



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

September 19, 2021

8:45 a.m.

17th 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

Lee Mabe

Gathering Music - "Where He Leads Me"

arr. by Cindy Berry

Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship *Psalm 124*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

People: **We belong to God.**

Leader: When we feel overwhelmed,

People: **God is on our side.**

Leader: When we are afraid,

People: **God will keep us safe.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

People: **Blessed be the Lord!**

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Loving God,

**call us together as your people;
transform us with your love.**

**Transform our hearts,
that we may love generously.**

**Transform our eyes,
that we may see your grace.**

**Transform our hands,
That we may serve others.**

**Transform our spirits,
that we may be the body of Christ,
gathered to worship
and sent out to serve. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise No. 400 - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

by Robert Robinson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Phyllis Jones, piano

arr. by Cindy Berry

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Generous God,

**you have given us many gifts and drawn us together
into Christ's body, the church.**

You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits.

**May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the
ministry of your church. Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Scripture - Romans 12:1-12

Sermon - "Celebrate the Gifts of the Laity"

Lauren Hall, Certified Lay Speaker



Hymn of Response No. 593 - "Here I Am, Lord"

by Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Announcements

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

Email Update

Please note that Rev. Cheryl Skinner's email address has been changed:
skinnerrev@gmail.com

Lay Persons of the Year

"The Laity Service Award is promoted by the Western North Carolina Conference Council on Laity as a means of recognizing each year in the local church a deserving lay person(s) whose work in the local church and community exemplifies a life of Christian stewardship. The purpose of the award is to recognize worthy individuals, especially those whose work in the life of the church may not otherwise be recognized."

Application for nominating are located on the Volunteer's Desk, website, or you may contact Barbara McWhorter (336)249-2641, please feel free to leave a message.

Applications should be returned to the church office by Sunday, October 3. We will recognize our Lay Persons of the Year on Sunday, October 24.

Thank you for your participation!

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



Proceeds will benefit missions. Purchase your tickets now from any of our UM 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!



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>
Total Income through Aug. 31	\$377,831.15
Total Expenditures through Aug. 31	<u>\$346,839.16</u>
Net Total	\$ 30,191.99

*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)

*Kathy Hester (9-15-21)
*Jim Hartley (9-14-21)
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)
*Judy Hench (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)
Jayme 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

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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 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, 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

Monday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 21

- 10:00 a.m. DISCIPLI II via ZOOM
- 5:45 p.m. **Genesis Class** serving evening meal, First Hope Ministries
- 7:00 p.m. DISCIPLI II via ZOOM

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

- 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men Dinner Meeting, Bar-B-Q Center

Friday, September 24

Saturday, September 25

Sunday, September 26

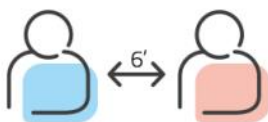
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Know your 3 W's



WEAR

a cloth face covering.



WAIT

6 feet apart and
avoid close contact.



WASH

your hands often or
use hand sanitizer



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