



# 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 3, 2025**

**8:45 a.m.**

## ***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Welcome***

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

***Gathering Music - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"***  
Phyllis Jones, piano

*arr. by Cindy Berry*

***Call to Worship - adapted from Psalm 107***

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
whose steadfast love endures forever!

**Let the redeemed of the Lord give thanks,  
for God has gathered us in from the storms of life!**

In our troubles, we cried to the Lord,  
who delivered us from our distress.

**For the Lord leads the people by a straight path,  
satisfying the thirst and filling the hungry with good things!**

***Invitation to Praise No. 102***

*by Martin Rinkart*

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

***Opening Prayer (in unison)***

Holy God, you see us for just who we are,  
and yet you love us with a parent's love.

In your enduring love for us,  
we see our guilt  
along with your forgiveness and acceptance of us.

Gracious God,  
continue to guide us and teach us to walk in your ways.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings***

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)***

**Holy God,**

**we give you thanks for the richness of our lives.**

**Bless our tithes and offerings,**

**that they might be used as expressions of your steadfast love  
for those in need near and far. have given us**

**In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

***Anthem - "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"***

Phyllis Jones, piano

*arr. by Mark Hayes*

***Scripture Reading - Luke 12:13-21***

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***Sermon - "My, My, My - A Monumental Fool"***

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

***Hymn of Invitation No. 388***

*"O Come and Dwell in Me"*

*by Charles Wesley*

***Invitation to Holy Communion***

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,

who earnestly repent of their sin

and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)***

**Holy God,**

**you lavish us with good gifts,**

**yet we persist in seeking after that**

**which robs us of abundant life.**

**We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed;**

**we desire the very things that harm us.**

**Forgive us, purify us,**

**and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit,**

**we ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

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

***Words of Assurance***

If God is for us, who is against us?

In Jesus Christ you have been set free.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***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.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*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 Grace No. 413*

*by Charles Wesley*

*"A Charge To Keep I Have"*

*Benediction*

*Traveling Music - "A Mighty Fortress/Awesome God"*

*arr. by Carol Tornquist*

Phyllis Jones, piano

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**A Thank You Note**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for your many expressions of kindness and love before and after my recent hip surgery. Susie and I have been abundantly blessed by your prayers, visits, gifts of food, the beautiful prayer blanket, and your thoughtful personal messages. My recovery is going well and I look forward to seeing you in person again soon.

Yours in Christ,  
Norman Hubbard

## 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)  
Ron Hicks (BP 7-28-25)  
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)  
Beckey 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 (Jemmetta) 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 ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Rick Hicks (Betty Pope) and family upon the occasion of the death of his brother, Ron Hicks, on July 29, 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 3

- 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  
3:00pm Endowment, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, August 4

## Tuesday, August 5

- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center

## Wednesday, August 6

- 12:00pm Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary  
(2p-6:30p) Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, August 7

## Friday, August 8

## Saturday, August 9

## 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.)
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## CHECK OUT TODAY'S INSERT!

- Summer Blood Drive
- Ice Cream Social, Games & MORE for ALL AGES
- Do you have a interest or hobby you would like to share with others?

**Do you need a pet sitter while on vacation this summer? Maybe a house sitter? Or, possibly you need both.** If the answer is **YES!** Contact Cheri Murray, by phone: 336-247-7692 or email: [cherimurray01@gmail.com](mailto:cherimurray01@gmail.com)

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

## 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 are available for purchase until September 5th.

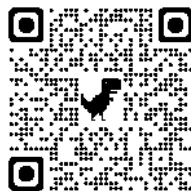
## Bake Sale Fundraiser SPONSORED BY THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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

## Toys, Tots, and Tailpipes Cruise In

### Sponsored by First United Methodist Men

Saturday, October 11, 2025 (10a until 2p)  
Registration in Open! You may scan the QR code with your smartphone for details 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](http://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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