



SERMON TITLE:
Who are We Becoming? Part 1: How Wide is Our Circle?”
Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)
Sunday, October 18, 2026

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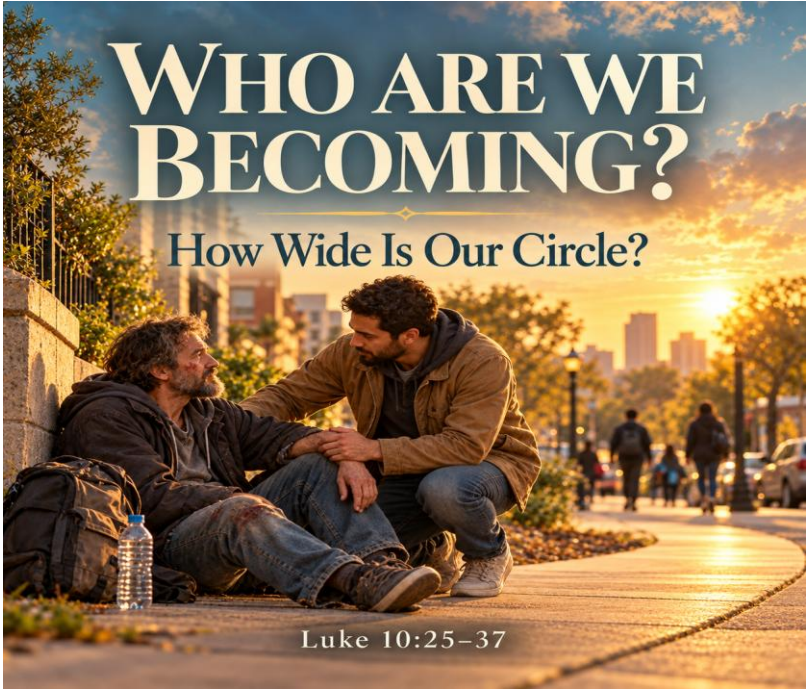
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Mission: “To Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”

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

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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 Luke 10:25-37 (CEB) Pam Taylor
Choral Anthem “Trust in the Lord” Chancel Choir

Sermon Pastor Eric
“Who are We Becoming? Part 1: How Wide is Our Circle?”
*Hymn of Dedication Congregation
“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” UMH #50
(Verses 1, 3, 5)

*Dismissal with Blessing Pastor Eric
*Choral Benediction Chancel Choir
“Take the Name of Jesus With You”

*Postlude Gavin Taylor

*Congregation please stand, as able



21st Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2026

Pre-Service Music Gavin Taylor

Choral Call to Worship Chancel Choir
“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”

*Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer Stephen Roberts

*Welcome Chorus “Alleluia” Congregation

*Opening Hymn Congregation
“Where Charity and Love Prevail” UMH #549
(Verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

*Affirmation of Faith Stephen Roberts
Nicene Creed
UMH #880

*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.

Prayer Pastor Eric

Mission Moment Patti Brown
Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Prayer Room

Pray

Belita Courtney
 Jeff Edgerton
 Caroline Matchett
 Carol & Ted Montgomery
 Ruby Peterson (Mother of
 Gretchen Quisenberry)
 Joe & Connie Ragase
 Ruth Salter

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

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

Please be sure to subscribe or like the Facebook and Instagram sites when you visit them



Today's Worship Service Ushers are:

J C Claxton
 Chris Carter
 Marvin Bailey
 Pamela Lea
 Susan Edgerton
 Cheryl Claxton



Service Ushers October 25th

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

"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.

EVENTS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS at AUMC

Sunday	October 18, 2026	9:45am	Sunday School, WH
	11am		Church Service
Monday	October 19, 2026	5pm	Leadership Council Mtg, WH
	5:30pm		Yoga Class
Tuesday	October 20, 2026	5:30pm	Dance Class, 5-7 yrs
	6:30pm		Dance Class, 8-12 yrs
Wednesday	October 21, 2026	10am	SIT & SEW, WH-102
	5:15pm		Dance Class, 3-4 yrs
	6pm		Dance Class, 8 & Up
Thursday	October 22, 2026	3pm	Singing Seniors
	6pm		Dance Class, 9 yrs & Up
	6:30pm		Celebration Singers
	7:15pm		Dance Class, Teen/Adult
	7:15pm		Chancel Choir
Friday	October 23, 2026		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	October 24, 2026	10am	Charge Conference (AUMC)

Charge Conference 2026



Our 2026 Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, October 24th, beginning promptly at 10am, Arlington UMC, 1400 University Blvd N., Jacksonville, FL 32211

**PASTOR
 APPRECIATION
 MONTH**
 OCTOBER

Launching Hope Food Pantry

During the month of September 2026, we greeted 76 clients and provided food for 265 individuals. The month of September reflects a decrease in number of clients with a small decrease of individuals served from our August report.

