



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.

October 17, 2021

11:00 a.m.

21st 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.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "The Gift of Love"

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

People: **you have been our home throughout all the ages.**

Leader: You were there before the world was made
and will be forever.

People: **From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**God of righteousness,
you overcome those who abuse their power
and lift up those who suffer.**

**Even now, when evil seems to hold sway,
we know that you will have the last word.**

**Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm,
when you will welcome all your children
into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.**

Invitation to Worship No. 98 - "To God Be the Glory"

by Fanny J. Crosby & William H. Doane

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Gospel Medley"

*by Joseph Scriven, Andrae Crouch, Thomas Dorsey
Mike Fisher, piano*

Worshipping with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Eternal and everlasting God,
you are our home and dwelling place forever.
Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value,
the treasure of eternal life.
Bless our gifts that we offer you this day.
With them may we share your love with others,
that all may enter into your eternal joy. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Invitation to Receive No. 389 - "Freely, Freely"

by Carol Owens

Scripture - Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon - "The Gift of First Fruits"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Response

**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. Amen.**

Invitation to See As God Sees No. 451 - "Be Thou My Vision"

Ancient Irish Prayer

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

arr. by Mark Hayes

Phyllis Jones, piano

Birth Announcement

A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Wren Olivia Coleman on September 27, 2021. Congratulations to the parents, Rachel & Eric Coleman. Grandparents are Karen & Ron Coleman, Cindy Proffitt & Bill Swift, and Mary & Doug Proffitt. *The Beginners Bible* is presented to the baby from the United Methodist Women.

Flowers

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Wren Olivia Coleman on September 27, 2021, and her parents, Rachel & Eric Coleman by her grandparents, Karen & Ron Coleman.

Announcements

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

Pastor's Pantry Corn Challenge Update 357 (at time of printing)

Our church family continues to collect regular sized cans of sweet yellow whole kernel corn for a goal of **830** by **Friday, November 8**. Your kind donations are a part of the Thanksgiving/Christmas meals for individuals and families in our local area ministered by Pastor's Pantry. Drop off donated items in the main hallway just outside of the workroom.

Teens of Life Youth Ministries Mission Project

The youth are collecting non-perishable food items (**soups, stews, tuna, chicken, green beans, etc.**) for Pastor's Pantry during October.

Today, October 17, the youth will gather at the home of DeLee & Lee Mabe for an outdoor food collection drive on W. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Avenues followed by refreshments and devotions.

Our congregation is invited to add some non-perishable items with your **corn donations** to support both projects.

Drive By Birthday Celebration for Jean Gosnell

You are invited this **Sunday, October 17th**, to celebrate the 92nd birthday of Jean Gosnell with a drive by celebration at 3906 East Holly Grove Road from **1:00p-3:00p**. "Mama Jean" will be sitting on the front porch. Please use the driveway of Nancy Conrad or Michael Conrad as a turn around. A table will be available by the lower driveway, if anyone would like to give her a card. Thank you to everyone that continues to ask about her and calls to check on her.
—Amanda Bostick and the family of Jean Gosnell

Stewardship 2022

Estimate of Giving cards and **My Commitment to God's Mission and Ministry** surveys have been sent via mail and Constant Contact email. Also, copies of the cards and surveys are located on the Volunteer's Desk. Please return the surveys to the church office by Sunday, October 24 and the cards are due by either Sunday, November 7 or 14.

General Ministry Budget Monthly Overview – through Sept. 30, 2021

Offerings, Pledges, & other income	\$358,055.13
*One-time grant income	\$ 56,925.00
Total Income through Sept. 30	\$414,980.13
Total Expenditures through Sept. 30	\$390,527.03
Net Total	\$ 24,453.10

*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)

Libby Samuels (10-15-21)
Stacy Heitman (10-13-21)
*Mary Niner (10-6-21)
Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (10-6-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (10-3-21)
*Libby Simpson (9-26-21)
*June Craver (9-22-21)
*Kathy Hester (9-15-21)
*Pete Murray (9-12-21)
Beth Young (9-7-21)

Long Term

*Jane Cook Harris (10-13-21)
Kate Gwaltney (10-12-21)
Gary Leonard (10-6-21)
Stan Larson (10-5-21)
*Mary Louise Wilkerson (10-3-21)
Cora Tews (9-29-21)
*Libby & Max Lanning (9-26-21)
*Shane Martin (9-26-21)
*Linda Fisher (9-26-21)
Tami Robinson (9-26-21)
Sandy Moroney (9-22-21)
Keith Tutterow (9-22-21)
Ann Leonard (9-15-21)
Marc Frye (9-8-21)
The Heitman Family (10-13-21)
*Sue Corn (8-18-21)
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)
Lynn Mack (4-15-21)
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

*Caroline McCree
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

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(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

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Joyce Inabinett and family upon the death of her brother, Garland E. Mustian of Louisburg, NC, on October 3, 2021.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to the family of Evelyn Smith Sink upon her death on October 3, 2021.

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, October 17

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the 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
- 1p-3p Drive By Birthday Celebration for Jean Gosnell
- 5:00 p.m. Teens of Life Youth, Home of DeLee & Lee Mabe
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom

Monday, October 18

- 7:00 p.m. DISCIPLE I via ZOOM
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

Tuesday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 20

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

Thursday, October 21

Friday, October 22

Saturday, October 23

Sunday, October 24

- 8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2021

Children Helping Children



Judy Deal has been shopping all year for the perfect items to be packed into an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and is ready to share those items with you. If you are interested in having a shoebox packed with these wonderful items, please donate \$25 per shoebox **no later than Friday, Nov 5**. You may give your donation to Judy Deal or Alma Carlton.

The children of the church are going to take the wonderful items that Judy has purchased and have an outdoor Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party at their home on **Sunday, November 7 at 4pm**. The shoeboxes that will be filled will be those that have been paid for by individuals in the church along with monies that the Missions Committee has provided. We will also have a wiener roast after packing the shoeboxes. If your child along with their family can attend this event, please let Judy Deal know no later than **Saturday, November 6**.

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