fellowship Class**
- True to our name, this class provides a friendly, supportive space for sharing and caring. We prioritize mission opportunities, whether through the church or for causes and needs we recognize. Members represent wide range of ages and family types. This nontraditional Sunday School class offers a great way to establish relationships and plug into the life of this church. **Room 207**
- Glow Class**
- One of Chamblee First's longest-standing classes, lessons are based on the Adult Bible Studies series. Most members are in their 70s or older and they share prayer requests weekly. **Room 123**
- Journeys Class**
- A casual class that uses current short-term studies (6 to 8 weeks) by various authors to grow in our knowledge and understanding of our faith. The lessons are discussion based where open conversation is encouraged and where all can explore and share their faith journey alongside others. **Room 205**

Other ways to connect, try something new, & build relationships with your church family:

- Young at Heart**
- First Tuesdays, 12:30 pm**
A monthly lunch & gathering for our 65+ community. Lunch is \$10 per person, payable in cash at the door. RSVP to king@chambleeumc.org
- Young Adults**
- Every other Tuesday, 7-8:30 pm**
A vibrant group where young people (approx. ages 20-35) can grow in their faith, connect with others, and serve our community together. For details, contact Cameron Wilson at cacwilson32@gmail.com
- Christian Yoga**
- Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45 am**
Christian yoga (poses, meditation, breathing) opens the mind and heart to the word of God. We resume weekly practice beginning on August 5. You can find more information at chambleeumc.org/yoga
- StitchCraft**
- Wednesdays, 12:30 pm**
Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlepoint, sewing, or other handicrafts? It’s even more fun in fellowship with other crafters! No RSVP needed -- just bring your supplies and join us!
- ROMEOs**
- Second Thursdays, 8 am**
A breakfast club for CFUMC retired men ... and men who are not yet retired! No RSVP needed. Join us at Goldberg’s Deli, 4520 Chamblee Dunwoody Road.
- United Methodist Women**
- Monthly**
UMW is a community of women growing in faith, uplifting one another, and serving God through mission. At CFUMC, four unique Circles offer meaningful ways to connect, grow, and make a difference—new faces are always warmly welcomed! For info & meeting times, email umw@chambleeumc.org
- Global Missions & Local Outreach**
- Ongoing**
CFUMC believes in working with local partners to serve and build a better community – globally, locally, and right here in Chamblee. You can learn more about the organizations that we partner with at chambleeumc.org/missions-partners



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We Welcome, Celebrate, and Embrace All

At Chamblee First UMC, we affirm that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God. We believe that all people are worthy of God’s unconditional love, grace, and inclusion. We embrace and celebrate the gift of diversity in our church and in our world. We recognize that while we may not all think alike on all issues, we can all Love God, Serve People, and Transform Lives in ministry together.

We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church or in society. And we invite all people to fully participate in the life of this community of faith. Together we support one another in our endeavors, and in doing so strengthen each other and the body of Christ in this world.

Welcome to Chamblee First United Methodist Church!

 Our sanctuary is equipped with devices to assist those who are hearing impaired. To use a hearing device, simply ask an usher or the sound technician upon arrival.

Let Us Know You’re Here



Visitor Check-In

Please take a moment to check in! We’d love to connect you and your family with groups and activities that may be of interest to you. To use the QR code, open your smartphone’s camera and point it at the code. A notification or link will appear — tap it to access the appropriate attendance registration page. Members may also check in using **Realm Connect**, available on the App Store and Google Play.



Member Check-In

Ways to Give



Scan to Give

An offering is collected to support the work of Chamblee Methodist, sharing God's love with the world. Whether you are a church member, a regular worshiper, or an active participant in one of our ministries, your gifts are valued and appreciated. For those who prefer to contribute electronically, you may text the word **CHAMBLEE** to 73256 using your mobile device OR give securely any time at chambleeumc.org/give

Welcome to the Bluegrass Band

Today, we extend a warm Chamblee First UMC welcome to our musicians, Leah Calvert (vocals and fiddle), Tommy Sauter (bass), Michael Smith (mandolin and vocals), Jared Womack (dobro), and Warren Calvert (guitar).

