



# The Story

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## “Music for the Heart”

Someone once asked me, “Kirk, what is your favorite musical instrument?” I had to think for a minute. Not to figure out my favorite, but to put my favorites in alphabetical order so as to not show favoritism. Here’s the list: banjo, bass, cello, fiddle, French horn, guitar, mandolin, keyboard, piano, pipe organ, viola, violin. Did you notice that I have one instrument listed twice? Call me, email me, or text me if you know what instrument it is.

We all have our likes and our dislikes when it comes to music. I tend to like the banjo better when played in a fusion jazz band, a progressive bluegrass band, or a blues band. I’m not as big of a fan of a banjo in old time mountain music. I prefer the fiddle or violin in that genre.

Our likes and dislikes include both styles of music and musical instruments. Knowing this about our musical tastes, I am writing this article to ask for your patience and forbearance as we slowly ease back into live worship (socially distanced and wearing masks, of course) starting outside on the lawn, and eventually moving into the sanctuary.

The first bit of patience and forbearance that I will need from all of you is that once we move inside, you may not be able to sit in your usual pew, and you will not be able to sit with your usual friends. You will only be able to sit with your family members. (Exceptions will be made for older single people who have a caregiver or neighbor who brings them to church). Two out of every three pews will be blocked off so that we will all be safely socially distanced. In addition, the open pews will only be open on the ends, unless a family with children or an extended family is taking up most of the pew.

The second bit of patience and forbearance that I will need from all of you is that we will not be able to have congregational singing for a long time, possibly until most of us are safely vaccinated for the Coronavirus. Large numbers of people singing inside is one of the most dangerous transmitters of the virus known to scientists. Singing can project water droplets in excess of 18 feet, while speaking while wearing a mask prevents 99% of water droplets from going anywhere.

That said, the third and last bit of patience and forbearance that I will need from all of you is that in order to have music for the services, we will be using all of our musicians at various times for the next few months. Piano, organ, guitar, praise band, soloists, duets, quartets, etc. (And maybe even a bluegrass band) They will all be appropriately socially distanced from one another and from the congregation. And the musicians will vary from week to week. (Except for Phyllis and Lee, they’ll be here pretty much every week.) So if you don’t hear your favorite music one week, come back the next week, and we’ll have something different. But no matter what the style of music or the musical instruments we use, we will use them all to praise God in worship for the Glory of God and God’s Kingdom.

Grace and peace,

*Kirk*



## Outdoor Sunday Worship Begins October 4!

Greetings to you all!

As fall begins, we have some exciting news about worship. Due to your enthusiastic response to our Wednesday evening prayer gatherings, we would like to expand our in-person worship offerings with a 9:00 a.m. outdoor Sunday morning service, beginning on October 4 with the celebration of World Communion Sunday!

All the same guidelines will be in place as with the Wednesday prayer services:

- **If you or a member of your household has a runny nose or cough, is running a fever, or is feeling unwell, please do not attend.**
- **We will continue to observe the three W's: Wash your hands, Wear a mask & Wait 6 feet apart.**
- **Please bring your own chairs or blankets and sit with your family member(s) at one of the orange flags. Masks should be worn at all times.**
- **The elements for Holy Communion will be prepackaged individual servings purchased through Cokesbury. They will be given to each person by the ushers upon arrival.**
- **We will not take up an offering—you may continue to give online or via a mailed or personally delivered check.**
- **If it is raining or threatening rain at 8:30 a.m. we will not hold the outdoor service, but you are invited to experience the service online via YouTube later in the morning.**
- **We will continue to record each worship service so it will be available to everyone online by 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning.**

In order to accommodate those who wish to come to the Sunday morning service, Sunday school leaders may need to adjust their class meeting times accordingly—if you let Donna Huskins know what time your class will meet, she will include the time with your zoom login information in the bulletin.

Also, because the days are getting shorter and sunset is coming earlier, **we will continue our Wednesday Prayer Gatherings on the Grounds at 6:00 p.m. through October.**

Many, many thanks to our dedicated reopening team, who meet every week to discuss the current situation and formulate plans; to our audio/visual team, led by John McWhorter and Ron Leonard, who have spent countless hours learning how to record and livestream; to our dedicated staff, who have shown incredible flexibility and creativity with changing worship scenarios; and to our wonderful ushers, altar guild members, and volunteer musicians who help set up our worship spaces and lend their gifts to our services. You are all so appreciated!

I know that you are more than ready to be together again—Kirk and I are eager as well! By taking the appropriate precautions we can begin to ease our way back into corporate gatherings, so we thank you for your patience and cooperation. Our hope is to begin holding modified indoor services in November, as long as cases in North Carolina and Davidson County continue to go down. Hang in there, pray a lot, continue to check on your neighbors, and we will be together again soon!

Blessings,  
Pastor Cheryl



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2020

## Worship

### In-Person Outdoor Worship Services

Sunday (9a) Church Lawn  
Bring a lawn chair. Wear a mask & stay 6 feet apart.

