



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

July 4, 2021

8:45 a.m.

6th 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

Lee Mabe

Opening Voluntary - "America the Beautiful"

arr. by Cindy Berry

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: God is mighty in word and in deed.

People: **God's mercy is everlasting,**

and God's grace is offered to all the nations.

Leader: God calls all the nations to bow before God's realm.

People: **Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing,**

not in our own strength,

but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

Inspire the minds of all women and men

to whom you have committed the responsibility

of government and leadership in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,

that by their counsel all nations and people

may come to work together.

Give to the people of our country

zeal for justice and strength for forbearance,

that we may use our liberty

in accordance with your gracious will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;

purify our hearts to see and love your timeless truth.

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Invitation to Praise No. 696 - "America the Beautiful"

by Samuel A. Ward

Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Oh, beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

Oh, beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Lee Mabe

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Eternal God, all that we have is a gift from you,
and your grace is our sufficiency.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may increase your blessing to others,
through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - "America"

arr. by Cindy Berry

Phyllis Jones, piano

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Sermon - "Why I am a United Methodist"

Rev. Fred Jordan

Response of the Church - The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Be the Church No. 431 - "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "God Bless America" *arr. by Faye Lopez*
Phyllis Jones, piano

Flowers

The flowers in the narthex and on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of Independence Day by the Altar Guild of First UMC. Happy 4th of July to everyone!

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Bob, Barry and Barbara Kinsey and their families upon the death of their mother, Dot Kinsey, on June 26, 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.

Midday Prayer Gathering will be on vacation Wednesday, July 7 and will return on **Wednesday, July 14 at 12:00p in the sanctuary.**

An Opportunity to Serve

Meals on Wheels needs some folks to complete their delivery team schedule.

Currently, the **5th Thursday and Friday** of the month is available along with **alternate** positions. When other delivery team members are unable to deliver their meals, they will contact an **alternate** to fill in for that particular day.

Terri Beck is temporarily assisting with team leader responsibilities for Steve Caudill due to medical issues. Please contact Terri Beck to volunteer or for information.

Phone:(980-234-0686) or Email: terribeck63@gmail.com

A Proclamation from the Knights of North Castle

Join Our Quest at VBS!

Sunday, July 25 through
Thursday, July 29

5:30p—8:30p

Dinner included

Registration forms are available on our website & the Volunteer's Desk.

Contact Amanda Bostick to volunteer for Vacation Bible School. There are a wide variety of fun & creative opportunities where you may serve.



Contact Us Today!

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)

Gary Leonard (6-28-21)
*Mary Plyde Bell (6-24-21)
*Pete Murray (6-24-21)
*Jennifer Leahy (6-23-21)
*Caroline McCree (6-16-21)
*Steve Caudill (6-15-21)
*Lauren Hall (6-14-21)
*Sue Corn (6-14-21)
*Dick Bisbee (6-14-21)
*Mary Niner (6-10-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (6-10-21)
*Jim Hartley (6-7-21)
*Judy Hench (6-6-21)
*Libby Simpson (5-25-21)
Marc Frye (5-21-21)
*Monty Oliver (5-18-21)
Tim Leahy (5-6-21)

Long Term

*Sally Maxwell (6-24-21)
*Gail Biesecker (6-23-21)
Tami Robinson (6-23-21)
Barry Leonard (6-16-21)
Keith Tutterow (6-16-21)
Norma S. Trotter (6-15-21)
*Jane Cook Harris (6-14-21)
*Mary Louise Wilkerson (6-12-21)
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)
Kendall Conner (5-11-21)
Sheryl Michener (4-21-21)
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (4-18-21)
Gina & Russ Parrot (4-16-21)
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)

Wade Clodfelter (4-7-21)
Doris Brown (3-29-21)
Bill Bingham (3-15-21)
*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)
Cora Tews (1-27-21)
*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)
Maria Hilliard (6-5-20)
Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

Shut-Ins

Tempie Almstead
*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

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 June 27, 2021

YTD Income: \$296,307.96

YTD Expenses: \$257,671.06

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$38,636.90

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, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Agape, Genesis, Koinonia/Spruill), ZOOM
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Adult Fellowship), Classroom
- 10:00 a.m. Faith & Friends Sunday School via ZOOM
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed to observe Independence Day

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

Thursday, July 8

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10

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