

METHODIST UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Methodist University, historically supported by the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, owes its origin and values to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The University is committed to an ecumenical spirit, respects diversity, and recognizes the dignity and worth of all human beings. The University's programs are based on the conviction that a liberally-educated person is sensitive to the needs and rights of others. Methodist University affirms the importance of intellectual values and ethical principles such as truth, virtue, justice, and love. The University community seeks to develop whole persons who will contribute substantially and creatively to the professions and to civic life. Therefore, Methodist University provides opportunities for spiritual, academic, and social growth, to the end that students may acquire enlightened minds and responsible spirits, as well as a continuing thirst for knowledge.

The purpose of Methodist University is to provide an undergraduate and graduate education firmly grounded in the liberal arts tradition that nurtures moral values and ethical decision making; to provide distinctive professional and graduate programs that complement the undergraduate programs; to provide educational and cultural services and resources to the community; and to prepare students for a variety of careers and educational pursuits.

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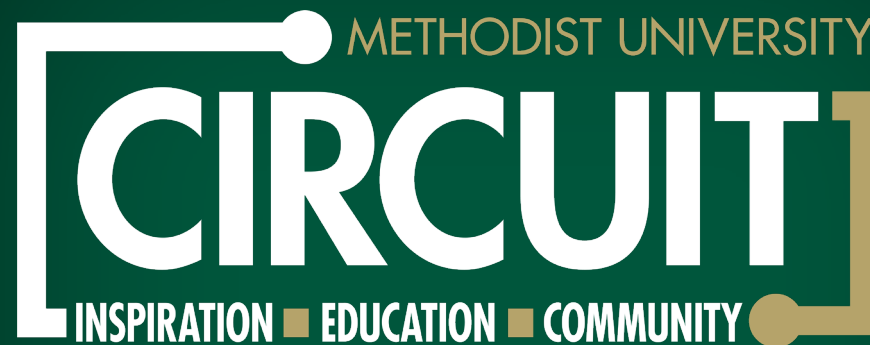
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**METHODIST
UNIVERSITY**

RELIGIOUS LIFE



Elevate your skills.
Broaden your perspectives.
Nurture your inner growth.
Live your mission.

Fall 2024 Programs
Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

WELCOME TO CIRCUIT

Are you ready to embark on a transformative personal and academic journey? Join us for CIRCUIT, a weekly opportunity to elevate your skills, broaden your perspectives, and nurture your inner growth. CIRCUIT is open to all – no grades, no pressure – only opportunity.

CIRCUIT is not just another program; it is a dynamic space where individuals from diverse backgrounds come together to share their stories, learn from one another, and cultivate a deep sense of belonging. Education is not confined to textbooks and classrooms alone; it is a lifelong journey that thrives on exchanging ideas, perspectives, and experiences. CIRCUIT encourages critical thinking, healthy disagreement, intellectual curiosity, and a lifelong love for learning – enabling individuals to contribute actively to living out the University's mission.

CIRCUIT draws its name from the legendary circuit riders in Methodism and their commitment to spreading knowledge, inspiring faith, and building diverse communities. CIRCUIT embodies the spirit of exploration, engagement, and impact demonstrated by Francis Asbury, featured on the Methodist University seal. This spirit translates to today's MU campus in a weekly CIRCUIT that creates energy by connecting education, inspiration, and community.

Each Wednesday at 11 a.m., CIRCUIT hosts multiple engaging events designed to deepen our community's knowledge of the University mission, spark inspiration, ignite conversations, and encourage personal growth – body, mind, and spirit. From thought-provoking panel discussions to interactive workshops and spiritual practice, we strive to create an environment where you can discover your passion, develop your skills, and probe your unique mission.

For the first time, Methodist University is introducing the “First Five” series! Join us for an exciting start to your journey at Methodist University with the new CIRCUIT series. Designed to help new students orient to the campus, build lasting friendships, and acquire the essential tools for a successful first semester and beyond, this series is your perfect introduction to campus life. The series is geared toward new students, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

LEGEND

Use the corresponding icons to better understand the type of CIRCUIT events offered:



“FIRST FIVE”



INSPIRATION



EDUCATION



COMMUNITY

Italicized words and phrases indicate the missional value from the Methodist University Mission Statement (mentioned on back of booklet) connected to the event.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 6

+ University Chapel Service: Have You Heard the Voices? Veteran Wisdom and the Book of Proverbs

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain

Matthews Chapel

During Veterans Week, CIRCUIT honors veterans by elevating their wisdom alongside the timeless words of Proverbs. Hear voices from current Methodist University veterans recorded as part of a university research initiative highlighting the value of discipline, leadership, humility, and sacrifice.