We are kicking off the campaign for Thanksgiving gift cards for our clients. They are \$15 each to help assist the family in purchasing a meat for their holiday meal.

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 servants of God's kingdom to assist and make sure our pantry is fully staffed. We also need substitutes to assist when regular servants are unavailable. We are always looking for anyone bilingual and willing to assist.

Bob Pease, thank you for working on an updated website for the pantry.

Please contact *Susan Edgerton, pantry chair.*

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 Fall Session, Sept 8 – Nov 19, 2026 (11 weeks). The schedule is as follows:



Tuesdays	\$90 (11 weeks)	5:30-6:30pm Primary A/B Ballet (5 - 7 years)
		6:00-7:00pm Beginning Ballet (8 - 12 years)
Wednesdays	\$30 (11 weeks)	5:15-6:00pm Pre-Primary, (3-4 years)
	Free Classes (11 weeks)	6:00-7:00pm Let's Dance, Multi Genre (8 & Up)
Thursdays	\$90 (11 weeks)	6:00-7:00pm Performance Dance Class, 9 years & Up
		7:15-8:30 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: Wednesday: November 18, 2026, Wesley Hall, 5:30pm

Arlington UMC Web Page QR Code

AUMC Donate QR Code

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



SAVE THE DATE

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| 10/19 | Leadership Council Mtg, 5pm – WH |
| 10/24 | AUMC Charge Conference, 10am - WH |
| 10/31 | AUMC Truck or Treat |
| 11/6 | St. Paul UMC, Shrimp Boil Dinner, 6pm |
| 11/7 | UMM Pancake Breakfast, 8am – WH |
| 11/15 | Operation Christmas Child (OCC)
Shoebox Collection |
| 11/18 | Dance Presentation, 5:30pm - WH |
| 12/4 | POPS Concert (tentatively) |
| 12/6 | Singing Seniors Concert, 3pm, WH |
| 12/13 | Chancel Choir Cantata, 11am |
| 12/13 | JMTA Piano Recital, 3pm, Sanctuary |



Please help Launching Hope Food Pantry provide a \$15 holiday gift card to our clients. This will assist the family in purchasing a meat for their holiday meal. Please mark your donation in the memo box "Launching Hope Food Pantry gift card."

Thank you for your continued generous donations to assist our community.

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We have two ministries that rely on contributions to assist those in need. We ask you prayerfully consider giving to:

The Food Pantry and or 904 Sock Drop

Scan the QR codes below to donate supplies or financial assistance. If you are unable to contribute supplies or financial assistance, we ask you pray for these ministries as they assist those in need.

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10/11/2026

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OCC Shoebox Collection



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November 7, 2026

8:00 – 10:00

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



This is a great time for our congregation to thank Pastor Eric McCrea for the work he does all year. This appreciation can be through:

- *Personalized Notes
- *Gifts
- *Acts of Service
- *Prayer
- *Expressions of Gratitude

A special box, located in the Chapel will be provided during the entire month of October for your "Thank-You" for Pastor Eric.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 11/16 | OCC Shoebox Collection |
| 11/19 | Fall Dance Presentation, 5:30-WH
Spaghetti Dinner |
| 12/5 | POPS Concert |
| 12/7 | Singing Seniors Concert, 3pm-WH |
| 12/14 | Christmas Cantata, 11am
during Church Service |
| 12/14 | Piano Recital, Sanctuary, 3pm |

YOU ARE INVITED!

Shrimp Boil Dinner

Date: November 6, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$15/person

Eat in or take out

Place: St. Paul United Methodist Church
8264 Lone Star Road
Jacksonville, FL 32211

stpauljax.org



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Operation Christmas Child (OCC)



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| 10/12/2025 | Kickoff |
| 11/16/2025 | OCC Shoebox Collection |

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