### Adult Sunday School

Join us on Zoom!

10:15a Faith & Friends

**TBD** Agape

**TBD** Genesis

10:30a Koinonia

11:00a Adult Fellowship

11:00a Spruill/Wesley

You can find an Adult Sunday School **directory** on:

- Weekly Reminder email  
**Check your email on Friday afternoon**
- Website — **Members** tab
  - Click
  - Enter password
  - Scroll down

### View Sunday Morning Worship Services

You can find us on:

- Website (Click BIG Banner—**Sermons on YouTube**)
- YouTube on Sunday after 11a— Search for: **First UMC Lexington NC**
- Facebook — Weekly post will remind you to visit our YouTube channel on Sunday after 11a

### Bulletin

You can view or print:

- Weekly Reminder email
- Website (Click BIG Banner—**Sermons on YouTube**)

### If you don't have access to a computer?

- Contact the church office to sign-up for the Weekly Mailer—a bulletin with the sermon manuscript

## Weekly Meetings

### DISCIPLE Bible Study

NOW through December 1  
Tuesdays (10a OR 7p)  
Zoom

### Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays  
Email and regular mail with devotion.

### Prayer Gathering on the Grounds

Wednesdays (6p)  
Under the shade trees. Bring a lawn chair. Wear a mask & stay 6 feet apart.

### Reopening Response Team

Thursdays (10a-11a)  
Zoom

### Weekly Reminder

Fridays (2p)  
**Check your email**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Laity Sunday

October 18  
During the worship service, we will recognize and honor our newly selected Laity Service Award recipients of 2020.



## Monthly Meetings

### United Methodist Women

Thursday, October 8 (2p)  
Zoom

### Newsletter Articles Due

Oct 15 for November Issue

### Serve meal at Crisis Ministries

Tuesday, October 20  
(5:45p) **HIS Club**  
Contact: Judy Deal—Please contact **Crisis Ministries** for their protocol during this time.

### Evangelism

Tuesday, October 20 (6p)  
Zoom

### United Methodist Men

Sunday, October 18  
**To Be Determined**  
Zoom



**Our Stewardship for God's Work** Everyone is a part of God's stewardship. Just a gentle reminder that you may continue to give during this "stay home" period we are currently observing due to COVID-19. You may send your tithes and offerings by mail, drop by the church office (*remember to be mindful of social distancing*) and online.



**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.

**Finance Team Income and Expense Report**

Date	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
9/6/2020	\$339,191.84	\$323,890.14	\$15,301.70
9/13/2020	\$342,006.84	\$324,869.79	\$17,137.05
9/20/2020	\$348,340.43	\$328,065.62	\$20,274.81
9/27/2020	\$352,630.43	\$343,786.08	\$8,844.35

**One-Stop Early Voting Locations for November 3, 2020 General**

One-Stop Early Voting will be offered at the following locations and times:

BOARD OF ELECTIONS		
945 N Main Street, Suite A Lexington, NC 27292		
<b>Monday through Friday</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>	
<b>Dates:</b> October 15 – October 30	<b>Date:</b> October 17 & 24	<b>Date:</b> October 31
<b>Times:</b> 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Times:</b> 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	<b>Time:</b> 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Additional locations offering One-Stop Early voting:				
<b>Monday through Friday</b>		<b>Saturdays</b>		
<b>Dates:</b> October 15 – October 30		<b>Date:</b> October 17 & 24		<b>Date:</b> October 31
<b>Times:</b> 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.		<b>Times:</b> 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.		<b>Time:</b> 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
<b>THOMASVILLE LIBRARY</b>	<b>DENTON LIBRARY</b>	<b>MIDWAY UNITED METHODIST</b>	<b>ARCADIA COMMUNITY BUILDING</b>	<b>DAVIDSON CO. WEST CAMPUS GYM</b>
14 Randolph Street Thomasville, NC 27360	310 West Salisbury Street, Denton, NC 27239	9795 Old US-52 Lexington, NC 27295	1281 Community Road Lexington, NC 27295	555 West Center Street Ext. Lexington, NC 27292

© 2020 Election-03-03-2020 Primary One-Stop 2020-03-03 Proposal 1 7:23 Hours, Docx



**Operation Christmas Child 2020**

Operation Christmas Child during a pandemic looks different from our previous years. However, Judy Deal, our very own shoebox lady, is excited to announce the following activities/events will continue during the pandemic

◆ **Empty** (ready to be filled) **shoeboxes** will be made available at the State Street entrance & reception area (1st Floor).

◆ Our **"Changing" Lives...One Quarter At A Time** Campaign—continue to collect your quarters in a clean medicine bottle & drop them off at the church office. **Deadline: Monday, November 9**

◆ **Personal Shopper**—donate \$25 (includes shipping) and Judy will shop to fill your shoebox. **Deadline: Monday, November 9**

◆ Visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) to **"Build a Shoebox"** online.