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  Faith and Knowledge: Approaches to Religious and Secular Education in Islam and Christianity

Nejra Idrizovic '27, Muslim Student Association Leader

Davis Memorial Library Seminar Room

Delve into the diverse educational philosophies and practices within two major world religions and understand how they balance faith and modernity. Learn more about new interfaith initiatives on the MU campus.

Opportunities for spiritual, academic, and social growth

Wednesday, November 13

+ University Chapel Service: Hope

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain

Hensdale Chapel

Nearly every culture holds beliefs and narratives about life after death. A 19th century professor at Yale University named James Dwight Dana summed up this hope of abiding life when he said that he did not believe that God would create humankind and then desert them at the grave. A quick overview of history shows that humankind has always possessed a hope of living beyond the grave. What are the implications of this belief for life today?

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  DEI Lunch and Learn: Native American Heritage Month

Gavin Myrick, Director of Belonging & Inclusion

Alumni Dining Room

This program will focus on the history and culture of Indigenous People.

The conviction that a liberally educated person is sensitive to the needs and rights of others

Wednesday, November 20

+ University Chapel Service: Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain

Hensdale Chapel

What is “blessing” according to Christian tradition? We end the semester reflecting on what it means to give and receive blessing, and how remembering God's goodness empowers us to bless others.

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 Can Money Buy Happiness?

Dr. Robert Gmeiner, Assistant Professor of Financial Economics

Davis Memorial Library Seminar Room

Are one-word answers correct? There's your perhaps uncertain answer. We'll discuss what makes people happy from the perspective of economics and religion, and how money does and does not fit into both.

Develop fully the mind and its intellectual value

OCTOBER CONTINUED

Wednesday, October 16

Creativity and Freedom

Tori Hord, Associate Professor of Graphic Design; Andrew Prieto, Assistant Professor of Art; and Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain Makerspace (Reeves Fine Arts Complex)

Discover the intersection of spirituality and innovation in “The Creator in the Makerspace.” Visit the new Makerspace on campus and explore how religious concepts of creation inspire and inform hands-on creativity in a dynamic, collaborative environment.
Nurtures moral values and ethical decision-making

Wednesday, October 23

University Chapel Service: What and Who Identifies

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain
Hensdale Chapel

In spiritual issues, it is customary for us to consider God first, but we tend to think that it is inappropriate and unnecessary to consider God first in the practical, everyday issues of our lives. How does this very human tendency impact one’s sense of identity and the way one navigates life?
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DEI Lunch and Learn: Global Diversity Awareness Month

Gavin Myrick, Director of Belonging & Inclusion
Alumni Dining Room

Students will have the opportunity to explore the diversity evident throughout the world and how that diversity impacts MU.
Respects diversity

Wednesday, October 30

University Chapel Service: The G.O.A.T. and the Kingdom (All Saints Service)

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain
Matthews Chapel

The Greatest of All Time. We can name them: Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Simone Biles, Beyoncé, and Taylor Swift. Athletes and celebrities who dominate on the field and stage. We find them everywhere, even in the hidden places where the Kingdom of God breaks through. On All Saints Day, the Christian Church remembers the G.O.A.T.s in the Kingdom of God, who now rest from their labors and who surround us as a great cloud of witnesses.
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PDA: Personal Digital Archiving

Arleen Fields, Assistant Director of Library Services and Archives Librarian
Davis Memorial Library Seminar Room

When you tell your grandchildren about your time at MU, will you also be able to share any of those thousands of pictures and videos that are (or were) on your phone? If you have print photographs and records, how do you make sure that they’ll be accessible in the future? Join us for a discussion on simple ways to preserve these memories.
Enlightened minds and responsible spirits

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 21

University Chapel Service: Making the Most of Time

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain
Hensdale Chapel

How will you make the most of every opportunity in the new academic year? How can our campus cultivate a spirit of gratitude? Discover practical ways to align your daily life with God’s vision and embrace a more fulfilling, purposeful journey.
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All in with the Alums

Dave Eavenson '96, Vice President and Director of Athletics, and Dr. Quincy Malloy '02, Chief Diversity Officer
Huff Concert Hall

Join MU alumni Eavenson and Dr. Malloy (along with students) as they share insider tips on how to be “all in” at Methodist University and the benefits of being academically driven and involved in our campus community. Prepare to be inspired!
Provides opportunities for spiritual, academic, and social growth

