



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 24, 2021

8:45 a.m.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Laity 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 - "Draw Me Nearer"

arr. by Lloyd Larson

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: We are Jesus' disciples,
following him even as he moves toward the cross.

People: **Even as he wraps a towel around his waist.
Even as he kneels to wash the feet of his friends.**

Leader: We are Jesus' disciples,
struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

People: **We are Jesus' disciples,
gathered here to worship God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Holy God,
you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ,
who washes our feet in humble service.**

**Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us,
so that everyone will know that we are his disciples;
through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Invitation to Praise No. 111 - "How Can We Name a Love" by Brian Wren

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
Indwelling all we know or think of do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.

If we awoke to life built on a rock of care
that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there,
we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore,
Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" *arr. by Lloyd Larson*
Phyllis Jones, piano

Worshipping with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**We offer these gifts, O God,
with joy and thanks.
May they strengthen your church
for acts of love and service,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us Amanda Bostick

Invitation to Serve No. 432 - "Jesu, Jesu" *by Tom Colvin*

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain.*

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away. *Refrain.*

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain.*

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain.*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain.*

Scripture - John 13:4-17

Sermon - "Washing Feet and Other Acts of Service" Rev. Cheryl Skinner

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 No. 581 - "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
by Albert F. Bayley

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

Benediction

Traveling Music - "Where He Leads Me" *arr. by Cindy Berry*
Phyllis Jones, piano

Flowers

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jean Gosnell and Amanda Bostick upon the occasion of their birthdays by Helen Fitzgerald, Xander, Carlie and Colbie Bostick.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Cheryl Skinner and Rev. Kirk Tutterow upon the occasion of Pastor's Appreciation Month. You are both loved and appreciated!

(Open to continue on center panel)

Announcements

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

Teens of Life Youth Mission Project Update 510 canned food items
A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our outdoor food collection drive on W. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Avenues. In addition to the canned food items, we received a \$50 donation for Pastor's Pantry.

Pastor's Pantry Corn Challenge Update 410 (as 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.

Mini Fall Festival on October 31, (2pm-4 pm)

Don your Halloween costume and join us as we gather under the trees on the church lawn for pumpkin painting, games, story time, and treats!



Questions?

- Have you ever been too sick to take yourself to the doctor or too sick to pick up a prescription?
- Do you live alone and ever found that you couldn't reach a light bulb that has burned out?
- Are you no longer able to drive and occasionally need a ride to the grocery store?

These are just a few needs that we some times encounter that other people may be able to help us with; daily challenges that when they occur, we often don't know who to call.

The Sparrow Project

is focused on building a reliable central registry/directory where our congregation members can find someone to help with certain tasks when a need arises.

What Can I Do?

- Are you interested in using a service like this?
- Are you willing, able and available to help with simple tasks or have a special skill?

"I passionately feel that this is a need of our church but to be successful, I need your feedback. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, Lauren Hall at (336) 239-0860 or the church office at (336) 248-2886."

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

Lynn Mack (10-15-21)
*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)
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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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

A Thank You Note from Mary Niner

To my sisters and brothers in Christ,

I want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, notes, messages, flowers and thoughts the last six months as I battled cancer. Your support is greatly appreciated and got me through some pretty rough days. Little did I know that when I walked into FUMC almost nineteen years ago with two little boys that you would become family. I ask that you please continue to pray for me while I work on gaining my strength and mobility back. Thanks again and God bless each one of you.

Love, Mary

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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24

- 8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
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
7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom

Monday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 27

- 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

Thursday, October 28

- 6:30 p.m. Faithseekers, Home of Donna Smith

Friday, October 29

Saturday, October 30

Sunday, October 31

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship, Church Lawn — *In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the sanctuary.*
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2021

Children Helping Children



For the folks who want to donate \$25 for an OCC shoebox for the children of the church to pack on your behalf, you have until Sunday morning, **November 7** to turn in your money to Judy Deal or Alma Carlton.

For the children of the church, we need your help on **Sunday, November 7** packing OCC shoeboxes. At this time, we have 30 shoeboxes to be packed but expect to have more. Your family is encouraged to join you. Judy needs to know no later than **Saturday, November 6** how many from your family will attend. This event is open to any child in the church (regardless of age) and their family. The time of the event is 4pm—we will pack shoeboxes and then have the wiener roast. Come join us for a fun event! **Collection Week: November 15 — November 22**



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