

# 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.

September 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*18th 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 - "Seek Ye First"*

*by Karen Lafferty*

Phyllis Jones, organ

## *Call to Worship*

Leader: Come to worship the God of our salvation.

People: **God's goodness has called us here.**

Leader: Seek, and you will find.

People: **With joy, we sing of Christ's steadfast love.**

Leader: Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

People: **Here, steadfast love and faithfulness meet.**

Leader: Ask, and it shall be given to you.

People: **Here, righteousness and peace prevail.**

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

**Sustaining God, grant us this day  
the blessings of your faithfulness and your grace.**

**Where there is hunger, give us bread.**

**Where there is thirst, give us cool water to drink.**

**Where there is loneliness, give us friendship.**

**Forgive our transgressions and our errant ways,  
as we forgive those who transgress against us.**

**Where we have wronged another,  
guide us into reconciliation.**

**And where we have been wronged,  
guide us on the journey of forgiveness.**

**For yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Invitation to Prayer No. 496 - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"***

*by William Walford*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,  
And gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose trust and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

***Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer***

***Anthem - "The Lord's Prayer"***

*by Albert Hay Malotte*

Phyllis Jones, piano

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

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

**God of manifold blessings,  
surely your salvation is at hand.  
In your Spirit, steadfast love and kindness meet;  
righteousness and peace prevail.  
Receive the gifts we return to you now,  
that through our tithes and offerings  
all people may know your goodness  
and your grace. Amen.**

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

Amanda Bostick

***Invitation to Listen No. 395 - "Take Time To Be Holy"***

*by William D. Longstaff*

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**Scripture** - *Luke 11:1-13*

**Sermon** - *"Teach Us To Pray"*

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 Celebration No. 404** - *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*  
*African American spiritual*

*Refrain*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

*Refrain*

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

*Refrain*

**Benediction**

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Postlude** - *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* *arr. by Winifred Winans*  
Phyllis Jones, organ

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**Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ella Timberlake upon the occasion of her birthday by Teen & Tim Timberlake and Kay & Bob Timberlake.

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*Sermon Notes:*

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**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.

**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!

**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)**

\*June Craver (9-22-21)  
\*Monty Oliver (9-22-21)  
Benny Huskins (9-20-21)  
\*Kathy Hester (9-15-21)  
\*Jim Hartley (9-14-21)  
\*G. F. Smith (9-14-21)  
\*Pete Murray (9-12-21)  
\*Steve & Gay Smith (9-12-21)  
Randy Thomason (9-8-21)  
\*Jane Cook Harris (9-8-21)  
\*Caroline McCree (9-8-21)  
Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (9-8-21)  
Beth Young (9-7-21)  
\*Sharron Moody (9-7-21)  
\*Libby Simpson (9-1-21)  
\*Betty Pope (9-1-21)  
\*Judy Hensch (8-25-21)  
\*Mary Niner (8-12-21)  
Gary Leonard (8-4-21)

### **Long Term**

Sandy Moroney (9-22-21)  
Barry Leonard (9-22-21)  
Keith Tutterow (9-22-21)  
\*Libby & Max Lanning (9-15-21)  
Ann Leonard (9-15-21)  
\*Shane Martin (9-12-21)  
Marc Frye (9-8-21)  
\*Linda Fisher (9-5-21)  
\*Mary Louise Wilkerson (8-30-21)  
\*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)  
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)  
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

## **Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Raeann & Chris Allred and family upon the death of her father, Robert Ray "Bob" Shaak, on September 17, 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, September 26

- 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 27

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

### Tuesday, September 28

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

### Wednesday, September 29

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

### Thursday, September 30

### Friday, October 1

- 10:00 a.m. Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken Fundraiser - Pick-up at the State Street entrance until 6:00 p.m. - Take Out Only

### Saturday, October 2

### Sunday, October 3

#### *World Communion Sunday*

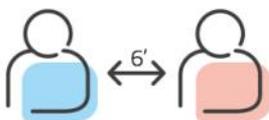
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## Know your 3 W's



### 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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