



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

August 29, 2021

8:45 a.m.

14th 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.

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Gathering Music - "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

arr. by Michael Larkin

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

People: **Through him God was reconciled to all things
in heaven and on earth,**

Leader: even to us, that we might be holy and blameless before God.

People: **In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God,

**You brought creation into being through Christ,
and in Christ all things find their purpose.**

**Open our eyes to see the world as your gift
and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ,
that through the witness of our lives
the gospel may be proclaimed to all people. Amen.**

Invitation to Praise No. 92 - "For the Beauty of the Earth"

by Folliot S. Pierpoint

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Anthem - "Take My Life and Let It Be"

arr. by Tom Fettke

Phyllis Jones, piano

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Source of all that is,
we offer these gifts to you.**

**We give what we can
and ask that you bless and multiply our offering,
so that our brothers and sisters near and far
may know your abundant love and your tender mercy.**

We also offer you our very selves.

**Through our lives,
May people everywhere come to know
The glory and wisdom we have found in Christ.**

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Invitation to See No. 454 - "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

by Clara H. Scott

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my heart, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture - Colossians 1:15-28

Response of the Church No. 883

"A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to Be the Church No. 546 - "The Church's One Foundation"

by Samuel J. Stone/ adapt. by Laurence Hull Stookey

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

Traveling Music - "He Touched Me"

by William Gaither

Phyllis Jones, piano

Flowers

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dedrick Samuels and in honor of Rick Samuels, Forest Samuels and Sadie Sanders in celebration of their August birthdays by their family.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Casper and Ella Timberlake upon the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Kay & Bob Timberlake and Teen & Tim Timberlake.

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Abby (Clark) Smith and family upon the death of her sister, Norma S. Trotter, of Denton, NC on August 22, 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.

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!

David G. Miller Memorial PORT-A-PIT BBQ CHICKEN

**Sponsored by United Methodist Men of First Methodist Church
310 South Main Street, Lexington**

Event Date: Friday, October 1, 2021

Tickets \$10.00

PLEASE PURCHASE OR RESERVE YOUR TICKETS

Ticket Sales End Friday September 24, 2021

1/2 BBQ Chicken, slaw, beans, roll and dessert

Proceeds will benefit missions, so mark this date on your calendar. Purchase your tickets now from any of our United Methodist Men, drop by the church office, or call 336-248-2886.

Take-Out 10:00a—6:00p

Pick up at lower parking lot on State Street

Delivery can usually be arranged for ten or more at the same location.

Thank you for your support!



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)

*Libby Simpson (8-25-21)
*Judy Hensch (8-25-21)
*Betty Pope (8-24-21)
*Jane Cook Harris (8-23-21)
Sandy Moroney (8-22-21)
Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (8-22-21)
*Lauren Hall (8-18-21)
*Pete Murray (8-16-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (8-15-21)
*Mary Niner (8-12-21)
*Max Lanning (8-11-21)
*Caroline McCree (8-11-21)
Gary Leonard (8-4-21)
*Monty Oliver (7-24-21)

Long Term

*Adrian Neal (8-25-21)
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (8-18-21)
Ann Leonard (8-18-21)
*Sue Corn (8-18-21)
Gina & Russ Parrot (8-11-21)
*Libby Lanning (8-11-21)
Barry Leonard (8-11-21)
Tami Robinson (8-6-21)
*Mary Louise Wilkerson (7-26-21)
Kendall Conner (7-26-21)
Bill Bingham (7-25-21)
Marc Frye (7-21-21)
Cora Tews (7-19-21)
Keith Tutterow (6-16-21)
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)
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

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

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 22, 2021

YTD Income: \$371,262.91

YTD Expenses: \$342,406.55

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$28,856.36

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 29

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube

Monday, August 30

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

Tuesday, August 31

Wednesday, September 1

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

Thursday, September 2

Friday, September 3

Saturday, September 4

Sunday, September 5

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Monday, September 6

Church Office Closed—Labor Day

First UMC T-shirts

If you or your family have not received a First UMC t-shirt, please stop by the church office to pick one up. Check in with Donna Huskins (Monday—Thursday 10a-4p) or Friday (10a—1p) in the church office. On Sundays, check in with Steve Jackson or Jenny Varner in the fellowship hall.



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