



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

August 15, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*12th Sunday after Pentecost*

**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*

*Rev. Kirk Tutterow*

*Opening Voluntary - "All Creatures of Our God and King"*

*arr. by Dan Miller*

*Phyllis Jones, organ*

### *Call to Worship*

Leader: Welcome to this holy space  
where God's Spirit dwells among us!

People: **We come longing to feel the presence of God.**

Leader: Open your hearts,  
for this is a place of prayer and healing.

People: **This is a place of joy and faith.**

Leader: This is the place for you.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### *Prayer of the Day (in unison)*

**Holy One, you have called us to this place,  
a place where we find your Spirit.**

**We have gathered here to pray and to be forgiven,  
to love and be loved,  
and to hear the word boldly proclaimed  
as we apply it to our lives.**

**Open our hearts to the mystery of your Word.**

**Remind us that your Word is proclaimed  
in the life of Jesus, the Christ.**

**Help us believe in you and in your love for us.**

**In the holy name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

***Invitation to Praise No. 89 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"***

*by Henry Van Dyke*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All they works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

*Rev. Kirk Tutterow*

***We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)***

**Gracious God, thank you for these gifts.  
We offer them to you, seeking your blessing,  
that they might be used to welcome all,  
and to inspire faith in our community.  
We offer our very selves,  
asking that we might become your faithful followers.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

***A Time For the Child In All of Us***

*Amanda Bostick*

***Anthem - "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings"***

*arr. by Samuel Liddle*

*Emma West, vocals and Phyllis Jones, piano*

***Scripture - Psalm 84 - Responsive Reading***

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***Sermon - "Longing for Church"***

*Rev. Cheryl Skinner*

***Response of the Church - A Modern Affirmation***

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,**

**whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**  
**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**  
**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

*Invitation to Acceptance No. 553 - "And Are We Yet Alive"*

*by Charles Wesley*

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?  
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,  
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,  
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,  
And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

***Benediction***

***Chimes of the Trinity***

***Postlude - "Prelude in g minor"***

*by JS Bach*

*Phyllis Jones, organ*

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**Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jonathan Everhart by Phyllis Jones.

**Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to the family of Sally Maxwell upon the occasion of her death on August 5, 2021.

## Announcements

Remember to visit our website [www.fumclex.org](http://www.fumclex.org) to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

### Blood Drive Update



We had 16 people present to donate blood on August 10. For various reasons, 6 were unable to donate. And, we are very happy that 10 units were collected which could be a life saving gift to 30 people. Thanks to all and a big thanks to first time donor, Xander Bostick.

### Bible Study Opportunities this Fall

#### Fast Track Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Disciple I is a Genesis-Revelation overview of the Bible open to everyone! It addresses the main themes of the Bible and is an excellent introduction to the scriptures. Reasonable daily readings will prepare you for lively discussion and discovery during weekly class sessions. Disciple I will be led by Rev. Kirk Tutterow and Clark Smith, and will be held on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. (your choice) beginning September 13**. Contact Kirk for more information or call the church office to sign up!

#### Fast Track Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World

Disciple II is a deeper dive into just four books of the Bible: Genesis-Exodus in the Old Testament and Luke-Acts in the New Testament. It is designed for folks who have already taken Fast Track Disciple I. Classes will be led by Rev. Cheryl Skinner and will be held on **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. beginning September 21**. Please let Cheryl know if you are interested in continuing the journey!

## Know your 3 W's



### WEAR

a cloth face covering.



### WAIT

6 feet apart and  
avoid close contact.



### WASH

your hands often or  
use hand sanitizer

## **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)**

Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (8-10-21)  
Sandy Moroney (8-9-21)  
\*Caroline McCree (8-9-21)  
\*Steve Caudill (8-4-21)  
\*Pete Murray (8-4-21)  
Gary Leonard (8-4-21)  
\*Lauren Hall (8-4-21)  
\*Max Lanning (8-4-21)  
Heather Myers (8-4-21)  
\*Steve & Gay Smith (8-1-21)  
\*Judy Hench (8-1-21)  
\*Libby Simpson (7-29-21)  
\*Monty Oliver (7-24-21)  
\*Mary Niner (7-23-21)  
\*Betty Pope (7-19-21)  
\*Sue Corn (6-14-21)

### **Long Term**

\*Jane Cook Harris (7-26-21)  
\*Mary Louise Wilkerson (7-26-21)  
Kendall Conner (7-26-21)  
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (7-26-21)  
Bill Bingham (7-25-21)  
Tami Robinson (7-23-21)  
Marc Frye (7-21-21)  
Cora Tews (7-19-21)  
Barry Leonard (6-16-21)  
Keith Tutterow (6-16-21)  
Norma S. Trotter (6-15-21)  
Alma Kernodle (6-11-21)  
Jim McDermott (6-10-21)  
Hoy Lanning, Jr. (5-20-21)  
Rae Hall (5-20-21)  
Caroline Wagner Loder (5-13-21)  
Dr. Garrett Breakiron (5-12-21)  
Gina & Russ Parrot (4-16-21)  
Lynn Mack (4-15-21)  
Jane King (4-15-21)

\*Linda Fisher (4-15-21)  
Jayme Cartner Christy (4-11-21)  
Doris Brown (3-29-21)  
\*Earl Hester (3-10-21)  
\*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)  
Mark Milligan (2-12-21)  
Jan Greer (2-11-21)  
Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)  
Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)  
\*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)  
\*Dean Davis (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)  
Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

### **Shut-Ins**

\*Jean Gosnell  
\*Caroline McCree  
\*Evelyn Sink  
\*Dr. Hunter Strader  
\*Flonnie Thomason

### **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  
\*Karen & Bob Pearson

### **Abbott's Creek**

Tempie Almstead

### **Benton House** (Charleston, SC)

\*Janice Bacon

### **Elmcroft** (Salisbury)

\*Sandra Shoaf

### **The Laurels at Highland** **Creek** (Charlotte)

\*Carolyn Briggs

### **Long Term Care** (Florida)

\*Mary Williams

### **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**

This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for August 8, 2021

YTD Income: \$355,668.91

YTD Expenses: \$318,575.27

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$37,093.64

**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.



**Text to Give** – The newest way to give back to God through the ministries of First UMC. Text the amount you wish to send to **855-222-3109** – then follow the directions.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, August 15**

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
- 10:00 a.m. Refreshments & Fellowship on the church lawn
- Pick up your First UMC t-shirt!
  - Sunday School Open House
  - Godly Play Display in the Library
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube
- 12:00 p.m. Teens of Life Lunch & Pool Party—Home of Nancy Conrad
- 2:00 p.m. Member Care, FH

### **Monday, August 16**

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

### **Tuesday, August 17**

### **Wednesday, August 18**

- 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Lunch, Bar-B- Q Center
- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

### **Thursday, August 19**

### **Friday, August 20**

### **Saturday, August 21**

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Margaret McCrary Carver, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, August 22**

- 8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall —light breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages!
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube



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