

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 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent



**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

First UMC Chancel Bells

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Thee"

arr. by Johann Gottfried Walther

Phyllis Jones, organ

Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles - "Hope"

Advent Candle Readers - Jenny, Bren, Jay & Andy Varner

Invitation to Praise No. 203 - "Hail To the Lord's Anointed"

by James Montgomery

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Christmas Rejoicing"

arr. by Christine Anderson

First UMC Chancel Bells

Worshipping God with Our Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**God of righteousness,
you have saved us from the worst the world can do
and have promised to redeem the whole creation
when Christ comes again.**

**In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self,
that we may share in what you are doing in the world now,
as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.**

Invitation to Hope No. 730 - *"O Day Of God, Draw Nigh"* by R.B.Y. Scott

Scripture - *Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36*

Sermon - *"Time To Go Home"*

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Invitation to Keep Watch No. 196 - *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*
by Charles Wesley

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - *"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

by Lowell Mason

Phyllis Jones, organ

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Horace (Kathy) Conner, Jr. and family upon the occasion of the death of his mother, Miriam Mercer Stroud Conner, on November 16, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jennie (Randy) Jackson and family upon the occasion of the death of her father, Robert "Bob" Elliott, on November 19, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Mary Norman and family upon the occasion of the death of her husband, Thomas "Tom" Oliver Norman, on November 22, 2021.

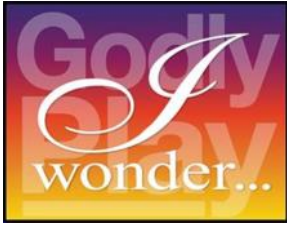


The Sparrow Project is a central registry of folks who are willing to offer their services to help you short term in case of an emergency, illness, or surgery. The types of tasks we are able to help you with are: picking up groceries or prescriptions, running an errand, transportation to and from appointments, 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 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.



Godly Play Is Here!

Beginning today, all children (**Kindergarten thru Third Grade**) are invited 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



United Methodist Women Poinsettia Sale

Ends on November 30th. Place your order today!

Order forms are located in the bulletin, on the Volunteer's Desk and on our website.



Your Support Matters



Have you given your 2022 Estimate of Giving form to First UMC? If so, the staff, pastors, and Finance Committee thank you from the depths of our hearts. If not, will you prayerfully consider doing so soon, maybe even today? Your financial support for our ministries going forward is very important to the work we do with you and our community. You can view/print the 2022 Estimate of Giving form on our website or pick one up from the church office.

As you fill out the form, prayerfully consider how First UMC is walking with you in your faith journey as we seek to grow in Christ and grow in service to God. Our Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, December 5th to hopefully finish making plans for our 2022 General Ministry Budget, and your support is greatly appreciated.

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)

Family of Cora Tews (11-22-21)
Vicki Ulrich (11-17-21)
*June Craver (11-17-21)
*Sharron Moody (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

Bill Bingham (11-22-21)
Ron & Kristie Wooten (11-22-21)
*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)
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)
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)
*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 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

Monday, November 29

- 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 30

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

Wednesday, December 1

- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Lunch, Bar-B- Q Center
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 2

- 12pm-4pm Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, December 3

Saturday, December 4

- 5:00 p.m. Lexington Choral Society "Welcome to December" concert in the sanctuary—All are invited!

Sunday, December 5

Second 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



The collection of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is officially over. William and Judy will volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte on Monday, December 6. So, they will accept shoeboxes from our church and the community through **12 noon on Sunday, December 5**. They will be leaving very early that Monday morning and will need to get the shoeboxes on Sunday after church.



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