



At First United Methodist Church, we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

April 25, 2021

11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

Without Exception. God Loves Everyone.

Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.

We warmly welcome you to First UMC and our worship service! We are glad you are here with us today! We'd love to help you connect with God and with other people through First UMC.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Lee Mabe

Opening Voluntary - "What a Friend"

arr. by Jack Schrader

Mike Fisher, piano

Call to Worship

Lee Mabe

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: **He lays down his life for his sheep.**

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: **He knows us, and we belong to him.**

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: **He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**We are your people, O God, the sheep of your pasture,
the flock you have gathered.**

Lead us beside still waters;

**teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table;
through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.**

Song of Praise #529 - "How Firm a Foundation"

Early USA melody

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Lee Mabe

At the end of each prayer petition, the leader will say: “God of goodness and mercy,” and you may reply: “Hear our prayer.”

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks
that you have shown us the meaning of love
through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us.
Show us how to share Christ’s love
by giving our lives for one another;
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - “Hymn of Promise”

by Natalie Sleeth

Will Tate, soloist and Phyllis Jones, piano

Scripture - John 10:11-18

Sermon - “God’s Ever-Expanding Flock”

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Sermon Response - Affirmation from Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen.**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart;
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won;
may I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall;
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

by Jesse Seymour Irvine

Phyllis Jones, organ

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jennifer Cecil and family upon the death of her brother, David King Cecil, on April 13, 2021.

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

Make Your 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Reservations

Mondays beginning at 9:00 a.m. through Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

Fully vaccinated friends may make reservations to sit with one another.

Mission Opportunities

(Drop off items in the main hallway near the work room.)

Pastor's Pantry: Canned Soups and Stews, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Canned Green Beans

Open Hands Ministry of Davidson County

- Clean & Gently Used **bath towels & washcloths**
- Personal Care Items: **shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.** (Travel size items will work quite well.)

Prayer Requests:

Please note the date beside of each name representing when the request was made and/or an update. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

Short Term (8 weeks or less)

*Gail Biesecker (4-22-21)
Barry Leonard (4-21-21)
*Peggy Everhart (4-19-21)
Richard Skinner (4-18-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (4-18-21)
*Libby Simpson (4-15-21)
Eric Biesecker (4-15-21)
*Lauren Hall (4-13-21)
*Dick Bisbee (4-12-21)
*Sue Corn (3-31-21)
Ted Mitchell (3-23-21)
Hoy Lanning, Jr. (3-22-21)
Rae Hall (3-22-21)
Dr. Garrett Breakiron (3-8-21)

Long Term

*Sally Maxwell (4-22-21)
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (4-18-21)
Gina & Russ Parrot (4-16-21)
*Mary Louise Wilkerson (4-15-21)
Lynn Mack (4-15-21)
Jane King (4-15-21)
*Linda Fisher (4-15-21)
Bill Shepherd (4-14-21)
Jayme Cartner Christy (4-11-21)
*Judy Hench (4-11-21)
Wade Clodfelter (4-7-21)
*Jane Cook Harris (4-1-21)
*Larlie Mae Knight (3-31-21)
Doris Brown (3-29-21)
Bill Bingham (3-15-21)
*Earl Hester (3-10-21)
*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)
Tami Robinson (3-4-21)
Sheryl Michener (3-1-21)
Keith Tutterow (2-11-21)
Mark Milligan (2-12-21)
Jan Greer (2-11-21)
Norma S. Trotter (2-11-21)
Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)
Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)
Cora Tews (1-27-21)

*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)
*Creth Holman (1-1-21)
Kendall Conner (1-1-21)
*Dean Davis (1-1-21)
Alma Kernodle (1-1-21)
*John Scarff (1-1-21)
*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)
Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)
Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)
Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)
*Shane Martin (7-23-20)
Maria Hilliard (6-5-20)
Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

Shut-Ins

Tempie Almstead (Abbotts Creek)
*Jean Gosnell
*Dot Kinsey
*Caroline McCree
*Evelyn Sink
*Dr. Hunter Strader
*Flonnie Thomason
*Mary Williams

Piedmont Crossing

(Thomasville)

Health Care

*Barbara Proctor
*Nancy Wilkinson

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Residents

*Jo Doris Beck
*Betsy & Jim Buchanan
*Herman Crabtree
*Adrian Neal
*Madeline Palmer

Benton House (Charleston, SC)

*Janice Bacon

Elmcroft (Salisbury)

*Sandra Shoaf

The Laurels at Highland Creek (Charlotte)

*Carolyn Briggs

Wood Haven (Albemarle)

*Louise Pope

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Capt. Kacie Allred
*Specialist McRay Calderone
*SGT John Hall
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

Our Stewardship for God's Work Everyone is a part of God's stewardship. Thank you for your continued giving during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19. You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, online or drop by the church office.

Report for April 18, 2021

YTD Income: \$227,872.11

YTD Expenses: \$152,000.09

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$75,872.02

Online Giving For mobile device users, the QR (Quick Response) code will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. **On your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 25

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary (**Reservation required**—
Nursery provided: Birth—Kindergarten only)
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube
3:30 p.m. Confirmation, Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Church Council via Zoom

Monday, April 26

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

Tuesday, April 27

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!

Wednesday, April 28

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 29

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
7:00 p.m. United Methodist Men via Zoom

Friday, April 30

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School via Zoom
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