◆ Our **drop-off site** will have limited volunteers, limited hours each day and drive-up curb side unloading service. The schedule is posted on our website.

## Communication is the KEY to Staying Connected

The church office continues to communicate weekly with phone tree, email, church website, YouTube, Facebook and regular mailings (to those without computer access). If you are not being reached each week, please let the church office know so that we may help you stay connected.



We encourage everyone to please check your email weekly. If you don't find the **Weekly Reminder** email sent out on Friday afternoon in your inbox—it may be that the church office needs to update your email address or it may be in your spam folder—please contact the church office so that we may help you correct the issue. It is our top priority to communicate with each of you, especially during this time.

## Laity Sunday

**October 18** during the morning worship service, we will recognize and honor our newly selected 2020 Laity Service Award recipients.



## Charge Conference 2020

This year's Charge Conference is scheduled for **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7p.** Rev. Cheryl Skinner and Rev. Kirk Tutterow will preside.



The charge conference is for the purpose of discussing and accepting charge conference materials, pastor's compensation, lay servant applications and local leadership team of the church. The meeting instructions and guidelines will be sent to all participants in late October.

## Mission Opportunities (*Drop off items in the hallway near the work room.*)

### Pastor's Pantry

Canned Tuna/Chicken, Canned Green Beans, Canned Soups and Stews

### Open Hands Ministry of Davidson County

- Clean & Gently Used bath towels & washcloths
- Personal Care Items: shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. (Travel size items will work quite well.)

### Back Program at Charles England & Pickett Elementary

We continue to collect donated food items for the backpack program at Charles England and Pickett Elementary Schools. A list of needed items can be found on the website or at the donation table set-up in the main hallway near the workroom.

### 4th Avenue Food Pantry

If you need food for your family or a neighbor, please help yourself. **You may come by any day between the hours of 6:30a—9:30p using the door code to enter.** Unused food from the pantry will be shared with Pastor's Pantry and Open Hands Ministries.



## 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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## Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to the family of Camille Lawrence upon the occasion of her death on September 4, 2020.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to the family of Albert Gobble upon the occasion of his death on September 22 2020.

## Prayer Requests

Ruby Taylor  
Kathy Baragona  
Lacy Carol Belcher  
Lloyd Brown  
Sue Corn  
Dean Davis  
Linda Fisher  
Jane Cook Harris  
Judy Hench  
Rachel Hendrix  
Earl Hester  
Creth Holman  
Larlie Mae Knight  
Chasen Martin  
Shane Martin  
Tom Norman  
Robert Phelps  
Betty Pope  
John Scarff  
Steve Weeks  
Mary Louise Wilkerson  
Dare Wilson

## Shut-Ins

Jean Gosnell  
Dot Kinsey  
Caroline McCree  
Sandra & Jimmy Shoaf  
Evelyn Sink  
Dr. Hunter Strader  
Flonnie & Jimmy Thomason  
Mary Williams

## Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

### Health Care

Barbara Proctor  
Nancy Wilkinson

## Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

### Residents

Jo Doris Beck  
Herman Crabtree  
Adrian Neal  
Madeline Palmer

## Benton House (Charleston, SC)

Janice Bacon

## Brookdale (Lexington)

Joe Sink

## The Laurels at Highland Creek

(Charlotte)

Carolyn Briggs

## Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)

Peggy Trollinger

## Spring Arbor (Albemarle)

Bonnie Cates

## Wood Haven (Albemarle)

Louise Pope

## Extended Family & Friends

Cora Tews  
Dr. Garret Breakiron  
Bill Hopkins  
Keith Tutterow  
Russ (Rebecca MacNeilage's son-in-law)Alma Kernodle  
Nicholas Melomo  
Jason, Stacy & Trent Heitman  
Tempie Almstead (Abbotts Creek)  
Maria Hilliard  
Mark Milligan  
Louise Michael  
Tracy Michael  
Dana Michael  
Ron & Kristie Wooten

Shirley Langley Dennis

Emily Hounshell  
Larry Starnes  
Jan Greer  
Pat & Gary Leonard  
Debbie Bowman  
Clayton Hepler  
Norma S. Trotter  
Shannon & Steve Ford  
Lynn Mack & family  
Tami Robinson  
Kelli Jones  
Faye Graham  
Kendall Conner  
David Ogle  
Kristin Harris  
Anna Smathers  
Pat Wilson  
Jack Smith  
Jane King  
Breanna Wilson  
Ethan Reavis  
Jenny Rains  
Bentley Leonard  
John Bruce Davis  
Eric Leonard  
Debra Ann Leonard  
Betty Jean Whitaker  
Len & Dottie Harris  
Jordan Beswick  
Regina Chrest  
Bruce Thornton

## Serving in the Armed Forces

Capt. Kacie Allred  
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