



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 27, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "The Lord's Prayer"

by Albert Hay Malotte

Phyllis Jones, organ

Centering Words

In our asking and in our seeking, let us find strength and growth
from the root of our lives, Christ Jesus.

Call to Worship

Leader: Before we even knock,

People: **Christ opens the doors and invites us in.**

Leader: Before we even ask,

People: **God knows our every need.**

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

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

Opening Prayer

**Christ Jesus, we come to your house this day,
knocking and asking that the door may be opened.**

**We come seeking your face
and yearning for your presence in our lives.**

**Open the door of our hearts,
as you have opened the doors of your church.**

**Lift our faces,
that we may see your face shining upon us.**

**Answer our yearning,
that our restive hearts may find their rest in you.**

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 Praise No. 526

by Joseph M. Scriven

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Blessings"

by Laura Story

Jacqueline and Jack Tookey, soloists

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand
To ease our suffering

And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing comes through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your word is not enough

And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing comes through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise?

When friends betray us
And when darkness seems to win, we know
The pain reminds this heart
That this is not, this is not our home
It's not our home

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing comes through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst
This world can't satisfy?

And what if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise?

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. 405

"Seek Ye First"

by Karen Lafferty

Scripture Reading - Luke 11:1-13

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Sermon - "Ask, Seek, Knock"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Call to Prayer

Ask, for God is listening.
Seek, for God will find you.
Pray, for God is with us.

Prayer of Yearning

Grow in our lives, Christ Jesus.
Make our hearts larger
with each gift of your grace.
Make our spirits stronger
with each moment of your mercy.
As you fill our lives with your presence,
fill our hearts with your love,
that we might grow into your likeness.
As we grow in your love,
may we give our love and grace as freely
as you have generously given your love to us.
Amen.

Hymn of Response No. 496

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

by William Walford

Benediction

Postlude - "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Phyllis Jones, organ

by Ken Medema

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Adrian Neal and Becky Greening by Wendy and Lane Norris.

A Thank You Note

Dear First UMC family and friends,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and messages when my brother, Beauford Kines, passed away and through my two surgeries. It is appreciated and such a blessing.
Sincerely,
Nancy Conrad

**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:

*Judy Hensch (GFS 7-24-25)
*Nancy Conrad (LM 7-21-25)
*George Hunt (JH 7-17-25)
*Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

Friends & Family:

Sharon & Edsel Beck (JD 7-25-25)
Edith Clement (JD 7-25-25)
Dana Colquitt (JD 7-25-25)
Brentley & Conley Castor (JD 7-23-25)
Arnold Miller (KW 7-23-25)
Bobbie Jo (DB 7-22-25)
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)
Texas flooding (families of victims & survivors) (7-8-25)
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)
Midway Methodist Church (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)
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)
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

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 27

- 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.)

(5:30p-8p) Vacation Bible School, Church Campus

Monday, July 28

(5:30p-8p) Vacation Bible School, Church Campus

Tuesday, July 29

- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center
(5:30p-8p) Vacation Bible School, Church Campus

Wednesday, July 30

- 12:00pm Midday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
(5:30p-8p) Vacation Bible School, Church Campus

Thursday, July 31

(5:30p-8p) Vacation Bible School, Church Campus

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

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

BRING YOUR FAVORITE
STUFFED ANIMAL TO
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL



CHECK OUT TODAY'S INSERT!

- **Ice Cream Social for ALL AGES**
- **Do you have a interest or hobby you would like to share with others?**



Just a Gentle Reminder:

Donna Huskins, Administrative Assistant, has a NEW email for the church office since May 22, 2025. The deadline for the old email address expired as of July 22, 2025. If you have not made this update to your devices, please do so as soon as possible so that communications with each other are not missed.

Go to your contact list on your Iphone, Ipad, or desktop.

Add a NEW CONTACT

Name: **Church Office**

Phone: **336-248-2886**

Email: **churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com**

Save NEW CONTACT

If you have a contact on a device for **Donna Huskins** with church information, **Delete** the CONTACT.

Moving forward, when you email or call the church office, use **Church Office** from your contact list to make sure you are communicating with Donna Huskins. Thank you!

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**

Do you have a ping-pong table, foosball table, or air hockey table looking for a new home with teenagers that would love it? If so, contact Donna Smith (704) 213-0048 or Rev. Amy Higgins (336) 403-2413.

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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