Wednesday, August 28

University Chapel Service: The Importance of a Good Meal

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain
Hensdale Chapel

Choices! Choices! Lunch in the Green & Gold Dining Hall? A bag of chips from the snack machine? Pepperoni pizza or a yogurt smoothie? Join us as we consider the importance feeding on food that nourishes the body and soul.
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Rise Against Hunger

Nimocks Fitness Center (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Join the fight against hunger! Help us pack 10,000 meals to be delivered worldwide to communities in need. MU students have served Rise Against Hunger meals in Haiti and know first-hand the impact these simple meals have in alleviating hunger. Learn more about this event and register to volunteer at t.ly/YJyZr. And remember, rice goes last!
Liberal education is sensitive to the needs and rights of others

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 4

University Chapel Service: Making Yourself (and Others) Well

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain
Hensdale Chapel

We often seek out personal healing. How often do we consider how we can be part of healing others? Join us to hear Mark’s story about the healed and the healer.
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SEPTEMBER CONTINUED

Wednesday, September 4

Get the Scoop on Well-Being

The Quad (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Join us for a day of discovery and empowerment, in which you can explore a wide range of resources to enhance your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Enjoy a tasty treat, interact with the well-being wheel, and enter for your chance to win a Yeti cooler or Apple headphones!

Develop whole persons who will contribute substantially and creatively to the professions and civic life

Wednesday, September 11

University Chapel Service: Bystander Intervention

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain

Hensdale Chapel

The date 9/11/2001 is forever stamped into history as a day of both horror and help.

Whether you experienced that day in person or have only read about it in a textbook, you can likely relate to the range of emotions the day evokes. In this time of remembrance and hope, we'll reflect on Psalm 46 and explore the power of stepping up in times of crisis and finding solace in God's unwavering presence amid turmoil.

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Stand Up, Speak Out!

Huff Concert Hall

This interactive presentation will challenge and educate you to be a responsible citizen of the campus community, as we role-play bystander intervention and ways to empower one another to stand up and speak out to keep our community safe.

Affirms ethical principles...develop responsible spirits

Wednesday, September 18

Convocation

Dr. Derek Greenfield

Huff Concert Hall

Our convocation speaker is Dr. Derek Greenfield, a visionary speaker, consultant, educator, and thought leader dedicated to inclusive excellence and positive change. With his dynamic and interactive approach, creative ideas, track record of success, and sense of humor, Dr. Greenfield's clients include CBS Sports, the National Black Student Leadership Conference, MIT, The Ohio State University Football Team, and the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks.

Recognizes the dignity and worth of all human beings

Wednesday, September 25

University Chapel Service: Reputation (Taylor's Version)

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain

Hensdale Chapel

Join us as we explore the true essence of love and faith inspired by the "word" on the street. Discover how the greatest commandment calls us to live with integrity and kindness, shaping our reputation in the eyes of God and our community.

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DEI Lunch and Learn: Hispanic Heritage Month

Gavin Myrick, Director of Belonging & Inclusion

Alumni Dining Room

Students will learn about the customs, food, and music of the LatinX community.

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OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 2

University Chapel Service: World Communion Day "Radical Acceptance"

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain

Matthews Chapel

World Communion Day celebrates the unity of the Church around the world. At MU, we observe this moment in the beauty and power of peace through scripture readings in the many languages on our campus. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshippers. How we can embody Christ's call to welcome and support one another, transcending divisions to build a community grounded in compassion and acceptance?

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Executive Functioning: Tips and Strategies for Success

Alisha Myers, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy; OTA Academic

Fieldwork Coordinator

Davis Memorial Library Seminar Room

Executive functioning is a term used to describe the many tasks our brains perform that are necessary to think, act, and solve problems. Come and learn how occupational therapy assists with these skills and obtain real time strategies in these areas for successful performance in meaningful activities that occupy your work and school life.

To prepare students for a variety of careers and educational pursuits

Wednesday, October 9

University Chapel Service: The Salting Fire

Rev. Dr. Kelli W. Taylor, University Chaplain

Hensdale Chapel

Explore Jesus' teachings on the radical nature of discipleship, the importance of self-sacrifice, and the call to live a life that preserves and refines our community. Discover how to embody the transformative power of Christ's message in your daily life.

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Emotional Intelligence

Dr. Mark Regensburger, Director of Tally Center for Leadership Management and Assistant Professor of Management

Davis Memorial Library Seminar Room

Emotional Intelligence is shown to be a major factor in the success of almost any sort of work. But what is it? Can you improve yours? This session explores these questions, and introduces specific strategies, grounded in current research, to help you make human emotions a positive tool for you and those you work with.

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