



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

September 5, 2021

11:00 a.m.

15th 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. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Flute Piece"

by William Hine

Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world,
but in God's sight chosen and precious.

People: **We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of darkness into God's marvelous light.
Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages.

People: **Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.
By your mercy we have been born anew into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Invitation to Praise No. 577 - "God of Grace, and God of Glory"

by Harry Emerson Fosdick & John Hughes

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours,
Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth.**

**Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory
that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A Time For the Child In All of Us

Amanda Bostick

Anthem - "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Words: St. Francis of Assisi - Music: Sebastian Temple - Arr. by Mark Hayes
Jacob Gordon, vocalist - Phyllis Jones, accompanist

Scripture - Mark 12:13-17

Sermon - "Worship Belongs to God"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Invitation to Follow No. 2168 (THE FAITH WE SING) - "Love the Lord Your God"
by Jean & Jim Strathdee

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

Invitation to Holy Communion

God does not regard us with partiality,
but through the grace of Christ Jesus
God deals with each of us according to our need.
With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

**What a debt we owe to you, O God.
You have given us all things in Christ
and yet we withhold from you
the honor and glory that are yours.
Instead, we pay tribute to the kingdoms of earth,
ignore the needs of the innocent,
mock your truth with empty praise,
and put your patience to the test.
Forgive us, O God, and by your grace
restore in us the image of your face;
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)

Words of Assurance

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea roar with laughter,
the fields shout in celebration,
and the forests sing with joy:
in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...
...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
....And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God. Now and forever.
AMEN!**

*Anthem - "The Lord's Prayer" Music by Mike Fisher
Jacob Gordon, vocalist - Mike Fisher, accompanist*

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Invitation to Be the Church No. 698 - "God of the Ages"
by Daniel C. Roberts & George W. Warren*

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

*Postlude - "Trumpet Voluntary" by Thomas Dupuis
Phyllis Jones, organ*

Flowers

The thirteen American flags are placed in the narthex today to the glory of God and in memory of Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, Cpl. Hunter Lopez, Cpl. Daegan W. Page, Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Sowiak and Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss. You are invited to visit the narthex and pause a moment in prayer for the families of these fallen service members remembering those who have served and those who continue to serve all branches of the military.

Announcements

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

A Musical Note

Several years ago a line in “The Lord’s Prayer” was given an updated translation by the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC). “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” was re-translated as “Save us from the time of trial.” Since no ELLC vocal solo version exists, local composer and musician Mike Fisher decided to write one. However, its tune also accommodates the traditional words. Mr. Fisher is excited to present ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ today for the community.

NEW TIME! Wednesday Prayer Lunch (12:30 p.m.) Bar-B-Q Center
Join us each week for devotions, prayer partners, updated prayer request list and lunch!

Bible Study Opportunities this Fall

Fast Track Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Disciple I is a Genesis-Revelation overview of the Bible open to everyone! It addresses the main themes of the Bible and is an excellent introduction to the scriptures. Reasonable daily readings will prepare you for lively discussion and discovery during weekly class sessions. Disciple I will be led by Rev. Kirk Tutterow and Clark Smith, and will be held on **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

Disciple II is a deeper dive into just four books of the Bible: Genesis-Exodus in the Old Testament and Luke-Acts in the New Testament. It is designed for folks who have already taken Fast Track Disciple I. Classes will be led by Rev. Cheryl Skinner and will be held on **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!



First UMC T-shirts

If you or your family have not received a First UMC t-shirt, please stop by the fellowship hall to pick one up. If you have questions, contact Donna Huskins (Monday—Friday) or reach out to Steve Jackson or Jenny Varner on Sundays.

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 (9-1-21)
*Libby Simpson (9-1-21)
*Betty Pope (9-1-21)
*Pete Murray (9-1-21)
*Steve & Gay Smith (8-31-21)
*Jane Cook Harris (8-30-21)
Hollis Papale (8-29-21)
Sharron Moody (8-29-21)
*Judy Hench (8-25-21)
Sandy Moroney (8-22-21)
Rev. Dr. Ray Howell (8-22-21)
*Lauren Hall (8-18-21)
*Mary Niner (8-12-21)
*Max Lanning (8-11-21)
*Caroline McCree (8-11-21)
Gary Leonard (8-4-21)
*Monty Oliver (7-24-21)

Long Term

*Mary Louise Wilkerson (8-30-21)
*Libby Lanning (8-25-21)
Barry Leonard (8-25-21)
*Adrian Neal (8-25-21)
Jason & Stacy Heitman Family (8-18-21)
Ann Leonard (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)
Marc Frye (7-21-21)
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)
*Linda Fisher (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

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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

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

Our Stewardship for God's Work This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for August 29, 2021

YTD Income: \$377,733.45

YTD Expenses: \$345,424.66

Change In Financial Position (Loss): \$32,308.79

Online Giving for mobile device users, the QR (Quick Response) code 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 – The newest way to give back to God through the ministries of First UMC. Text the amount you wish to send to **855-222-3109** – then follow the directions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 5

- 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 6

Church Office Closed—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7

Wednesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 9

- 2:00 p.m. United Methodist Women, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 10

Saturday, September 11

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
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council, Fellowship Hall

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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