



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.

November 16, 2025 **11:00 a.m.**
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "A Joyous Organ Verse" *by J. Batiste*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship
Leader: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.
People: **Thus says our God, the Holy One.**
Leader: Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.
People: **Celebrate all that is coming to you.**
Leader: For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.
People: **And your suffering will be overtaken by new life.**
Leader: You shall build homes and live in them;
People: **plant gardens and eat from them.**
Leader: Whenever you call, I will answer.
People: **When you cry out, I will come.**
Leader: Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.
People: **Everything will become a new creation.**

Opening Prayer
Loving and Merciful God, we give you thanks.
You bring us strength, when we feel weak;
courage, when we cannot stand.
You fill our hearts with your glory
and bless our being with your grace.
You protect our lives.
In your care, not one hair on our heads shall perish,
nor the smallest flutter of peace
perish in our souls. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 126 *by Johann J. Schutz*
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Prayer for Guidance" *by Allen Pote*
First UMC Chancel Choir


Teach me your ways, make them known to me, make them known to me.
Teach me to live according to your truth.
Because you are my Savior all day long I trust in you, I trust in you.

O remember your kindness and constant love
which you have shown from long ago.
Forgive the sins and errors of my youth.
Remember me, O Lord. All day long, all day long,
all day long I trust in you.

Teach me, O Lord. Teach me, O Lord. Teach me your ways.

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Gracious God, you have given us new heavens
and a new earth.
You bless us with new life and presence,
more than ever before.
So, let us build and share our homes.
Let us plant gardens
and offer the fruit to those who hunger.
We offer our gifts to you and to all your people.
For then shall we too be fed-
in body and in spirit. Amen.

A Time for the Child in All of Us *Rev. Amy Higgins*
 *All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a time just for them! Afterwards, children in kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.*

Hymn of Preparation TFWS #2284 *by Natalie Sleeth*
"Joy in the Morning"

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 65:17-25 *OT Page 696*

Sermon - "The Way Life Should Be" *Rev. Cheryl Skinner*

Affirmation of Faith No. 883 - "A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

Hymn of Response No. 733 *by Isaac Watts*
"Marching to Zion "

Benediction

Choral Benediction - "Three Fold Amen" *Danish*
First UMC Chancel Choir

Chimes of the Trinity

Music Appreciation Focus
After the Chimes of the Trinity at the end of the service, you may choose to gather near the front of the sanctuary 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 Burkhardt*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Operation Christmas Child
Collection week is November 17 - 24 and **the last date to turn in shoeboxes at First UMC is Sunday, November 23.**



Judy Deal will once again offer to fill a shoebox for anyone for only \$25 which includes the \$10 shipping. **Deadline is Sunday, November 23.** Individual OCC shoeboxes are displayed throughout the church, if you enjoy filling you own shoebox. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Deal at 336-479-7244.



Children's Advent Fair
Sunday, November 23 (12p) Fellowship Hall
A pizza lunch will be provided for the children and their family. Join us for a time of hope, peace, joy, and love as we prepare the way of the Lord this Advent season with Christ centered activities.

Stewardship Sunday is November 23 - Thank you for prayerfully considering your estimate of giving/pledge for 2026. You may return your completed card by mail or bring it to the church on Sunday, November 23. You may also complete your card securely online from our website.

Prayer Requests

Lifting up prayers for our First UMC members, friends, family, community, country, and the world. All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

First UMC member:	Arlette Walser
G. F. Smith	Irene Foster
Carlie Bostick	Dorey Thomas
Jemmietta Allred	Elizabeth Morales
Rachel Roberts	Anna Cruz
Kay Timberlake	Christine
Peggy Everhart	Judy Jordan
Judy Hensch	Kay Gilmer
Larry Langley	Cheryl Crago
Cindy/Tom Smith	Deborah Bisbee
Friends & Family:	Woody Bowman
Jackie Truell Butler	Beckey Griffith
Tony Hill	Kay Crouse
Ellen Peterson Family	Ron & Kristie Wooten
Carolyn Robbins	Lenny Wegwart
Marlene Jones	Greg Leonard
Gary Elms	Gary (Pat) Leonard
Jane King	Tommy Hendrix
Jamie Everhart	Tricia Royster
Torrey Jackson	Sarah Rakestraw
Mark Frye	Gloria Bulluck
Cathy	Brandon/Jan Kraft
Julie Milner	Trevor Vermette
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	Joan Briggs
Spencer Davis	John McNeil
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer	Amy McIntosh
Kimberly Wood	Stan Larson
Rick LeBaube	Betty Jean Whitaker
Jon & Emerson Bethel	Kendall Conner
Michael Wood	Missionaries
Louise & Ray Kombau	David, Hannah, Nicholas, &
Beth Graves	Samuel Mora—Honduras
Midway Methodist	Serving in the Armed
Major	Forces
Special Friend (DB)	*Major Kacie Allred
Special Friends (CM)	*Sergeant McRay Calderone
Julie Griggs	*SGT John Hall
Melba (Charles) Purvis	SGT Alan Ingram
Steve Erickson	Major Jarrad Thorley
Sharon/Edsel Beck	
Edith Clement	
Dana (Rodney) Colquitt	
Brentley & Conley Castor	
Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor	
Curt (Lisa) Miller	
Deanna Smith	
Lee Ann Bethel	
Tami Robinson	

