



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.*

July 20, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Nocturne in B Opus 32, No. 1" by Frederic Chopin
Phyllis Jones, piano

Centering Words

The Spirit of God calls to us with sighs too deep for words.
The Spirit of God calls to us, claiming us,
summoning us to be more that we are now,
calling us by name: children of God.

Call to Worship

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road with Jesus
and to choose the ways of God's justice.

People: **We are here because we believe strongly that God is good,
and that we are called to live out that goodness.**

Leader: Come together, then, to be God's people.
Follow Christ and from him learn God's ways.

People: **We will share with others the goodness
that we have found in God.**

May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

Opening Prayer

Grant us this day, O God,
not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts
that can make us feel that you are not near.

**Give us the chance to sit at your feet,
to enjoy every word and every musical note
that we may feel your real presence
and in turn live out that presence
within our families, our communities,
our jobs, and our schools.**

**Prepare us as we journey as your people,
to worship and to obey.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the image of the invisible God,
and the firstborn over all creation. 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. 577

by H.E. Fosdick

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "This Is My Song"

arr. by Mark Hayes

Karen Coleman, soloist

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms;
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, we give today in thankfulness
and with the assurance that anything we give will contribute
to the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world.**

**Give us wisdom as a church,
so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word
and the service of your people.**

**In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have.
Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation No. 117

by Isaac Watts

"O God Our Help In Ages Past"

Sermon - "Follow, Serve, Listen"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Prayer of Yearning

God of travelers and learners,
we ask your presence with us on our journey through life.
Teach us to see your guiding hand,
and show us when to sit and listen
and when to go out and serve.
Help us be faithful to your ways of love and grace.
Keep us from helpless despair and numbing anxiety.
Give us the strength to make your love known,
even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate.
With your courage in our hearts,
we will walk the Jerusalem road with Jesus,
to the cross, the grave, and the resurrection.
In your grace and love, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Response No. 545

by Samuel J. Stone

"The Church's One Foundation"

Benediction

Postlude - "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

arr. by Wendell Whalum

Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of family and friends by Judy Welday.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louis Beck upon the occasion of his 102nd birthday on July 24th by Terri and Larry Beck and Family.

Welcome A New Baptized Member

(During the 8:45am worship service)

McKayla Sweet Carter

Presented by her parents Ryan & Liz Carter

Sponsored by her grandparents & church members Dani & John Benson

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:

- *George Hunt (JJH 7-17-25)
- *Nancy Conrad (LM 7-14-25)
- *Judy Hensch (GFS 7-2-25)
- *Gil Bonnaure (LB 6-23-25)
- *Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

Friends & Family:

Texas flooding (families of victims & survivors) (7-8-25)

- Benny Huskins (DH 7-8-25)
- Cheryl Crago (EC 7-8-25)
- Beth Graves (MG 7-8-25)
- Lee Ann Bethel (CM 7-4-25)
- 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)
- Midway Methodist Church (4-29-25)
- Major (DB 4-28-25)
- Kay Crouse (TB 4-28-25)
- Ron & Kristie Wooten (OE 4-28-25)
- Tami Robinson (CM 4-18-25)
- Lenny Wegwart (CM 4-13-25)
- Kimberly Wood (CM 4-11-25)
- Rev. Doug Rowe (DB 4-8-25)
- Andrew Rowe (DB 4-8-25)
- 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)
- Irene Foster (BF 2-18-25)
- Sarah Rakestraw (EC 2-11-25)
- Trey McBride (BF 2-4-25)
- Anna Cruz (CM 12-25-24)
- Gloria Bulluck (GFS 12-7-24)
- Brandon/Jan Kraft (CM 11-12-24)
- Trevor Vermette (GS 11-8-24)
- Jon & Emerson Bethel (CM 9-16-24)
- Michael Wood (CM 9-16-24)
- 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, July 20

- 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.)

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center

Wednesday, July 23

- 12:00pm Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

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(5:30p-8p) Vacation Bible School, Church Campus—**nightly thru July 31**
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Your Change Can Change Lives for the Seniors in Davidson County

During the month of July, the **Missions Team** will be accepting loose change, folding money or checks benefitting Davidson County Senior Services. Empty medicine bottles are available to help you collect your donation. However, monies will be accepted without being placed in the medicine bottles.

FREE First United Methodist Church T-SHIRTS

Located in the FELLOWSHIP HALL! You are invited to take one.

Do you have a interest or hobby you would like to share with others?

The Evangelism/Hospitality committee has plans to start small social groups to promote fellowship among the members at First UMC. This program will start **this fall** and last 6-8 weeks. The class times and locations will be coordinated by group leaders and participants.

Right now, they are looking for **group leaders who would like to lead a small social group**. Example groups could be yoga, line dancing, knitting, crocheting, cooking, volleyball, golf, trains, or any other skill, game, or sport you feel led to teach. **Please contact** Karen Bias: klbias@charter.net with questions or interest in leading a group.

- Interest or hobby?
- Where would it take place?
- How long would it last?
- Would the interest or hobby group be limited in space such as to 4 or 6 people, etc.?

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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