



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 17, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Words - Psalm 80:19

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we might be saved..

Worship Through Sacred Dance - "Flowers" by Samantha Ebert
Joy Brindle and India Cockrell , Sacred Dancers

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you, O God.

People: **Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous people,
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.

People: **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and God's greatness is beyond measure.**

Leader: Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship,

People: **for the Spirit has called us here.**

Opening Prayer

God of Peace,

your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another.

Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.

Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.

Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 529

*“K” in Rippon’s “A Selection of Hymns”
“How Firm a Foundation”*

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We trust, O God,

in your provision and loving kindness.

Use these gifts and our lives

that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving.

We ask this in the confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.

Responsive Reading No. 801 - Psalm 80

Worship Through Sacred Dance - “Shine On Us”

by Phillips, Craig, and Dean

Joy Brindle and India Cockrell, Sacred Dancers

Blessing of the Backpacks

A Time for the Child in All of Us

All kids are invited to join us down front for a time just for kids! And then, kids in Kindergarten thru 2nd grade, follow the leader to Godly Play for a time of worship just for kids!

Hymn of Preparation No. 393

by Daniel Iverson

“Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture Reading - Luke 12:49-56

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Sermon - “Christ and Conflict and Culture”

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Call to Prayer

Trusting in God’s hopes for us,

let us come before God with contrite hearts,

asking for reconciliation and seeking peace.

Prayer of Yearning

God of hope,

we confess our disregard of your care . . .

our doubt of your providence . . .

our blindness to signs of your love.

We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;

we separate ourselves from you and from others

and foster divisions between those you love.

Help us to amend our lives

and make us your faithful people

who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Response No. 530
"Are Ye Able"

by Earl Marlatt

Benediction

Postlude - "Soon and Very Soon"
Phyllis Jones, organ

by Andre Crouch

Phyllis Jones, organ

Sermon Notes:

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Welcome to First UMC! We're glad you're here! During the 11:00a worship service, all kids are invited to join us down front for a time just for kids! And then, kids in Kindergarten thru 2nd grade, follow the leader to Godly Play for a time of worship just for kids!

**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 8-7-25)
*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/Jean 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

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 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

Monday, August 18

- 7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 19

- (10a-9p) Meals On Wheels Dine Out Fundraiser, Christo's
- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center
- 5:45pm Missions Team provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries

Wednesday, August 20

- 12:00pm Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Thursday, August 21

- 3:30pm Missions Team provides pre-game meal for LHS JV Football Team, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 22

- 3:00pm Missions Team provides pre-game meal for LHS Varsity Football Team, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

- 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 Church Council, Fellowship Hall



Meals on Wheels of Lexington Dine Out Fundraiser

CHRISTO'S ~ Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10:00am—9:00pm Dine In—Take Out

A percentage of ALL proceeds benefit
Meals on Wheels of Lexington



Appreciation
Dinner

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**.

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

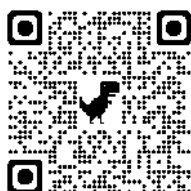
Friday, September 12, 2025 (10a until 6p) Pick Up at State Street entrance
\$12.00/plate ~ **TICKETS ON SALE** until **September 5th**.

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!

Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Cruise In SPONSORED BY UNITED METHODIST MEN

Saturday, October 11, 2025 (10a - 2p)
Registration in Open! You may scan the QR code with your smartphone for details & registration or contact Richard Foust (336) 971-6158. Visit our NEWS section online or pick up a printed copy of the detailed flyer/registration form at the Volunteer's Desk.



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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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