MEET OUR PASTOR



Rev. Amanda S. Webber, RN is a Gallup Certified Strengths coach with over 30 years of experience empowering individuals and communities. As the Lead Pastor of Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia, Amanda brings a unique perspective on building and maintaining meaningful connections through life's challenges.

With decades of experience empowering individuals and communities, she specializes in navigating the complexities of human relationships. Her approach combines theological insight, nursing compassion, and strengths-based coaching to help people transform conflict into opportunities for deeper understanding and growth. Amanda is particularly dedicated to helping women build resilient, supportive friendships that stand the test of time.

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Marybeth is a wife, mom, grandmother and passionate lover of Jesus Christ. Coming to settle in Virginia Beach in 2000 and to Faith in 2006, she has spent a great portion of her time here walking out God's call on her life. Currently she is the Director of Sonshine Preschool and Kindergarten at Beach Fellowship and is following God's call to obtain her Master of Divinity degree at Regent University. She serves on the Board of Directors in the local ecumenical Walk to Emmaus movement and is active in that faith community. Marybeth is known for her fervent response to Christ and has taught and lead memorable bible studies, children's ministry and has spoken at multiple churches and faith events.

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OUR GUEST LEADERS



Chaplain Angela Bruhjell is a dedicated servant leader and chaplain with Warrior Family Ministries, focusing on crisis response, trauma recovery, and spiritual care for families in hardship. Angela is also an active member of Beach Fellowship Church and the Tidewater Emmaus community, where she continues to invest in discipleship and ministry outside the walls of the church. With 21 years of military service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Angela has ministered globally as a youth minister, women's ministry leader, worship leader, and associate pastor. Married to the love of her life for 23 years, Angela is also the proud mother of three amazing children who all minister alongside her. She actively serves her church and community while pursuing a Master of Divinity at Regent University, bringing military grit and gospel truth to inspire healing and purpose in others.



Rev. Saunnie Butts is the Pastor at Sandbridge Community Chapel, UMC in Virginia Beach, VA. A graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary and the University of Virginia, Saunnie has been a Licensed Local Pastor of the Virginia Conference since 2017. She previously served for over twenty years in Youth Ministry, Young Life and Missions. She has a passion for evangelism to young people and families, as well as social justice ministries to homeless and hungry individuals. Saunnie is married to Spence, a retired Navy pilot, and they have three grown children and five grandchildren. Saunnie's greatest joy comes from serving Christ and spending time with her family. She also loves music, reading and lazy days on the beach.



Rev. Stephanie Parker was loved and raised at St. Mark's UMC in Midlothian Virginia. This church is committed to love children and youth and she was blessed to receive that love and support. Stephanie graduated from Virginia Wesleyan University and then Wesley Theological Seminary. After seminary, she served as a US-2 young adult missionary in Los Angeles, California. For the last 11 years, She has been blessed to serve as a pastor in this area, serving first at New Creation UMC as an Associate Pastor and most recently at The Gathering at Scott Memorial UMC. She is married and they have two dogs, Cheddar and Pepper. She an ordained elder and very excited to serve as the Coordinator for Church Revitalization in our district!