



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 31, 2021

8:45 a.m.

23rd 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.

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Gathering Music - "They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love"

arr. by Mark Hayes

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said: "You are the light of the world."

People: **Let our light shine, giving glory to God.**

Leader: Do all things for the sake of the gospel.

People: **So may we share in the blessings of God.**

Leader: Jesus called out: "Whom shall I send?"

People: **Here we are; send us.**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Holy God, we pray today for your Church gathered both here
and around the world.**

**We are facing the perplexities of a changing world,
and we are face to face**

with new ways of bearing witness to your love and grace.

Baptize your Church afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus.

Give us a great responsiveness to your call,

a swift compassion with the suffering

and a focused loyalty to your will.

Help us to boldly bear witness to your coming kingdom,

and may we set an example for our community

and all creation in love, in faith, and in purity

through our speech and our conduct,

just as Christ has set an example for us. Amen.

Invitation to Praise No. 57 - "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

by Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "How Beautiful"

by Twila Paris

Susan Steele, vocalist & Phyllis Jones, piano

Worshipping with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Merciful God, you remind us through Scripture
that you desire mercy and not sacrifice.**

**You showed us an example of your mercy
in the life and actions of Jesus Christ.**

**Let your church live out that mercy for others,
as the healing and compassionate presence
that Jesus was in the world. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Invitation to Serve No. 572 - "Pass It On"

by Kurt Kaiser

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it,
Your spread God's love to everyone. You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God, it matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me. I want to pass it on.

Scripture - Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon - "Bearing Witness To the World"

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 Go No. 569 - "We've a Story To Tell To the Nations"

by J.E. Nichol

We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. (Refrain)

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. (Refrain)

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)

Benediction

Traveling Music - "I'll Be A Sunbeam"

by Edwin Excell

Phyllis Jones, piano

First UMC welcomes Susan Crouse Steele:

Our guest soloist in worship today is Susan Crouse Steele. Susan is the daughter of the late Charles & Kay Crouse and the granddaughter of the late Elmer & Mary Crouse. She is a graduate of the UNC Greensboro School of Music (where she was a classmate of Rev. Tutterow) and is the former Director of Music at Midway UMC in Kannapolis. She lives in China Grove with her husband Jonathan, and they have three children: Max is in grad school at N.C. State studying accounting; Parker is a freshman at N.C. State studying business, and Jadyne is a freshman at Jesse Carson High School in Rowan County. Susan is blessed to share in worship with us today to honor the memory of her parents and grandparents, and to help the church move forward building a legacy of service and witness for generations to come.

(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.

Pastor's Pantry Corn Challenge Update 510 (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 Ms. Amanda and Revs. Cheryl & Kirk as we gather under the trees on the church lawn for pumpkin painting, games, story time, and treats!



Early Worship at 8:45 a.m. moves into the sanctuary Sunday, November 7 due to the morning temperatures turning colder.

FALL Back ONE Hour Sunday, November 7—Daylight Savings Time Ends



The Sparrow Project

Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life... Look at the birds in the sky... your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Matthew 6:25-26 CEB

Dear Church Family,

I am pleased to let you know that the Sparrow Project has “taken flight”! There is a central registry of folks who are willing to offer their services to help you. The main purpose of this project is for short term help 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 me (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.

Lauren Hall

Project Coordinator

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

Offerings, Pledges, & other income	\$358,055.13
*One-time grant income	<u>\$ 56,925.00</u>
Total Income through Sept. 30	\$414,980.13
Total Expenditures through Sept. 30	<u>\$390,527.03</u>
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)

*Jane Cook Harris (10-27-21)
Stacy Heitman (10-27-21)
*June Craver (10-27-21)
*Libby Samuels (10-19-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (10-17-21)
*Mary Niner (10-6-21)
*Libby Simpson (9-26-21)
*Kathy Hester (9-15-21)
Beth Young (9-7-21)

Long Term

*Mary Louise Wilkerson (10-17-21)
*Shane Martin (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)
*Libby & Max Lanning (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)
Jason/Stacy Heitman Family (10-13-21)
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

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, October 31

- 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
2pm—4pm Mini Fall Festival, Church Lawn
7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom

Monday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 2

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

Wednesday, November 3

- 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, November 4

Friday, November 5

Saturday, November 6

FALL Back ONE Hour—Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 7

All Saints' Sunday

- 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
4:00 p.m. OCC Shoebox Packing & Wiener Roast, Home of Judy & William Deal
7:00 p.m. Sunday Bedtime Story with Amanda via Zoom

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 65 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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