

Prayer Corner

Prayer of the Month:

"Dignity | For Worth"

Cole Arthur Riley -Black Liturgies

God in us, We know the miracle inherent in our existence. We are here, our beauty stretching out and dwelling within us. But it is hard to believe in one's dignity when the systems and societies to which we belong are content to destroy us. We have heard lies of our worthlessness in the explicit and implicit ways the world interacts with our bodies, stories, and homes. It is incessant— this lie of own inadequacy, this charade of our inferiority. Remind us that our dignity does not wane or bud in relation to anyone's belief in it, including our own. Let us rest with the knowledge that we have nothing to prove; our dignity, perpetual is divine. We will not shrink. We expand. Remind us of our making. For we too contain the divine. Amen.

Prayer Requests

- Unhoused Neighbors
- Project 2027 (Black Faith Agenda)
- Rondo Community
- The Nation
- William Wulf (Brother of Barbara Wulf)

Covering in Prayer

- Johnny Barker
- Rakesha Eaton (daughter of Theresa Phillips)
- Willie P. McCoy, Jr.
- Karen Morgan
- Juanita Robertson
- Rachel Thadathil

Homebound & In-Care Facilities

- Verlene Booker
- Glenice Booker-Butler
- Brenda Bolar-Ford
- Doris Douglas
- Johnette Houston
- Pat Jemie
- Barbara Wulf



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October 26, 2025 | 10 am
Love Leads the Way | Children's Sabbath



Rev. Cynthia Williams | Lead Pastor

Welcome to Camphor Memorial UMC!

We are an open, welcoming, and affirming congregation, intentional and inclusive of all God's people. Camphor worship services are filmed, recorded and broadcast on line. Whoever you are – you are safe here.

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- ↑ All stand
* Please be Seated
Where indicated, speak or sing the words in **bold**

Centering Moment: Our Daily Bread

Check out today's passage from
"Our Daily Bread" to get centered for Worship.



Prelude

† Bringing in the Light | Processional

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Welcome

Marlena Ellis

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Xavier Golden

One: We gather today in reverence and joy, Honoring the sacredness of childhood and the call to justice, peace, and purpose. For we are God's masterpiece, created anew in Christ Jesus, To do good works prepared for us.

Children: We are God's children—bright, curious, and full of wonder. We are leaders in love, in laughter, in truth. We are not too small to be mighty in spirit. A little child shall lead them.

Parents/Caregivers: We are entrusted with sacred lives. We nurture, protect, and guide with grace. We listen for the wisdom in small voices. We honor the masterpiece God has placed in our care.

Community: We are the village that surrounds each child. We build safe places, open doors, and speak hope. We commit to justice, inclusion, and healing. We see every child as a gift and a calling.

All: The wolf shall live with the lamb. The strong shall dwell with the gentle. The fierce shall lie down with the tender. And a little child shall lead them.

We are God's masterpiece—each of us, together. Created to do good works. Called to build peace. Led by love. Empowered by grace. United in hope.

(Written by Mrs. Juliet Mitchell)

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S.E.R.V.E. @ Camphor Memorial UMC

Sharing Every Resource, Voice, & Experience | *"Because ministry takes all of us."*



Are you looking for a way to use your gifts and make a meaningful impact in the life of our church? S.E.R.V.E. @ Camphor is your invitation to share your God-given resources, voice, & experiences in service to our community. This is more than filling a spot—it's about living your faith out loud & strengthening the body of Christ through love in action. Join one of the ministry areas below & let your presence be a blessing.

Usher Ministry: Help create a welcoming environment for worshippers.
Contact: Saran Cryer - sarancryer@gmail.com

Communion Stewards: Assist in preparing and serving Holy Communion.
Contact: Harold Golden - harold.golden@comcast.net

Digital Ministry: Support worship and outreach through technology.
Contact: Dr. Darlene Fry - darlene-fry1637@comcast.net

Christian Education: Help lead and grow our spiritual formation programs.
Contact: De Anna Conover - deanna.conover@state.mn.us

Congregational Care Team: Support, prayer, presence, compassion, connection.
Contact: Nieeta Presley - nieeta@yahoo.com

Stay Connected with the Camphor Community!



We invite you to stay informed and inspired by subscribing to our weekly newsletter and church communications. Scan the QR code below to visit our website. Once you're there, simply scroll down to the "Subscribe" section and enter your email address.

