



# 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*

*8:45 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.

**Welcome**

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

**Gathering Music - "Thrive"**

*by Mark Hall & Matthew West*

The ALIVE! Praise Band

**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 - "How Great Is Our God"**

*by Chris Tomlin et. al.*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God  
and all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise,  
my heart will sing: how great is our God.  
How Great Is Our God

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***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

***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 - "Multiplied"***

*by Bear Rinehart & Bo Rinehart*

The ALIVE! Praise Band

***Scripture - Deuteronomy 8:7-18***

***Sermon - "Thanksgiving"***

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

*Invitation to Thankfulness - “Give Thanks”*

by Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”;  
Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us”

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks!

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*Benediction*

*Traveling Music - “Multiplied” reprise*

The ALIVE! Praise Band

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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.

(Open to continue on center panel)

## 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, 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
<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)

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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