

Prayer Requests

All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list. (*denotes FUMC members)

First UMC member:
*Pat Langley (PL 8-26-25)
*George Hunt (JJH 8-19-25)
*Judy Hench (JH 8-12-25)
*Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

Friends & Family:
Phil Kinzer (CM 8-25-25)
Kimberly Wood (CM 8-25-25)
Lee Ann Bethel (CM 8-25-25)
Tami Robinson (CM 8-25-25)
Torrey Jackson (LM 8-25-25)
Steve Erickson (8-13-25)
Beth Graves (MG 8-5-25)
Arlette Walser (BF 7-29-25)
Midway Methodist (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)
Brenda/Conley Castor (JD 7-23-25)
Arnold Miller (KW 7-23-25)
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)
Christine (CM 7-14-25)
Judy Jordan (CM 7-11-25)
Kay Gilmer (CM 7-10-25)
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)
Gil Walser (AB 6-18-25)
Woody Bowman (TF 6-10-25)
Special Friend (MG 6-3-25)
Becky Griffith (CM 5-20-25)
Rick LeBaube (CB 5-13-25)
Special Friends (CM 5-13-25)
Laura Turlington (HC 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)
Special Friend (DB 4-1-25)
Mark Frye (CM 4-1-25)
Faye & Family (LH 3-27-25)
Amanda Hall (LH 3-23-25)
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 (GF 12-7-24)
Brandon/Jan Kraft (CM 11-12-24)
Trevor Vermette (GS 11-8-24)
Betty Dix (LH 6-11-24)
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
David, Hannah, 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

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, August 31
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

Monday, September 1
Church Office Closed – Labor Day Monday

Tuesday, September 2
12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center
7:00pm Jesus’ Parables Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 3
12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 4
Friday, September 5
9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
10:45am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom

Saturday, September 6
Sunday, September 7
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

Spiritual Formation Studies for Fall
To register, you may contact the church office.

Jesus’ Parables – Led by Jack Tookey (**Begins September 2**)
Tuesday evenings at 7pm – Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our first meeting

Companions in Christ Small Group Experience (Begins September 9)
Led by Cheryl Skinner – 28-week study – Cost: \$15 for a participant’s book
Tuesday mornings at 10am – Conference Room, 2nd Floor

The Fruit of the Spirit – Led by Norman Hubbard (**Begins September 29**)
Monday mornings at 10am – Conference Room, 2nd Floor

AMTRAK TRAIN to NC State Fair - Tuesday, October 21

Amtrak Train Ride: \$50/person round trip
Admission to State Fair: (Ages 13-64) \$13 (Seniors) \$7
Payment is due at the time of your reservation 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 UNITED METHODIST MEN
Friday, September 12 (10a--6p) Pick up at the State Street entrance
\$12/plate – **TICKETS ON SALE** until **September 5.**

Bake Sale Fundraiser Sponsored by the UNITED WOMEN in FAITH
Friday, September 12 (10a--1p) State Street entrance – Be sure to purchase your homemade dessert for the weekend!

The Small Groups are Coming! The Small Groups are Coming!
Next Sunday’s bulletin will have an **EXTRA SPECIAL** opportunity in store for each of you! The Evangelism/Hospitality Team have 9 – yes, I said 9 – small groups to choose from and ready for your participation this Fall.
DETAILS next Sunday!

Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Cruise In
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men
Saturday, October 11 (10a-2p) **Registration is OPEN!**
You may scan the QR code with your smartphone for details & registration or contact Richard Foust (336) 971-6158. Visit the NEWS Section on our website or pick up a printed copy of the Detailed flyer & registration form at the Volunteer’s Desk.



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
Needed food items: A list is located on our website or at the donation site.

Other Items Needed:
Children’s Underwear
Small – X Large
Children’s Socks
Size 13-4
Adult Underwear & Socks
Small



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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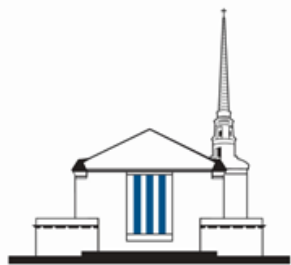
Ways To Give financially back to God through the ministries of First UMC. **We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings**—On Sunday, place your tithes and offerings in the plates provided at the back of the church.

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.





**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 31, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

arr. by Winifred Winans

Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord,
who has brought you here and blessed you.

**Our voices shall shout forth praise
and thanksgiving to God.**

With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need.

**Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God
which has been lavished upon us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!

**Let us bring all that we have and all that we are
to God in gratitude. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow.

You led us to freedom, to hope and peace.

Enter our hearts again today,

and lead us to your healing love

that we might serve you joyfully

in this world that you have loaned to us.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 140

by Thomas O. Chisholm

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Jesus Is My Song of Grace"

arr. by Joseph Martin

First UMC Chancel Choir

This is my story, this is my song.

From the heights of heaven's glory to the depth of earth's despair,
came a love song in the darkness, came a song beyond compare.

And from a humble stable God sang His lullaby;

A song of peace, a song of joy, the music of the skies.

Refrain: This shall be my alleluia. This shall be my highest praise.

Let my every word and deed proclaim it. Let me sing it all my days.

This shall be my benediction. This shall be my dying phrase.

This shall be my alleluia. Jesus is my song of grace.

From the golden streets of heaven to the shores of Galilee

came a love song for all people, the music of eternity.

And from a wooden cross God sang His song of grace,

And filled the world with the sound of hope and everlasting praise.

(Refrain)

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

United Women in Faith Backpack Ministry

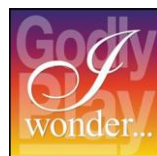
Prayer of Thanksgiving

You free us, O God, from self-interest and folly.

You bring us into a land of choicest wheat
and sweetest honey.

As we return a portion of these gifts to you,
may we extend the banquet of your love to all-
especially the poor, the crippled, the lame,
the blind, and all who suffer.

May our offering bring healing and light
to a world filled with anguish and despair. Amen.



A Time for the Child in All of Us

All kids are invited to join us down front for a time just for them! Afterwards, kids in kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.

Hymn of Preparation No. 454

by Clara H. Scott

"Open My Eyes, that I May See"

Scripture Reading - Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Sermon - "A Lesson in Humility, Justice and Love"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Prayer - "For Courage to Do Justice" by Alan Paton

O Lord,

open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;

open my ears that I may hear their cries;

open my heart so that they need not be without succor;

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak

because of the anger of the strong,

nor afraid to defend the poor

because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,

and use me to bring them to those places.

And so open my eyes and my ears

that I may this coming day

be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

Hymn of Response TFWS No. 2237

by Ruth Duck

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Music Appreciation Focus

From the Opening Voluntary to the Postlude, the music ministry at First UMC is one of the essential parts of our worship time together. Worship without music would be uninspiring at best. However, the postlude often becomes just a bit of background music for exiting the building. What if we took the time to sit back down after the Chimes of the Trinity and let the music of the postlude filter into our souls to inspire us to follow God throughout the week?

After the Chimes of the Trinity at the end of the service, you may choose to be seated and join together in thoughtful meditation while listening to the beautiful music of the postlude as a way to get your week of Christian discipleship off to a great start.

Postlude - "Earth and All Stars"

arr. by Michael Burkhard

Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Casper and Ella Timberlake upon the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Kay & Bob Timberlake and Tim Timberlake.

A Thank You Note

Dear First UMC family and friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls while I was in the hospital. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful church family. Larry and I are grateful and appreciate each of you so much!

Sincerely,

Pat Langley

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

