



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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

*November 14, 2021*

*8:45 a.m.*

*25th 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. Cheryl Skinner

***Gathering Music - "Finlandia/ Have Thine Own Way, Lord"***

*arr. James Stevens*

Phyllis Jones, piano

***Call to Worship - from Psalm 146:1-2, 5-10***

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea,  
and all that is in them.

People: **Blessed are those who executes justice for the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: The Lord sets prisoners free  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: **The Lord watches over the stranger and  
upholds the orphan and the widow.**

**The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

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

Loving God, as we worship you today, take our hard hearts in your hands and make us soft and pliable as clay so that we may respond to the call of your Spirit.

Touch our hearts, touch our minds, touch our strength, and show us the way forward. Where our witness grows stale, renew us. Where our long-ingrained habits and traditions inhibit us, break us free for joyful celebration.

**Remind us that the legacy of faith we have inherited is not meant to be displayed in a museum, but used as a guide for our own faith journey so that we may leave a legacy for those who follow us.**

**In the name of Jesus the Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

*Invitation to Praise No. 139 - "Praise To the Lord, the Almighty"*

*by Joachim Neander*

*Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

*Anthem - "Softly and Tenderly"*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

Phyllis Jones, piano

*A Time For the Child In All of Us*

Amanda Bostick

*Invitation to Serve No. 87 - "What Gift Can We Bring" by Jane Marshall*

*Scripture - Romans 8:26-29, 31-35, 37-38*

*Sermon - "God's Commitment to Us - Our Response to God"*

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

*Worshipping with our Tithes, Offerings, and Our Commitment*

**We give thanks for all that God has already given us.**

**As members of the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,  
we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by  
our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*A Covenant Prayer In the Wesleyan Tradition*

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt,**

**rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,**

**exalted for thee or brought low by thee.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things**

**to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God,**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,**

**thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,**

**let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

*Invitation to Go No. 398 - "Jesus Calls Us"*

*by C.F. Alexander*

*Benediction*

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**Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Cathy Michael, daughter of Jemmietta & Eddie Allred, upon the occasion of the death of her boyfriend, Lyndon Fogg on November 2, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Carlos, Amanda, Xander, Carlie & Colbie Bostick and family, upon the occasion of the death of Mary Lee Bostick, grandmother and great grandmother, on November 4, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jane Cook Harris and Bill (Dot) Cook upon the occasion of the death of their sister, Caroline Cook McCree on November 11, 2021.

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*Sermon Notes:*

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**The Sparrow Project** is a central registry of folks who are willing to offer their services to help you short term in case of an emergency, illness, or surgery. The types of tasks we are able to help you with are: picking up groceries or prescriptions, running an errand, transportation to and from appointments, simple household repairs like replacing a light bulb, temporary meal preparation, computer help.

If you need help, all you have to do is call Lauren Hall (336) 239-0860 or the church office (336) 248-2886. It's that simple. You let us know what you need and we will take it from there. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

## Announcements

Remember to visit our website [www.fumclex.org](http://www.fumclex.org) or join our **Tuesday Ties (That Bind) & Friday Wrap Up** weekly emails through **Constant Contact** to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

### United Methodist Women Poinsettia Sale

Be sure to order early! Order forms are located in the bulletin and on our website.



**Godly Play Is Here!** Beginning on **Sunday, November 28**, we invite all children (Kindergarten thru Third Grade) to experience our new Godly Play children's church curriculum! The children will need to leave the church service a bit earlier than they have in the past—joining Amanda or another Godly Play leader at the back of the church during the opening hymn. For this reason we will no longer have a “Children's Time” during the worship service—instead, the children will hear their story in the Godly Play classroom, which has been designed specifically for this purpose.

### Children & Family Advent Fair November 28 (2:00—4:00 p.m.)

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a celebration of all things Advent, including an introduction to our new Godly Play program. We will make Advent wreaths, hear a Godly Play story, and enjoy fun games and Christmas treats. Each family will also receive an Advent devotional kit to use during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.



**Do You Hear What I Hear?** The Chancel Choir and Bells are preparing for the season of Advent on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. They are returning to worship soon! Are you ready? Here they come!



**If you need** a commitment survey or an estimate of giving card, extra packets are available from the ushers at the back of the sanctuary. Please return completed surveys and cards to the church office. Thank you for participating!

