



**SERMON TITLE:**  
**“Distortions: Blood Over Baptism?”**  
**Matthew 12:46-50 (CEB)**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

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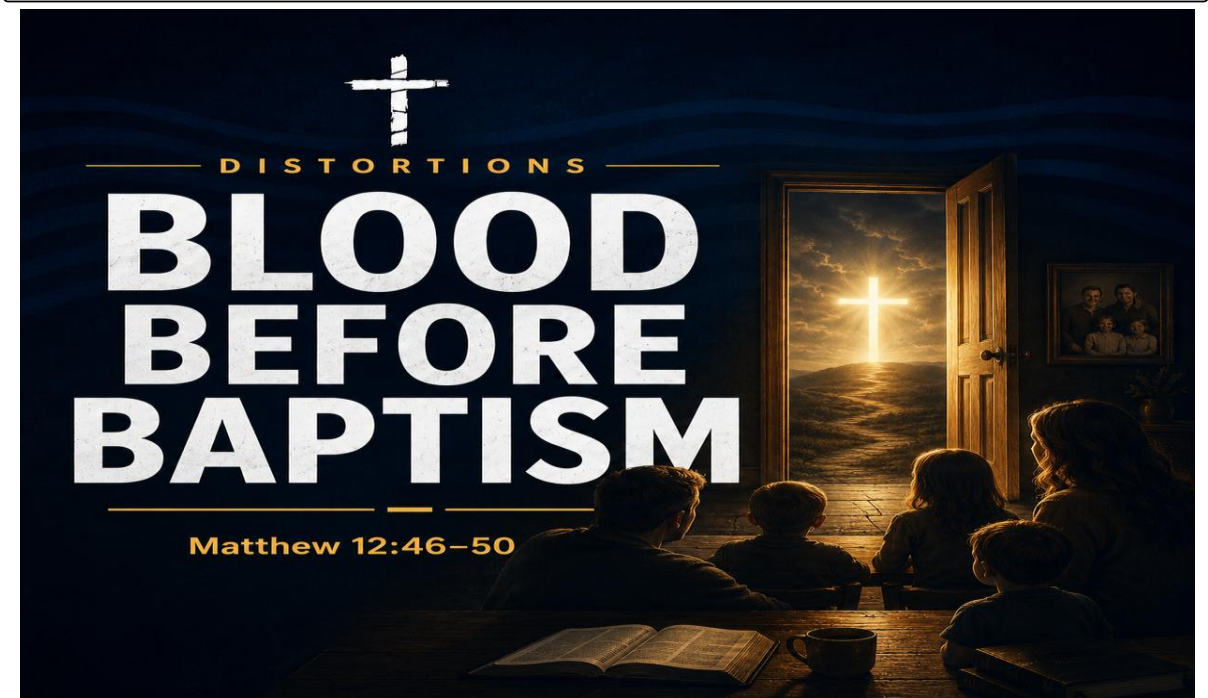
**Mission: “To Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”**

Services:

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

**Sunday**

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Day of Pentecost		May 24, 2026
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Pre-Service Music		Gavin Taylor
Chiming of the Hour		Gavin Taylor
Choral Call to Worship		Chancel Choir
	<i>"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"</i>	
*Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer		Stephen Roberts
Welcome Chorus	<i>"Surely the Presence of the Lord"</i>	Congregation
*Opening Hymn		Congregation
	<i>"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"</i>	UMH #500
	(Verses 1, 3, 5)	
*Affirmation of Faith	Apostles Creed	Stephen Roberts
	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.	
Choral Call to Prayer		Chancel Choir
	<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i>	
Prayer		Pastor Eric

Mission Moment		Pastor Eric
		Heritage Sunday
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Eric
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		
	Matthew 12:46-50 (CEB)	
Choral Anthem	<i>"Spirit, Sing"</i>	Chancel Choir
Sermon		Pastor Eric
	<i>"Distortion: Blood Over Baptism?"</i>	
*Hymn of Dedication		Congregation
	<i>"O Spirit of the Living God"</i>	UMH #539
	(Verses 1, 2, 4)	
*Dismissal with Blessing		Pastor Eric
*Choral Benediction		Chancel Choir
	<i>"The Lord Be with You"</i>	
*Postlude		Gavin Taylor
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*Congregation please stand, as able		

# Prayer Room

Marvin Bailey & Family  
 Linda Boyd (Sister of Deborah Hagan)  
 Barbara Lashley  
 Ruby Peterson (Mother of  
 Gretchen Quisenberry)  
 Russ Taylor

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.**

### 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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### Today's Worship Service Ushers are:

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



### Service Ushers May 31st

Ross Reardon  
 Jim Stewart  
 Chris Carter  
 Harold Elkins  
 J C Claxton  
 Marvin Bailey

**"Serving God. Serving His people."**

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.

### Save the Date!

5/31 Singing Seniors Spring Concert, 3pm – WH  
 6/13 Music & Dance Competition, 11am-WH  
 6/19 Juneteenth Celebration  
 6/21 Father's Day  
 7/4 Independence Day

# EVENTS

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS at AUMC

Sunday	May 24, 2026	9:45am 11am	Sunday School, WH Church Service – Pentecost & Heritage Sunday
Monday	May 25, 2026		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Memorial Day Holiday</b>
Tuesday	May 26, 2026	1pm 3pm 6pm 6:30pm	House of David Class, CR SPPR Meeting, CR Stephen Ministry Mtg, WH Trustee Training – Via Zoom
Wednesday	May 27, 2026	3pm	Food Pantry
Thursday	May 28, 2026	5:30pm 7:15pm	Yoga Class Chancel Choir
Saturday	May 30, 2026	8:30am	Emmaus



## 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:



<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>\$65 (8 weeks)</b>	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)
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Free Classes (8 weeks)</b>	5:00-5:45pm Pre-Primary, (3-4 years)
		5:45-6:45pm Let's Dance, Multi Genre (8 & Up)
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>\$65 (8 weeks)</b>	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>

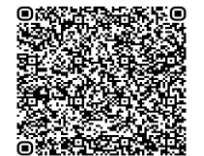
Dance Presentation: June 13, 2026



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# AUMC



SUMMER SESSION 2026  
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN  
CLASSES JUNE 9--JULY 30



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# Dance & Music Camp Under the Sea

June 8-13, 2026 9-12 Daily

FREE with \$30 paid Activity Fee for Ages 7-12



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## **Heritage Sunday 2026**

**May 24, 2026**

**Mark Battle                      25 Years**

**Anna Lou Entsminger            25 Years**

**Marcella Graves                25 Years**

**Robert Hollister                25 Years**

**Barbara Miller                 60 Years**