



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lexington, North Carolina



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

We love you. We care about you.

We're here for you.

We offer a grace-filled welcome to all who come
through our doors!

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

August 10, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Jacqueline Tookey

Opening Voluntary - "Hallelujah"

by L. Cohen

Sue Wilber, Hand Bells

Call to Worship

Leader: May those who love their salvation say continually,
"Great is the Lord!"

People: **Our hearts are glad in God,
because we trust God's holy name.**

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

People: **We praise you, O God;
we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**

Opening Prayer

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bring new life out of destruction,
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.**

**We thank you that you do not leave us alone,
but labor to make us whole.**

**Help us to perceive your unseen hand
in the unfolding of our lives,
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**



Godly Play

All Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to join the Godly Play Leader at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.

Hymn of Invitation No. 400

by Robert Robinson

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - ""Morning Has Broken"

Trad. Gaelic melody

Sue Wilber, Hand Bells

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of love and compassion,

our hearts are filled with gratitude

for all that you have given us.

As we share these gifts with you,

bless them and our ministries,

that they may bring love, compassion and justice

to your world. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation No. 454

by Clara H. Scott

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scripture Reading - Mark 8:22-26

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Sermon - "Faith Journeys"

Rev. Jack Tookey

Affirmation of Faith No. 881 - "The Apostle's Creed"

Hymn of Response No. 2158 (TFWS)

by Rick Founds

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Benediction

Postlude - "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

African American Spiritual

Phyllis Jones, organ

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**Without Exception. God Loves Everyone.
Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.**

Prayer Requests

All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

First UMC members:

*Pat Langley (PL 7-30-25)
*Judy Hensch (GFS 7-24-25)
*George Hunt (JH 7-17-25)
*Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

Friends & Family:

Arlette Walser (BF 7-29-25)
Midway Methodist Church (7-29-25)
Irene Foster (BF 7-29-25)
Sharon & Edsel Beck (JD 7-25-25)
Edith Clement (JD 7-25-25)
Dana (Rodney) Colquitt (JD 7-25-25)
Brentley & Conley Castor (JD 7-23-25)
Arnold Miller (KW 7-23-25)
Beth Graves (MG 7-22-25)
Geri & Chuck Bowyer (CM 7-21-25)
Dale, Mandy, Riley Castor (JD 7-21-25)
Dorey Thomas (JL 7-21-25)
Elizabeth Morales (JL 7-18-25)
Jon & Emerson Bethel (CM 7-16-25)
Michael Wood (CM 7-16-25)
Anna Cruz (CM 7-16-25)
Lee Ann Bethel (CM 7-16-25)
Tami Robinson (CM 7-15-25)
Kimberly Wood (CM 7-15-25)
Christine (CM 7-14-25)
Judy Jordan (CM 7-11-25)
Cheryl Crago (EC 7-8-25)
Deborah Bisbee (JB 7-4-25)
Deanna Smith (JD 7-3-25)
Curt (Lisa) Miller (JD 7-3-25)
Hazel Hughes (CM 7-2-25)
Gil Walser (AB 6-18-25)
Phil Kinzer (CM 6-14-25)
Torrey Jackson (LM 6-10-25)
Woody Bowman (TF 6-10-25)
Special Friend (MG 6-3-25)
Becky Griffith (CM 5-20-25)
Steve Erickson (5-16-25)
Rick LeBaube (CB 5-13-25)
Special Friends (CM 5-13-25)

Laura Turlington (MT 4-29-25)
Major (DB 4-28-25)
Kay Crouse (TB 4-28-25)
Ron & Kristie Wooten (OE 4-28-25)
Lenny Wegwart (CM 4-13-25)
Greg Leonard (LL 4-2-25)
Gary (Pat) Leonard (LL 4-2-25)
Tommy Hendrix (LL 4-2-25)
Mark Frye (CM 4-1-25)
Faye & Family (LH 3-27-25)
Amanda Hall (LH 2-12-25)
Tricia Royster (TB 2-19-25)
Martha S. Winters (LH 2-19-25)
John McCutcheon (LH 2-19-25)
Sarah Rakestraw (EC 2-11-25)
Gloria Bulluck (GFS 12-7-24)
Brandon/Jan Kraft (CM 11-12-24)
Trevor Vermette (GS 11-8-24)
Kay Gilmer (CM 7-10-24)
Betty Dix (LH 6-11-24)
Fred Craven (BP 6-4-24)
Jackie Truell Butler (CM 6-4-24)
Joan Briggs (CM 3-25-24)
John McNeil (AC 3-1-24)
Anonymous (JA 1-31-24)
Amy McIntosh (JO 1-31-24)
Stan Larson (1-31-24)
Betty Jean Whitaker (1-31-24)
Kendall Conner (1-31-24)

Missionaries

Hannah, David, Nicholas & Samuel
Mora—Honduras

Member Care

*Eddie (Jemmietta) Allred
*Dot Cook
*Ginnie Easter
*Hilda Flynt
*Larlie Mae Knight
*Edna Morris
*John (Rebecca) Scarff

*Carolyn Smith
*Patricia Smith
*Dr. Hunter Strader
*Ruby (Buddy) Taylor
*Flonnie Thomason
Peggy & Wayne Wegwart
*Dare Wilson

Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)

*Mary Norman

Brookdale (Falling Creek)

*Mary Hooks

Brookdale (Lexington)

*Libby & Max Lanning
*Ramona Phelps

The Pines (Davidson)

*Carolyn Briggs

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

Assisted Living

*Rachel Hendrix
*Joyce Inabinett
*Bob Pearson

Residents

*Joan & Dick Bisbee
*Betsy Buchanan
*Herman Crabtree
*Jim Dillon
*Becki & Tom Foust

Westminster Canterbury (Virginia)

*Bettye Gray

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Major Kacie Allred
*Sergeant McRay Calderone
*SGT John Hall
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

A Note of Sympathy

Sympathy of the members of the congregation is extended to Rev. Cheryl Skinner (Rev. Kirk Tutterow) and family upon the occasion of the death of her mother, Pat Skinner, on August 3, 2025.