### General Ministry Budget Monthly Overview – through Oct. 31, 2021

Offerings, Pledges, & other income	\$388,659.14
*One-time grant income	\$ 60,050.00
<b>Total Income through Oct. 31</b>	<b>\$448,709.14</b>
Total Expenditures through Oct. 31	\$430,460.49
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,248.65</b>

\*The One-time grant income includes a one-time \$29,000 Payroll Protection grant from the Federal Government's COVID-19 program. It also includes \$3,100 a month through December 2021 from the 2020 appeal to the congregation for the new Children, Families, and Youth ministerial position.

*First United Methodist Church is a vital, growing, life-giving church because of the support of all its family and friends. As your giving continues at current levels, or even increases this fall and into the new year, our ministries will be even more ready to grow and flourish. So, please continue to support the church as best you can through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.*

## **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)**

Jane Jewell (11-11-21)  
Gordon Milerath (11-11-21)  
\*Jane Cook Harris (11-11-21)  
\*Mary Niner (11-10-21)  
\*Libby Simpson (11-3-21)  
\*June Craver (10-27-21)  
\*Libby Samuels (10-21-21)  
\*Steve & Gay Smith (10-17-21)  
\*Kathy Hester (9-15-21)  
Beth Young (9-7-21)

### **Long Term**

Jason/Stacy Heitman Family (11-10-21)  
\*Shane Martin (11-10-21)  
Sandy Moroney (11-10-21)  
\*Libby & Max Lanning (11-3-21)  
\*Mary Louise Wilkerson (10-17-21)  
\*Linda Fisher (10-17-21)  
Lynn Mack (10-15-21)  
Kate Gwaltney (10-12-21)  
Gary Leonard (10-6-21)  
Stan Larson (10-5-21)  
Cora Tews (9-29-21)  
Tami Robinson (9-26-21)  
Keith Tutterow (9-22-21)  
Ann Leonard (9-15-21)  
Marc Frye (9-8-21)  
Gina & Russ Parrot (8-11-21)  
Kendall Conner (7-26-21)  
Bill Bingham (7-25-21)  
Alma Kernodle (6-11-21)  
Jim McDermott (6-10-21)  
Rae Hall (5-20-21)  
Caroline Wagner Loder (5-13-21)  
Jane King (4-15-21)  
Doris Brown (3-29-21)  
\*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)  
Mark Milligan (2-12-21)  
Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)

Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)  
\*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)  
Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)  
Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)  
Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)  
Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

### **Homebound**

\*Dean Davis  
\*Jean Gosnell  
\*Earl Hester  
\*John Scarff  
\*Dr. Hunter Strader  
\*Flonnie Thomason  
\*Dare Wilson

### **Abbott's Creek**

Tempie Almstead

### **Alston-Brook**

\*Sharron Moody

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

\*Janice Bacon

### **Elmcroft (Salisbury)**

\*Sandra Shoaf

### **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

### **Summerfield Suites (Florida)**

\*Mary Williams

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

\*Carolyn Briggs

### **Serving in the Armed Forces**

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

**Ways To Give** financially back to God through the ministries of First UMC

**We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings**—On Sunday, place your tithes and offerings in the baskets provided at the back of the church.

**Mail** to First UMC, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292.

**Online Giving for mobile device users**, the QR (Quick Response) code on the right 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** – 855-222-3109—Text the amount you wish to give and follow the directions.



## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, November 14**

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, 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  
7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Charge Conference, Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, November 15**

- 10a-1p Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, State Street  
7:00 p.m. Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. DISCIPLI I via ZOOM  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

### **Tuesday, November 16**

- 10:00 a.m. DISCIPLI II via ZOOM  
4p-7p Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, State Street  
5:30 p.m. Altar Guild, Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m. **UMW serves** evening meal at Davidson County First Hope Ministry  
7:00 p.m. DISCIPLI II via ZOOM

### **Wednesday, November 17**

- 10a-1p Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, State Street  
12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Lunch, Bar-B- Q Center  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bells Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, November 18**

- 4p-7p Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, State Street

### **Friday, November 19**

- 10a-1p Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, State Street

### **Saturday, November 20**

- 11a-1p Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, State Street

### **Sunday, November 21**

- Christ the King Sunday*  
8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall  
8:45 a.m. Early Worship, 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  
12p-3p Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, State Street  
7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2021 UPDATE**

*Children Helping Children* - **96 shoeboxes** were packed by the children and their families at the home of Judy & William Deal on November 7 followed by a wiener roast for all participating. Mission accomplished - job well done!!



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