



SERMON TITLE:
“Gifts of Curiosity and Conversation”
John 4:5-30, 39-42 (NRSV)
Sunday, May 17, 2026

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Mission: “To Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”

Services:
 Sunday Schools - 9:30am, 9:45am
 Traditional Worship - 11:00am in Sanctuary

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Ascension Sunday May 17, 2026

Pre-Service Music Barbara Ketchum & Gavin Taylor
"Fairest Lord Jesus Medley"

Chiming of the Hour Gavin Taylor

Choral Call to Worship Celebration Singers
"The Mighty Power of God"

*Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer Rev. Dr. Arlinda Burks

*Welcome Chorus Congregation
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Opening Hymn Congregation
"God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

*Affirmation of Faith Stacey Pierce
Apostles Creed UMH #881

*Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Special Music Celebration Singers
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Arlinda Burks

Women In Faith Special Recognition Moment Patti Brown

Offertory Prayer Rev. Dr. Arlinda Burks

Offering our Gifts to God Gavin Taylor

*Doxology
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 Pam Taylor
John 4:5-30, 39-42 (NRSV)

Special Music Stacey Pierce
"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Introduction of Guest Speaker Lynda Dresch

Sermon Rev. Kimberly Weir, MDiv, BCC
"Gifts of Curiosity and Conversation"

*Hymn of Dedication Congregation
"Wonderful Words of Life" UMH #600
(Verses 1 - 3)

*Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Kimberly Weir, MDiv, BCC

*Choral Benediction Celebration Singers
"May the Road Rise Up to Meet You"

*Postlude Gavin Taylor

*Congregation please stand, as able

Prayer Room

Marvin Bailey & Family
Linda Boyd (Sister of Deborah Hagan)
Barbara Lashley

Pray

We will continue to pray for others not mentioned on the prayer list.

Names will be listed on The Prayer List for 30 days. After that time, please let the Church Office know if we need to continue to list a name.

Today's Worship Service Ushers are:

Geri Del Rio
Dale Stewart
Cheryl Claxton
Marcia Roberts



Service Ushers May 24th

Chris Carter
Pamela Lea
Marcia Roberts
Ross Reardon
J C Claxton
Marvin Bailey

"Serving God. Serving His people."

EVENTS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS at AUMC

Sunday	May 17, 2026	9:45am 11am	Sunday School, WH Church Service – Women's Sunday
Monday	May 18, 2026		NO EVENTS
Tuesday	May 19, 2026	1pm	House of David Class, CR
Wednesday	May 20, 2026	10am	SIT & SEW, WH-102
Thursday	May 21, 2026	5:30pm 7:15pm	Yoga Class Chancel Choir
Saturday	May 23, 2026	8:30am	Emmaus

Did You Know

Arlington United Methodist has an online presence. You can find us at:

Church Website

<https://arlington-umc.org/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/arlingtonunitedmethodistchurch/>

Instagram

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Save the Date!

5/17	Women's Sunday
5/25	Memorial Day Holiday (Office Closed)
6/19	Juneteenth Celebration
6/21	Father's Day
7/4	Independence Day

Are you in need of a Stephen Minister?



Contact the office
(904) 743-1400
to request a
Stephen Minister
contact you

Stephen Ministers provide *confidential one on one care* for people in the congregation or our community experiencing difficulties in life, such as grief, job loss, divorce, major illness, spiritual struggles, and so on.



Thank you for your support of Launching Hope Food Pantry

During the month of April 2026, we greeted 73 clients and provided food for 324 individuals. The month of April reflects a steady number of clients with a slight increase of individuals served from our March report.

Our basic pantry needs continue to be: canned chicken, chili, beans, and rice.

Our top client choices from Dollar Tree and/or Aldi's are laundry detergent, dish detergent, bar soap, and toothpaste.



We welcome new volunteers to assist and make sure our pantry is fully staffed. We also need substitutes to assist when regular volunteers are unavailable. We are always looking for anyone bilingual and willing to assist. Please contact *Susan Edgerton*, our *new pantry chair*, if interested in volunteering. **THANK YOU for your continued generous support.**

We encourage you to: "Remember to Gift (AUMC) in your Will and Estate Planning".

Giving to the Church is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves and to grow in grace. Through a charitable gift, you can have a significant positive effect on the ministries of the Church and those people whose lives are changed because of them.

Please know that the staff in the church office are available to assist you in any way possible.



Please show your continued support to Linda Jenkins and the Dance Ministry. Thanks to Larry Martin we will not need to put out a Sign-Up Genius. Larry now covers 90% of the times. Thank you!

THE FLORIDA BALLET AND AUMC DANCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support for The Florida Ballet and AUMC Dance Program. We will begin Summer Session, June 9 – July 30, 2026 (8 weeks). The schedule is as follows:



Tuesdays	\$65 (8 weeks)	5:00-6:00pm Primary A Ballet (5 - 6.5 years)
		6:00-7:00pm Primary B Ballet (6.5 - 8 years)
		7:00-8:00pm Beginning Ballet (8 - 12 years)
Wednesdays	Free Classes (8 weeks)	5:00-5:45pm Pre-Primary, (3-4 years)
		5:45-6:45pm Let's Dance, Multi Genre (8 & Up)
Thursdays	\$65 (8 weeks)	6:00-7:00pm Performance Dance Class, 9 years & Up
		7:15-8:15 pm Teen/Adult Beginning Ballet

Follow our Facebook page FLB & AUMC Dance Program and/or share the information by telling your family and friends, encouraging them to contact The Florida Ballet.

Use the following link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/232054968289065>

Dance Presentation: June 13, 2026



Arlington UMC Web Page QR Code

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Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to give to AUMC



Special recognition given to the Needlepoint Committee:

Dorothy Humphrey, Gerri Atkinson, Mozelle Copelan, Betty Josif, and Martha Rogers.

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#04	Nativity	Chrismon	Elaine Swinney
#05	Miracles of Jesus	Potent	Judy Mattison
#06	Servanthood	Disciple’s Cross	Judy Mattison
#07	Crucifixion	Passion’s Cross	Betty Josif
#08	Resurrection	Easter Cross	Louise Huntsinge
#09	Pentecost	Jerusalem Cross	Marion West
#10	Baptism	Greek Cross	Pat Hutson & Dorothy Humphrey
#11	The Open Bible	Grade Cross	Dorothy Humphrey
#12	Our Heritage The Circuit Rider	Triumphant	Ennis Woodley & Dorothy Humphrey
#13	Our Heritage The Little White Church in the Woods	Cross & Flame	Martha Rogers & Jean Leonard
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The Women in Faith are dedicating this Women's Sunday to SUNSHINE CIRCLE, who retired this past January.

We also would like to honor MARTHA JANE FOSTER INSKIP, our founder.

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