



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

May 9, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day*

**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. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Adagio from Fantaisie"
Phyllis Jones, organ

by Cesar Franck

Call to Worship

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people.

People: **Kindle in us the fire of your truth and love.**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, and spread God's love throughout creation.

People: **Renew in us your Spirit of compassion so that
all creation shall know your love, mercy, and grace.**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us.

**Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend,
and teach us to abide in your love,
that we may show that love to the world. Amen.**

Song of Praise #400 - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

by Robert Robinson

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends
and to share your love in the world.
Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings
spread your love near and far. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Mother & Daughter Duet - "Laudamus Te" (from Gloria)

By Antonio Vivaldi

Sarah Frye, Kathryn Frye and Phyllis Jones, piano

Scripture - John 15:9-17

Sermon - "Categories"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Sermon Response - A United Methodist Prayer for Mother's Day

**For our mothers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love
we pray to the Lord...**

**For mothers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them
we pray to the Lord...**

**For women, though without children of their own,
who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord...**

**For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord...**

**Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.**

**Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christians.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth**

**Grant that we, their children,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Response #157 - "Jesus Shall Reign" by Isaac Watts & John Hatton

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
all prisoners leap and loose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Joyful, Joyful"

arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Phyllis Jones, organ

Birth Announcement

A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Jacob Andrew Lewis (7 lbs. 12.5 oz. & 20.5 in.) on April 29, 2021. Congratulations to the parents, Angela Korleski Lewis and Andrew Wilkinson Lewis. Grandmother is the late Betsy Wilkinson Lewis. Great Grandparents are Nancy Wilkinson and the late Byron Wilkinson. Great-Aunt is Barbara Wilkinson. Great-Great Aunt is Cheri Murray. A white New Testament is presented to the baby from the United Methodist Women.

Announcements

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



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 16 - (11:00 a. m.) - Outdoor Service on the Lawn

No Reservations - Bring a lawn chair or blanket - Wear a mask



During the worship service, we will celebrate with our confirmands. Following the service, the confirmands, their families and folks who have supported them on this journey will meet for a boxed lunch on the church lawn.

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)

Tim Leahy (5-6-21)
*Terri Beck (4-30-21)
*Mary Niner (4-29-21)
Marc Frye (4-29-21)
*Libby Simpson (4-29-21)
*Judy Hench (4-27-21)
*Dick Bisbee (4-26-21)
*Sue Corn (4-26-21)
*Peggy Everhart (4-25-21)
*Gail Biesecker (4-22-21)
Barry Leonard (4-21-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (4-18-21)
*Lauren Hall (4-13-21)
Ted Mitchell (3-23-21)
Hoy Lanning, Jr. (3-22-21)
Rae Hall (3-22-21)
Dr. Garrett Breakiron (3-8-21)

Long Term

Tami Robinson (4-26-21)
*Sally Maxwell (4-22-21)
Sheryl Michener (4-21-21)
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)
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)
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 25, 2021

YTD Income: \$236,387.41

YTD Expenses: \$164,268.51

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$72,118.90

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, May 9

Happy Mother's Day

- 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

Monday, May 10

- 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, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 13

- 9a-5p Church Office Open
Make your worship reservation today!
2:00 p.m. United Methodist Women, Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Faithseekers via Zoom

Friday, May 14

- 9a-2p Church Office Open

Saturday, May 15

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2:00 p.m. Member Care, FH



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