



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 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Christ the King Sunday

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 - "Praise God"

Phyllis Jones, organ

arr. by Fred Bock

Call to Worship

Leader: Be glad and rejoice in the Lord our God.

People: **God has blessed us with abundant rain.**

Leader: The trees bear their fruit.

People: **The threshing floors are full of grain.**

Leader: The vats overflow with wine and oil.

People: **We will eat in plenty and be satisfied.**

Leader: The earth provides all we need to live.

People: **God has done great things for us.**

Leader: Be glad and rejoice in the Lord our God.

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Maker of heaven and earth, you enliven your creation:

**causing the skies to rain,
the soil to be rich and fertile,
the fields to yield abundant crops,
and the trees to bear fruit.**

Enliven us once more, Holy One.

Call us forth into the joy of your harvest:

**from tears to shouts of joy,
from calamity to plenty,
from worry to faith,
and from what is false to what is true.**

You are our God, there is no other.

We praise your name,

for you have dealt wondrously with us and will do so again.

Amen.

Invitation to Praise No. 694 - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
by Henry Alford

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "It Is Good" by Natalie Sleeth
Beverly McKinney, vocals & Phyllis Jones, piano

Worshipping God with Our Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Gracious God, source of every blessing,
we look forward to your harvest each year.
Our tables overflow with the bounty of this good earth,
but our tables pale in comparison
to the splendor that awaits us,
and all of your children,
at your heavenly banquet.
Receive these offerings,
as we thank you for your many blessings,
and help us be mindful of those who go without,
as we feast and make merry during this festive season.
Amen.

A Time For the Child In All of Us Amanda Bostick

Anthem Kinsey Calderone, vocals & Sam Stowe, piano

Scripture - Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Sermon - "Thanksgiving" Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Service of Holy Baptism & Reception of New Members UMH Page 33
Gilbert Warren Bonnaure, Jr.
Lisa Bonnaure
Patricia Dance
Judy Welday

Invitation to Thankfulness No. 102 - "Now Thank We All Our God"
by Martin Rinkart

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. by J. Wayne Kerr
Phyllis Jones, organ

Announcements

Remember to visit our website 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, on the Volunteer's Desk 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.



Lexington Choral Society presents

Welcome to December

Saturday, December 4, 2021 (5:00 p.m.)

First UMC Sanctuary

This concert is FREE and open to the public!

Ellen R. Peterson, Director

Phyllis Jones, Accompanist



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

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

*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)

Vicki Ulrich (11-17-21)
*June Craver (11-17-21)
*Sharron Moody (11-15-21)
Family of David Jordan (11-15-21)
Jane Jewell (11-11-21)
Gordon Milerath (11-11-21)
*Mary Niner (11-10-21)
*Libby Simpson (11-3-21)
*Libby Samuels (10-21-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (10-17-21)
*Kathy Hester (9-15-21)
Beth Young (9-7-21)

Long Term

*Jane Cook Harris (11-17-21)
*Libby & Max Lanning (11-17-21)
Jason/Stacy Heitman Family (11-10-21)
*Shane Martin (11-10-21)
Sandy Moroney (11-10-21)
*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

Benton House (Charleston, SC)

*Janice Bacon

TerraBella Salisbury

formerly 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 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
5:00 p.m. Called Joint Meeting of Trustees and Endowment, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom

Monday, November 22

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

Tuesday, November 23

- 10:00 a.m. DISCIPLE II via ZOOM
7:00 p.m. DISCIPLE II via ZOOM

Wednesday, November 24

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes
12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Lunch, Bar-B- Q Center

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 27

Altar Guild decorates for Advent season

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
Godly Play for ages Kindergarten thru 3rd grade
11:00 a.m. **LIVE** streamed Morning Worship on YouTube
2:00 p.m. Children and Family Advent Fair, Fellowship Hall



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