Member Care
*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
<u>Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)</u>
*Mary Norman
<u>Brookdale (Falling Creek)</u>
*Mary Hooks
<u>Brookdale (Lexington)</u>
*Libby & Max Lanning
*Ramona Phelps
<u>Harmony at Brookberry Farm</u>
<u>(Winston-Salem)</u>
*Louise Hawley
<u>The Pines (Davidson)</u>
*Carolyn Briggs
<u>Piedmont Crossing</u>
<u>(Thomasville)</u>
<u>Assisted Living</u>
*Rachel Hendrix
*Bob Pearson
<u>Residents</u>
*Joan & Dick Bisbee
*Betsy Buchanan
*Herman Crabtree
*Jim Dillon
*Becki & Tom Foust
<u>Westminster Canterbury</u>
<u>(Virginia)</u>
*Bettye Gray

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, November 16	
8:30am	United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
8:45am	Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:30am	United Women in Faith Craft Sale, Genesis Classroom
9:45am	Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am	LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
5:00pm	Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Youth Room, 2 nd Floor
Monday, November 17	
3:00pm	Snappy Happy Photography, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 18	
10:00am	Companions in Christ, Conference Room
12:00pm	Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center
12:00pm	Lunch & Learn – Managing Grief During the Holidays, Central UMC, Denton, NC – FREE event, no registration required
2:00pm	UWInFaith Meal Prep, Kitchen
5:45pm	UWInFaith serve evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries
6:00pm	ALIVE Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm	Private Event, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom
Wednesday, November 19	
12:00pm	Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary
4:30pm	Crochet, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thursday, November 20	
6:00pm	Faith Seekers, Home of Judy Deal
Friday, November 21	
9:30am	KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
10:45am	KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
1:30pm	Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley
Saturday, November 22	
Sunday, November 23	
8:45am	Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am	United Women in Faith Craft Sale, Genesis Classroom
9:45am	Sunday School for ALL Ages
9:45am	Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall
11:00am	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am	LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
12:00pm	Children’s Advent Fair with pizza lunch, Fellowship Hall
5:00pm	Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Friendsgiving with FBC - TBA

Do you have a nativity set that you could share with us?

They will be displayed during the season of Advent and at the Fellowship Meal on Sunday, December 7. Be sure to clearly label your nativity set and leave them on the table outside of the Administrative Assistant’s office in the Reception Area near the elevator. Thank you for sharing!

Lunch & Learn – Managing Grief During the Holidays

Tuesday, November 18 (12p) Central UMC, Denton, NC
Led by Rev. Peter McGuire - FREE event, no registration required

United Women in Faith Poinsettia Sale – Refer to the bulletin

insert. All poinsettias must be pre-ordered & pre-paid by Sunday, November 23.

Evangelism & Hospitality Fellowship Meal – Refer to the bulletin

insert. The event is on Sunday, December 7 (12p) Fellowship Hall – Help us be good stewards and **RSVP** to the meal so that we have plenty to share and we are not wasteful of God’s bountiful provision. A love offering will be accepted for the meal and is greatly appreciated!

Lexington Choral Society presents “Welcome to December”

Saturday, December 6 (5p) First UMC Sanctuary
The concert is free and open to the public.

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

Communities In Schools
Items Needed:
Individual/Single Serve Sized:
Mac & Cheese, Soups, Spaghetti O’s, Lasagna, Peanut Butter Crackers, Ramen Noodles



The Sparrow Project is 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. For short term help, **call Lauren Hall (336) 239-0860.** Also, temporary meal assistance is offered to our church family short term. For 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.

Hospice of Davidson County

Items Needed:
Small water bottles
Peanut Butter Crackers
Cheese Crackers
Granola Bars
Little Debbie snack cakes
Peppermint Candies
Canned drinks (12 oz. or less)
Single serve sized:
Goldfish, Pretzels, Teddy Grahams, Popcorn, Assorted Chips

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 located on the main hallway. Thank You!

Open Hands of Davidson County

Items Needed:
Boxes of Cereal
Spaghetti Noodles
Saltine Crackers
Rice
Mac-n-Cheese
Stove Top Stuffing
Ramen Noodles
Canned Vegetables
Soups / Spaghetti Sauce
Cranberry Sauce
Peanut Butter
Cases of Water
Street Food Items:
Vienna Sausage
Potted Meat
Pop Top Cans of Ravioli, Spaghetti O’s, etc.
Single serve sized: Peanut Butter Crackers, Chips, Pop Tarts
Instant Hot Chocolate
Clean & Gently Used: bath towels, washcloths
Personal Care Items:
Body wipes, disposable razors, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste/ toothbrush (Travel size items work quite well.)

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.

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