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 plates 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 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.



United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, August 10

- 8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages—**Children, youth, and Faith & Friends (adults) are on Summer Break & will return on Sunday, August 17—Promotion Sunday*
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
11:10am Godly Play (All Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to join the Godly Play Leader at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church.)
5:00pm Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 11

- 6:00pm Evangelism & Hospitality, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 12

- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center

Wednesday, August 13

- 10:30am Budget Meeting for Security & Medical Response Teams, Fellowship Hall
12:00pm Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Thursday, August 14

- 7:00pm Finance Committee, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 15

- Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 16

- (9:30-12:30am) Uwharrie District Annual United Women in Faith Celebration, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 17

- 8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
4:00pm Ice Cream Social for ALL Ages, Church Lawn (REFER TO INSERT)

Uwharrie District Annual United Women in Faith Celebration

Saturday, August 16 (9:30a until 12:30p) Brunch will be served along with a program of fellowship and celebration. Wear your FUMC tee if you have one. We need volunteers to be greeters and help as needed during event and cleanup. **If you need a ride call Marsha Garwood at 704 418-1947.**

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 17—Bring your backpack to be blessed before school starts!

Appreciation Dinner Wednesday, August 27 (6p) Fellowship Hall
In appreciation of Chancel Choir & Bells, ALIVE Praise Band, Sound & Video Teams, Security & Medical Response Teams, Ushers/Greeters, and Office Volunteers. SCAN the QR code with your smartphone to RSVP or call the church office no later than **Monday, August 25.**



Appreciation
Dinner

AMTRAK TRAIN TO NC STATE FAIR Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Payment is due at the time your reservation is made. **Gentle reminder:** You will not have a reservation until payment is made. Simply turn in your name and payment to Judy Deal or Alma Carlton no later than **Monday, September 1.**

Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

Friday, September 12, 2025 (10a until 6p) Pick Up at State Street entrance
\$12.00/plate ~ **TICKETS ON SALE** until **September 5th.**

Bake Sale Fundraiser SPONSORED BY THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Friday, September 12, 2025 (10a until 1p) State Street entrance
Be sure to purchase your homemade dessert for the weekend!

VISIT our website www.fumclex.org or join our weekly emails through **Constant Contact** to stay connected with the latest news, calendar updates, newsletter, and live streamed services.

Reaching Out and Sharing God's Boundless Love

Cancer Services of Davidson County

(Sponsored by Missions Team)

Items Needed:

Ensure Depends

Charles England & Pickett Elementary Backpack Programs

(Sponsored by UW in Faith)

A list of **needed food items** is located on our website or at the donation site.

Items Needed:

Children's Underwear

Small—X Large

Children's Socks

Size 13—4

Adult Underwear & Socks

Small

Communities In Schools

Items Needed:

Peanut Butter Crackers
Ramen Noodles

Individual/Single Serve

Sized: Mac & Cheese,

Soups, Spaghetti O's,

Lasagna

Hospice of Davidson County

Items Needed:

- Small water bottles
- Single serve sized: Goldfish, Pretzels, Teddy Grahams, Assorted Chips
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Cheese Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Little Debbie snacks
- Single serve Popcorn
- Canned drinks (12oz. or less)
- Peppermint candies

Open Hands Ministry of Davidson County

Clean & Gently Used: bath towels, washcloths

Personal Care Items:

shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes (Travel size items work quite well.)

Pastor's Pantry

Canned food: green beans, tuna, chicken, soups, stews

*Your kindly donated items can be dropped off at the collection site just outside of the church office workroom.
Thank You!*



Prayer Gifts 4 Missions Outreach This interfaith outreach ministry combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a handmade tied fleece blanket, knitted or crocheted shawl or a twin size quilt for those needing prayer in our church and community. **During Sunday worship services & Prayer Gathering on Wednesdays**, you are invited to come to the altar and pray for those who will receive the prayer gifts. As you pray, tie a double square knot with a print and solid strip on the fleece blanket or lay hands on the knitted and crocheted shawls that are presented.



The Sparrow Project

Ready to help you short term, in the case of an emergency, illness, or surgery. We have volunteers to help you with simple household repairs, transportation, computer help, or to run an errand. **If you need short term help, call Lauren Hall (336) 239-0860 or the church office (336) 248-2886. The Sparrow Project temporary meal assistance** is offered to our church family short term, in case of an emergency, illness, or surgery. If you need temporary meal assistance, **call Terri Beck (980) 234-0686 or Lisa Bonnaure (301) 609-1780** so that delivery can be arranged and an inventory of prepared meal items can be kept up-to-date. It's that simple. You let us know what you need and we will take it from there.



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