



At First United Methodist Church, we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

September 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*16th 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. Kirk Tutterow

***Opening Voluntary - "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"***

*arr. by Diane Bish*

Phyllis Jones, organ

### ***Call to Worship***

Leader: Is anyone here today suffering?

People: **We will pray with you.**

Leader: Is anyone here today rejoicing?

People: **We will rejoice with you.**

Leader: Is anyone here today longing for healing?

People: **We will anoint you with oil.**

Leader: You are welcome to this house of peace and love.

People: **We come as we are, joyful and hurting,  
seeking wholeness of body, mind, and soul.**

### ***Prayer of the Day (in unison)***

**Giver of Life,**

**from whom flows springs of vitality and health:**

**As we celebrate our worship, may our sorrow be lifted,**

**our joys engaged, our hopes energized;**

**that our living may reflect the beauties of freshness,**

**wholeness, and love divine. Amen.**

### ***Invitation to Praise No. 126 - "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"***

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*** Rev. Kirk Tutterow

***We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)***

**Blessed be the Lord,  
for God is good, and God's love endures forever.  
Our Creator, help us to mirror your goodness  
through this offering, in the world. Amen.**

***A Time For the Child In All of Us*** Amanda Bostick

***Anthem - "Prayer"*** *by Leon Boellmann*  
Phyllis Jones, piano

***Scripture - James 5:13-20***

***Sermon - "In Need of Healing"*** Rev. Cheryl Skinner

### **Healing Service**

***Call to Confession***

Are any among you sick?  
They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over  
them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.  
The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up;  
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.  
Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another,  
so that you may be healed. (James 5:14-16a)

***Prayer of Confession***

**Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us.  
Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to you,  
forgetting that you are the power  
that makes and saves and sustains us.  
Even when we claim your power,  
we often do so for our own success and comfort,  
ignoring your command to use your power  
on behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable.  
In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of all people,  
but never at the expense of the weakest among us.  
Forgive us when we try to hoard you for ourselves  
and try to control who has access to your love.  
Forgive us when our greed, our control,  
and our scandals keep others from knowing you.  
Redeem us and transform us, O God.  
Open our hearts, our lives, and our ministries,  
that we may become a doorway to your realm. Amen.  
(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)**

### **Words of Assurance**

God turns our sorrow into gladness  
and our times of mourning into celebration.  
God hears the prayer of faith.  
Be confident as we pray for one another,  
for God heals us and forgives us. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving Over the Oil**

O God, the giver of health and salvation,  
we give thanks to you for the gift of oil.  
As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick  
and healed them,  
so pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift,  
that those who in faith and repentance receive this anointing  
may be made whole;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Invitation**

*If you wish to be anointed you may come forward at this time, or you may wait until after the service if that is more comfortable for you.*

### **Prayer after Anointing**

**Almighty God,  
we pray that we may be comforted in our suffering  
and made whole.**

**When we are afraid, give us courage.**

**When we feel weak, grant us your strength.**

**When we are afflicted, afford us patience.**

**When we are lost, offer us hope.**

**When we are alone, move friends to our side.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Healing No. 375 - "There is a Balm in Gilead"**

*Chorus:*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Chorus*

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Chorus*

If you can't preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
just tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *Chorus*

### **Benediction**

### **Chimes of the Trinity**

### **Postlude - "Toccata"**

*by Gordan Young*

Phyllis Jones, organ

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### **Flowers**

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Doug Clayton by Butch Barnhill and family.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack C. Evans, M.D. by his family.

(Open to continue on center panel)

## Announcements

Remember to visit our website [www.fumclex.org](http://www.fumclex.org) to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, recorded worship services, bulletin, and newsletter.

### It Is Not Too Late To Sign Up!

#### **Fast Track Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**

**Mondays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. (your choice) beginning September**

**13.** Contact Kirk for more information or call the church office to sign up!

#### **Fast Track Disciple II: Into the Word, Into the World**

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. beginning September 21.** Please let Cheryl know if you are interested in continuing the journey!

### **Greetings First UMC family and friends,**

First UMC is making a two-part change to our ongoing financial reports that hopefully will give you more clarity about the integral part your financial stewardship has in our church's ministry and discipleship.

- First, there will be a **monthly overview** of our church's Ministry Operating Budget in the bulletin. It is included below this note. A link to this information on our website will be provided in the Friday Wrap Up email. This overview gives a basic snapshot of where we stand at the end of each month.
- Second, for more detail, there will be a **monthly summary** of our Ministry Operating Budget on the newsletter page on our website. A link to that page will be provided in the Friday Wrap Up email. This summary is a one-page monthly snapshot of our Ministry revenues and Ministry expenses.