Visitors and New Member Dinner

On Sunday, August 16th, our Connections Dinner will give you an opportunity to get to know Pastor Blair and other key staff members. It will also give you a chance to meet others who are newer members or regular visitors. We will share fellowship, a relaxing meal, and learn more about each other and the church. If interested, you can register at chambleeumc.org/connectdinner



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Worship Leaders & Staff

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Order of Worship

THE GATHERING		
As We Come Together	Leah Calvert and the Bluegrass Band	
THE GREETING		
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome & Announcements	Rev. Blair Zant Rev. Hope Cody Peppers Mrs. Mary Ruth Kearney	
Prelude	Heaven's Bright Shores Leah Calvert and the Bluegrass Band	Kennedy
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING		
Call to Worship	Rev. Zant	
Opening Hymn *	I Saw the Light	Williams
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer	Mrs. Kearney	
CHILDRENS MOMENT		
Blessing of the Students	Mrs. Jordan Black	
After which, children grades K-5th are excused for Kid's Church in room 223. They will return to Sanctuary for Holy Communion.		
THE OFFERING		
Invitation to the Offering	Rev. Zant	
Offertory	Doin' My Job Leah Calvert and the Bluegrass Band	Holcombe
Doxology *	UMH 94	
Prayer of Dedication *	Rev. Zant	
THE WORD		
Scripture	2 Timothy 1:3-11	Mrs. Kearney
Sermon	Why I am a United Methodist	Rev. Peppers
THE HOLY COMMUNION		
In The United Methodist Church, we believe in the open table, meaning anyone, regardless of denomination or belief, can partake in communion.		
Invitation, Confession & Pardon	UMH 12	
Passing of the Peace *		
Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer		
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
Closing Hymn *	I'll Fly Away	TFWS 2282
ENDING FORTH		
Benediction *	Rev. Peppers	
Postlude	Will the Circle Be Unbroken? Leah Calvert and the Bluegrass Band	Habershon

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers today and throughout the week. A complete list including **loved ones** and **ongoing needs** can be found at chambleeumc.org/weekly-prayer-list or by scanning this QR code. If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, email prayer@chambleeumc.org



- Our Members:**
- Marcia Myers, undergoing radiation treatments for her ear
 - Becky Bennett, undergoing chemotherapy for her lungs
 - Joe Duncan, recovering from back surgery
 - Jake Burkhardt, continuing to recover with PT

- Our Members’ Families:**
- Scott Dickey, son of Fran, completed radiation treatment
 - Richard and Dotty Casper, parents of Dave (Donna Shackley's SIL), Richard is in hospice care.

Our Sympathy to the family of Rowan Rieve, student of Kathryn Rodriguez, who passed away on July 28 after a battle with brain cancer.

Church Financials & Leadership

Church Business Office Hours

- Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | Fridays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

- Upcoming Meetings**
- Staff Parish Relations Committee - August 3 | 6:00 PM
 - Board of Trustees - August 10 | 6:00 PM
 - Finance Committee - August 17 | 6:00 PM
 - Administrative Board - August 24 | 6:00 PM
- Questions, comments, or compliments can be addressed to spr@chambleeumc.org

Please visit chambleeumc.org/leadership for our current Lay Leadership roster and Chamblee First UMC year-to-date financial reports as of May 31, 2026.

Deeply Rooted. **200 YEARS** Ever Growing.

Fall 2026 marks the bicentennial of Chamblee First United Methodist Church — 200 years of faith, connection, and service. Join us throughout the year for special events and worship services as we look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. See the most current calendar at [chambleeumc.org/200 years](https://chambleeumc.org/200years)

Church Clean Up Day: Saturday, August 29

Company is coming! Please make plans to join us for a Church Clean Up Day on Saturday, August 29th. Sponsored by the Bicentennial Committee and the Trustees, we will gather at 9 AM to help prepare the church and campus for our October 4th Bicentennial Celebration service. There will be places to serve indoors, outdoors and in a creek clean up effort. Watch for sign ups for this event soon!

August Missions Focus: Thank You & Wellroot

Thank you all for your support of our 2026 school supplies drive to benefit children at Huntley Hills Elementary and Cross Cultural Ministries.

This month, the United Methodist Women are sponsoring a drive to support the Wellroots Transitional Housing Program, which is for young people who are aging out of the foster care system. You can find the full list of items that are being collected by visiting chambleeumc.org/happening/august-wellroots/

Presentation of Bibles

Chamblee UMC is pleased to present Bibles to all children in 3rd grade and older who have not yet received the gift of a Bible from the church. To participate in this year’s presentation at the 10:45 service on Sunday, August 30th, please register online at chambleeumc.org/bibles