

## Two New Year's Sermon Series Begin

"**God Questions**" will be the focus in Contemporary worship and The WAY each Sunday, January 5 through February 9, as we take a close look at some of our most common, heart-felt questions to God.  
"**Broadway Comes to Canterbury**" — Experience God's light in surprising places in this musical sermon series, each Sunday beginning January 19 through February 16, in Traditional Worship and New Traditions Worship.

**STOP HUNGER NOW** - Please Register Now! Invite a neighbor, friend, or bring your family! We need donations, too! \$25 feeds 100 children! Look for "Register Now" button on Canterbury's website or call the front desk to sign up (205) 871-4695.

### WHY HUNGER (IN THE RICHEST NATION ON EARTH)?

Why do 49 million in the U.S. go hungry every day -- including one in four children -- despite our means to provide all with affordable nourishment? Find some of the reasons, as well as what can be done about it, as the Church & Society Team provides guest speakers and the film "A Place at the Table," in a five-week study of ways to deal with this critical issue. Each Wednesday night, January 8 through February 5, 6:00-7:15 p.m. in Wesley Hall, M209.

### LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS—Discover and Invest Your Top Strengths

This highly interactive class is based on The Gallop Organization's online Strengths Finder assessment. Discover your top five God-given strengths and explore how to best use them in your life. Great for anyone looking for a meaningful place to serve or seeking fresh insight on how to best serve. You will have the opportunity for a personal consultation following the class. Preregistration is required and is limited to 24 people. Due to the cumulative nature of this class, attendance at all five sessions is strongly encouraged. Groups available on Jan. 15, and Feb. 19.

Register at [www.canterburyumc.org/bsregistration](http://www.canterburyumc.org/bsregistration) or [ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org](mailto:ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org).

### CANTERBURY ACADEMY WINTER/SPRING

A study of N.T. Wright's book, *Evil and the Justice of God*, will begin January 12, and continue for five Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. led by Samford University professor Dr. Scott McGinnis. This will be followed by a study tracing the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi as interpreted by Father Richard Rohr, a Franciscan friar who directs the Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico. Dr. Oliver Clark will provide leadership for this course. Classes for the Academy will meet in room M227 on Sunday evenings from 5:00–6:30 p.m. Register by calling Ellen Thomas at 874-1533 or Dr. Clark at 868-6580.

### DIVORCECARE

DivorceCare begins Tuesday, January 14, 6 – 8 p.m. Divorce hurts. Come experience a place of welcome and healing. Childcare upon request. Contact Annie Skinner at 874-1526 or [anne.skinner@canterburyumc.org](mailto:anne.skinner@canterburyumc.org).

### AWESTRUCK

Began January 8. Gather your family and friends. Great food, wonderful fellowship for children, youth, and adults.... all with a home cooked meal. For more information, go to [www.canterburyumc.org/awestruck](http://www.canterburyumc.org/awestruck).

### HAND IN HAND – Caregiver Training Program

Caregivers of aging loved ones are invited to learn about issues related to Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. We want to help caregivers improve their experience and the care of the one they love. Professional Nurse and Caregiver Specialists Liz Prosch, Karen Geice and Beth Green will be our expert Leaders. Join us at noon in the

Aldersgate Class Room (M227) on Thursday, January 16. Classes will meet on the third Thursday of each month beginning in January and concluding in May. Call Gloria for more details and to register at 874-1534.

### VALENTINE LEGACY LUNCHEON

Flowers, classical guitar and vocal serenades for Valentine's Day are yours on Tuesday, January 28 at noon in Canterbury Hall. Bring a friend or a sweetheart for a celebration of love on this day of fun, humor, fellowship and music. Call Gloria for a reservation at 874-1534.

### CANTERBURY PRAYER TEAM

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury Prayer Team will be Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Women at the Well Prayer and Bible Study group has been invited to join the Team at this meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend! For more information, contact Betty Gunn at [bgunn66@charter.net](mailto:bgunn66@charter.net) or Betty Glasscock at [bglass35216@aol.com](mailto:bglass35216@aol.com).

### THE BROWN BAG PROJECT AT CANTERBURY

Reminder: If you are aware of someone in need of food who cannot come to us on Fridays, Brown Bag will do it's best to help. We need a few days notice for a special request as our emergency pantry food gets scarce. Here is the procedure: (1) email me the name, age, and zip code of the person receiving the food, (2) include the day & time you plan to pick up (8-4:30), and (3) sign your name and time picked up on the Brown Bag sheet at Reception. We are not able to leave bags downstairs at the reception desk after business hours, so we appreciate your understanding. For information on Brown Bag, please contact Susan Dowdey at 874-1569 or [susan.dowdey@canterburyumc.org](mailto:susan.dowdey@canterburyumc.org).