By subscribing, you'll receive regular updates about worship services, upcoming events, ministry opportunities, and more—right in your inbox. Don't miss a moment of what God is doing at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church!



sermon title:

key verses:

Prayers

"Let There be Peace On Earth"
AA/HH 498 | UMH 431

**With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

(Worshippers May Enter)

Myah Presley

Passing of the Peace

Xavier Golden

Joys and Concerns | Intercessory Prayer

Pastor Cynthia Williams

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Gathering our Community/Announcements

Pastor Cynthia Williams

What is Children’s Sabbath?

Gloria Little

Children’s Sabbath began in 1992 through the Children’s Defense Fund. It is a nationwide tradition that brings faith communities together to uplift young people and advocate for their safety, justice, and well-being. It is not tied to one religion—it’s a shared commitment to love, leadership, and community care. This year, we have chosen the theme *Love Leads the Way: A Multigenerational Sabbath of Love and Leadership* to reflect something important: today is not just about children—it is about all young people worshiping with us. From toddlers to teens, we celebrate their voices, gifts, and power to lead with love. But Children’s Sabbath is more than a worship service—it’s a movement. It calls us to serve others, to show love in action, and to build a world where every child can thrive.

Children’s Story

Barbara Harris O’Neal

Ministry of Giving/Offering

Pastor Cynthia Williams

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† The Doxology | UMH 95 | AA/HH 651

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

Praise Dance

De Anna Conover | Rose of Sharon Dance Ministry

† Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:6 & Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Isaiah 11:6 | Amaris Farmer

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

Ephesians 2:10 | Cameron Crutchfield

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(Leader: The Word of God for the People of God/ **All: Thanks be to God**)

Ministry of Music

Rain

Voices of Grace

Youth Reflection

Corrine McAfee

Sermon

Rev. William Petty

Invitation for Prayer for the Children

Pastor Cynthia Williams

(Those who desire prayer or anointing with oil may come at this time.)

Recessional

The Blessing

Voices of Grace

† Benediction with Blessings

Pastor Cynthia Williams

Let the Church say Amen,
Let the Church say Amen,
God has spoken, Let the Church say Amen

(Worshippers may depart. Go in Peace)

Join us for fellowship after service at the ION Polish Sausage Stand, a youth-run business powered by the dedicated young entrepreneurs of It’s Our Neighborhood, Inc. (ION).

All young people and supportive adults are welcome! Please return to the fellowship area to enjoy your refreshments and connect with others.



“Each child is a divine appointment. We don’t just raise them – we reveal them. Within every young soul is a vision God whispered before time began. Our role is not to shape them into our image, but to uncover the light already planted by the Creator.

To raise a child is to stand at the intersection of heaven and earth, to witness the unfolding of divine possibility. In every laugh, question, and quiet strength, we glimpse the sacred. This is holy work.”

– Inspired by Howard Thurman and Black faith traditions

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November Bible Study Series: Contentment: Gratitude, Generosity & Joy



Please join Pastor Cynthia, Rev. William Petty, and Spiritual Formation Leader De Anna Conover for an interactive and immersive time of learning and growing in God's Word. We invite you—and a friend—to take part in our three-week Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study Series: Contentment: Gratitude, Generosity, and Joy.

Session One, Give Thanks to the Lord: Gratitude's Power, will be held in person on November 5 from 6-8 PM, with a light meal served from 6-6:30 PM.

Sessions Two and Three will be held via Zoom from 6:30-8 PM on November 12 (*Generosity: More Blessed to Give than Receive*) and November 19 (*Where Joy is Found*).

New Members Orientation

Interested in becoming a member of Camphor? You are invited to attend our next **New Members Orientation on Sunday, November 9, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Lunch will be served.

To register, please email your name, contact information, and intention to attend to office@camphorconnects.org. After attending orientation, new members will be formally received during morning worship on Sunday, November 16. Come take your next step in faith and fellowship with the Camphor family!



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This Week @ Camphor Memorial UMC

Tuesday, October 28th 5:30 pm- Worship Team Meeting (Conf. Rm)

Wednesday, October 29th 4 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5 pm- Childbirth Education Class (Lower Level)

Friday, October 31st 11 am- UWF Dorcas Circle (Lower Level)

Saturday, November 1st 9:15 am- Exercise w/ Connie (Lg. Sunday School Room)

1 pm- Voices of Grace Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 2nd 8:45 am: Adult Sunday School (Conf. Rm)

All Saints Sunday 10 am: Worship (Sanctuary and Live-Stream)

All Saints Sunday | Sunday, November 2nd



All Saints Sunday is November 2, and we will honor loved ones who have passed since November 2024.

To include someone in this special service, please email their name, your name, and your relationship to them with the subject line **"All Saints Sunday Remembrance"** to office@camphorconnects.org by **Monday, October 27th.**