I hope and pray that these changes will give you all a good picture of how the church is using your gifts, offerings, tithes, and donations to support the ministries of our church as we work diligently to live in to our vision to be alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, and reaching out to share God's boundless love.

Thank you for your ongoing support of First UMC with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness,

Kirk Tutterow

### **Ministry Operating Budget Monthly Overview – through Aug. 31, 2021**

Offerings, Pledges, & other income	\$324,031.15
*One-time grant income	<u>\$ 53,800.00</u>
<b>Total Income through Aug. 31</b>	<b>\$377,831.15</b>
Total Expenditures through Aug. 31	<u>\$346,839.16</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,191.99</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)**

Randy Thomason & the Butler family (9-8-21)

\*Jane Cook Harris (9-8-21)

\*Caroline McCree (9-8-21)

\*Monty Oliver (9-8-21)

Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (9-8-21)

Beth Young (9-7-21)

\*Sharron Moody (9-7-21)

Sandy Moroney (9-7-21)

\*G. F. Smith (9-7-21)

\*June Craver (9-1-21)

\*Libby Simpson (9-1-21)

\*Betty Pope (9-1-21)

\*Pete Murray (9-1-21)

\*Steve & Gay Smith (8-31-21)

Hollis Papale (8-29-21)

\*Judy Hensch (8-25-21)

\*Lauren Hall (8-18-21)

\*Mary Niner (8-12-21)

\*Max Lanning (8-11-21)

Gary Leonard (8-4-21)

### **Long Term**

\*Libby Lanning (9-8-21)

Marc Frye (9-8-21)

Ann Leonard (9-8-21)

\*Linda Fisher (9-5-21)

\*Mary Louise Wilkerson (8-30-21)

Barry Leonard (8-25-21)

\*Adrian Neal (8-25-21)

Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (8-18-21)

\*Sue Corn (8-18-21)

Gina & Russ Parrot (8-11-21)

Tami Robinson (8-6-21)

Kendall Conner (7-26-21)

Bill Bingham (7-25-21)

Cora Tews (7-19-21)

Keith Tutterow (6-16-21)

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)

Jayne Cartner Christy (4-11-21)

Doris Brown (3-29-21)

\*Earl Hester (3-10-21)

\*Lacy Carol Belcher (3-7-21)

Mark Milligan (2-12-21)

Jan Greer (2-11-21)

Betty Jean Whitaker (2-9-21)

Ron & Kristie Wooten (2-9-21)

\*Kathy Baragona (1-1-21)

\*Dean Davis (1-1-21)

\*John Scarff (1-1-21)

\*Dare Wilson (1-1-21)

Bentley Leonard (12-27-20)

Martha Shore Winters (10-12-20)

Nicholas Melomo (8-12-20)

\*Shane Martin (7-23-20)

Shannon & Steve Ford (1-22-20)

### **Shut-Ins**

\*Jean Gosnell

\*Caroline McCree

\*Evelyn Sink

\*Dr. Hunter Strader

\*Flonnie Thomason

### **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

### **Abbott's Creek**

Tempie Almstead

### **Alston-Brook**

\*Sharron Moody

### **Benton House (Charleston, SC)**

\*Janice Bacon

### **Elmcroft (Salisbury)**

\*Sandra Shoaf

### **The Laurels at Highland**

### **Creek (Charlotte)**

\*Carolyn Briggs

### **Summerfield Suites (Florida)**

\*Mary Williams

### **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 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, September 12

- 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

### Monday, September 13

- 10:00 a.m. DISCIPLI I via ZOOM
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- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Youth/Scout House

### Tuesday, September 14

- 5:30 p.m. Altar Guild, Home of Glynda Smith

### Wednesday, September 15

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

### Thursday, September 16

### Friday, September 17

### Saturday, September 18

### Sunday, September 19

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Teens of Life Youth Ministry, First UMC Lawn

### **David G. Miller Memorial PORT-A-PIT BBQ CHICKEN**

Sponsored by **United Methodist Men of First Methodist Church**  
310 South Main Street, Lexington

Event Date: **Friday, October 1, 2021**

**\*Tickets \$10.00\***

**\*PLEASE PURCHASE OR RESERVE YOUR TICKETS\***

**\*Ticket Sales End Friday September 24, 2021\***

**1/2 BBQ Chicken, slaw, beans, roll and dessert**

Proceeds will benefit missions, so mark this date on your calendar. Purchase your tickets now from any of our **United Methodist Men**, drop by the church office, or call 336-248-2886.

**Take-Out 10:00a—6:00p**

***Pick up at lower parking lot on State Street***

***Delivery can usually be arranged for ten or more at the same location.***

**Thank you for your support!**



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