### AVONDALE BROWN BAG AT SAMARITAN

PLACE— January: Pick up - 1/24, 1/31 Pack - 1/26  
Distribute - 1/13, 1/27 (off MLK day Jan. 20th)

### OUR SYMPATHY...

- To Martha Elliott and family in the death of her father, Bill Matthews.
- To Heather Gant and family in the death of her father, Ronnie Gant, of Nashville Tennessee.
- To Anna Cox and family in the death of her father, Dr. W. H. Cooper III, of Birmingham.

### FLOWERS ON THE SANCTUARY ALTAR ARE PLACED IN MEMORY OF...

Florene Petra of Romania by his daughter, Simona Duncan.

### THE ROSES ON THE SANCTUARY LECTERN ARE PLACED IN HONOR OF...

- Georgia Grace Pridgen born 1/7/14 to Clint & Elizabeth Pridgen.
- Ann Clark Townsend Fleming, born 12/23/13 to Kelli & Bains Fleming.
- Caroline Jane Botts, born 12/30/13 to Wesley & Emily (Coleman) Botts.
- Olivia Bridges Hamer, born 12/30/13 to Chris & Beth Hamer.

### IN THE HOSPITAL AS OF 1-7-14 ...

Brookwood (877-1940) Elizabeth Pridgen

## Contemporary Worship

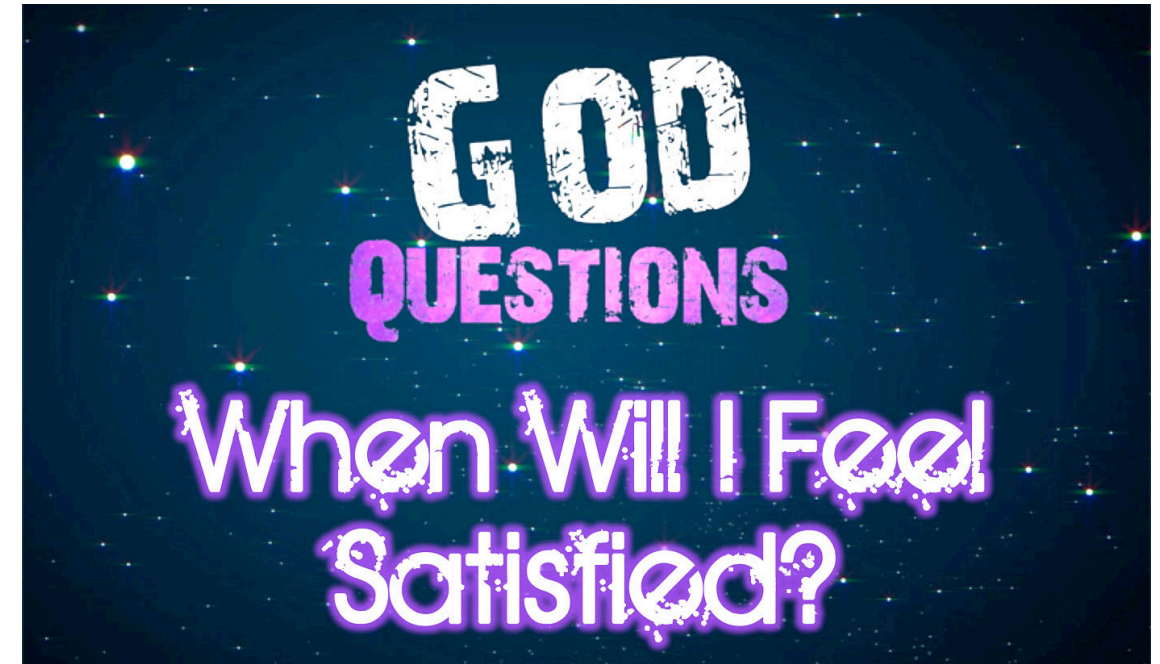
BAPTISM OF THE LORD - CANTERBURY CENTER

PREACHING REV. JULIE HOLLY

LITURGIST MR. STEPHEN INGRAM

JANUARY 12, 2014

# WELCOME!



### THIS WEEK'S TOP THREE DON'T-MISS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**1. NEW SERMON SERIES IN CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP:** "God Questions" will be our focus in Contemporary Worship each Sunday through February 9th, as we take a close look at some of our most common, heart-felt questions to God.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP



**Welcome and Announcements**  
Mrs. Patti Williams



**Opening Prayer**  
Mr. Mac McLaughlin, MBHS Sophomore



**Songs of Praise**  
*Because of Your Love*  
*Better is One Day*



**Passing the Peace**



**Song of Preparation**  
*Think About His Love*



**Prayers of the People**  
The Lord's Prayer  
Mr. Stephen Ingram



**Scripture**  
Psalm 16:5-11; John 1:35-38a NRSV



**Message**  
"When Will I Feel Satisfied?"  
Rev. Julie Holly



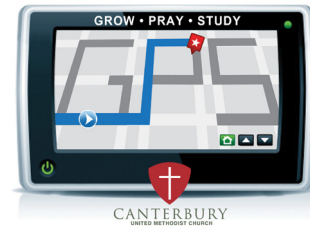
**Offertory**  
*Enough*



**Remembering Our Baptisms**  
Wesley Covenant Prayer



**Blessing and Sending Forth**  
You may leave quietly after you have been to a station at the front of the worship area.



## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Memory Verse: Exodus 4:2a

"The Lord said to him,  
'What is that in your hand?'"

## What is God Saying to Me Today?

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## Prayer for God's Work in Your Life

God of mystery, bless me as I grow in faith and seek understanding. May all my questions and wonderings bring me closer to you. Amen.

## Next Sunday, January 19

"Where is God When I Need Him?"  
Ecclesiastes 4:1-3  
Rev. Julie Holly

Sign up for Disciple Bible Study Groups at  
[www.canterburyumc.org/disciple](http://www.canterburyumc.org/disciple)

FOLLOW JESUS

SERVE OTHERS

# Weekly Words from Dr. Bill Morgan



## "BOOKING 2014"

"There are so many things Jesus did. If every one were written, the world could not contain the books."  
John 21:25

Call it book providence, whatever, the right book showing up at the right time; it happened again. *The Books That Mattered: A Reader's Memoir* was a birthday gift from friends. About my age, Alabama author Frye Gaillard recounts, groups, connects a broad swath of books he read early and along the way up to now, some to return to and read again. I nodded at the ones I've read; was a bit dropped-jawed at ones I'd missed, or whose depth I'd missed.

No one can grow up in Alabama without dealing with how race interlaces our reality. Gaillard revisits the background of *To Kill A Mockingbird*, the likely connections with the infamous Scottsboro Boys case, the price Athens Judge Horton paid for seeking to rule justly. Gaillard moves forward to Birmingham writers Diane McWhorter's *Carry Me Home* journalism and Sena Jeter Naslund's novel *The Four Spirits*, fine efforts to tell the story of the church bombing and the bigger picture. He recounts an interview with Cynthia Wesley's father several years later, an amazing man with suffering-burnished forgiveness and hope.

Gaillard goes far and wide. I didn't get all he sees in Robert Penn Warren's *All The King's Men*, when I read it as a Birmingham-Southern freshman. I may revisit. He touches on the enjoyable stories of veterinarian James Herriot, southern teacher become writer Clyde Edgerton. He goes into the dark of Ann Frank's diary and life, John Hersey's *Hiroshima*, and concentration camp survivor Elie Wiesel's *Night*. I've added to my to-be-read stack Geraldine Brooks historical novel, *Year Of Wonders*. And hey, I have not come close to citing the books known and new to me that Gaillard touches on in 200 delightful pages.

Gaillard suggests people read to find escape from reality, enjoyment, or "something that will touch the heart". For me, all of the above, but heart mainly, often an expected fun book surprisingly comforts/discomforts my heart. As a person and pastor: I read to make sense of life; see glimmers of God's light that shines in the glory, monotony, and tragedy of it all; try not to bore you or waste your unrepeatable life time when you sit through my sermons. Like John Wesley (yes, I know you know John Wesley, and I am no John Wesley) "I am a man of one book" who, like him, reads all I can to read/understand that one book and mystery who permeates our birthing, breathing, dying from whom all of it flows and returns.

Another providential find, new author to me is a young Florida writer Michael Lister, youngest person in Florida history to be a prison chaplain: mysteries, a book about Jesus, about movies and others. In *The Meaning of Life in the Movies*, he quotes Thomas Carlyle. *What we become depends on what we read after all the professors have finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books.*

Bill

Dr. Bill Morgan, Senior Minister

To comment on this article, go to Dr. Bill Morgan's BLOG at <http://billmorgancanterbury.wordpress.com>.

## We're Glad You're Here Today!

**Childcare** is available for children younger than 5K during all services. Please check with ushers for locations. Before worship begins, please take a minute to help your children to the restroom, get a clipboard and crayons, and get settled so they will be able to enjoy the entire service. Thank you for helping to make their worship experience reverent and meaningful!

For your convenience a **Comfort Room** is located at the rear of the worship center. Feel free to take advantage of this space where you will still be able to see and hear the worship service.

**Children's worship bulletins and Bibles** for ages 3 and up are available on tables at the Worship Center entrance. Please be good stewards of our worship area and take worship bulletins/unwanted items out with you as you leave today. **Recycle baskets are located at the exits. Thanks!**

*Want to know more about Following Jesus and Serving Others?*

To make Canterbury your home church, contact Rev. Drew Clayton at 874-1543 or [drew.clayton@canterburyumc.org](mailto:drew.clayton@canterburyumc.org).