

# 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.

*November 9, 2025* 

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

**Opening Voluntary -** "Voluntary on Engelberg" arr. by Douglas E. Wagner
Phyllis Jones, organ

*Call to Worship -* adapted from psalm 32:6-7

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

People: In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.

Leader: You are our hiding place, O Lord; you preserve us from trouble

People: You surround us with the promise of deliverance.

Eternal and righteous God,
you created all that exists,
and call all people and nations to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you.
You sent your Son to bring your peace to creation,
a peace that passes our understanding
and yet, we know that because of sin,
keeping the peace is not always possible.
Guard the brave women and men in military service,

Guard the brave women and men in military service, give your peace to those who have served in the past, and give us all the compassion to pray for those who confront us as enemies

for those who confront us as enemies. Keep us from the hate that hardens hearts,

and from score-keeping with human lives.

Though for a season, those in the military must be people of war, let them live for peace, always seeking to end conflict.

Never let hard duty separate any of us

from our ultimate allegiance and loyalty to your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Shout the Glad Tidings" by George F. Handel
First UMC Chancel Choir

Shout the glad tidings, O sing to the Lord;
For He hath done marvelous things.
Mighty are His works, wonderful His deeds;
His power and love forever are sure.
The Lord is King; King of all,
The Lord is King, King of all; He rules in might.
Sing for joy; His power and love forever are sure.
Trumpets sound forth; Sound forth His praise, for our victory is won.
Sing, O Israel sing. The Lord is faithful; Let all give praise.
The roar of the sea, all creatures therein,
sound forth, sound forth Your joy, Your joy sound forth.
God is the Lord, King over all. See His marvelous works;
See His wonderful deeds.
His power and love forever are sure.

# Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love?
You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope.
Most of all you have given us
your very self, for our life and the life of the world.
In gratitude we bring our gifts,
for the sake of those you love,
in Jesus' name. Amen.



#### A Time for the Child in All of Us

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 No. 340

by Joseph Hart

by Henry Van Dyke

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

**Scripture Reading -** Luke 19:1-10

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Sermon - "Come On Down"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

**Affirmation of Faith No. 887 - "**Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

Hymn of Response No. 2130 (The Faith We Sing)

by John Bell

"The Summons"

**Benediction** 

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

Danish

#### 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 -** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. by Douglas E. Wagner
Phyllis Jones, organ

#### **Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and on behalf of the congregation as an offering of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, our Protector, in appreciation of those called to defend our country by Dani and John Benson.



### **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: Larry Langley

G. F. Smith Carlie Bostick lemmietta Allred Rachel Roberts Kay Timberlake

Peggy Everhart Judy Hench Cindy/Tom Smith

Friends & Family: Tony Hill

Ellen Peterson Family Carolyn Robbins Marlene Jones Gary Elms Jane King Jamie Everhart

Torrey Jackson Mark Frye Cathy

Iulie Milner Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher Spencer Davis Phil (Sharon) Kinzer

Kimberly Wood Rick LeBaube Jon & Emerson Bethel

Michael Wood Louise & Ray Kombau Beth Graves

Midway Methodist

Special Friend (DB) Special Friends (CM)

Julie Griggs Melba (Charles) Purvis Steve Erickson 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

Arlette Walser Irene Foster **Dorey Thomas** Elizabeth Morales Anna Cruz

Christine ludy lordan Kay Gilmer Cheryl Crago Deborah Bisbee

Woody Bowman Beckey Griffith Kay Crouse Ron & Kristie Wooten

Lenny Wegwart Greg Leonard Gary (Pat) Leonard

Tommy Hendrix Tricia Royster Sarah Rakestraw

Gloria Bulluck Brandon/Jan Kraft Trevor Vermette

lackie Truell Butler Joan Briggs Iohn McNeil

Amy McIntosh Stan Larson Betty Jean Whitaker Kendall Conner

**Missionaries** 

David, Hannah, Nicholas, & Samuel Mora—Honduras

**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.

you will need to create a profile.

offerings in the plates provided at the back of the church.

Mail to First UMC, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings—On Sunday, place your tithes and

**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 Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)

\*Mary Norman Brookdale (Falling Creek)

\*Mary Hooks Brookdale (Lexington) \*Libby & Max Lanning \*Ramona Phelps

Harmony at Brookberry Farm (Winston-Salem)

\*Louise Hawley The Pines (Davidson)

\*Carolyn Briggs

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville) Assisted Living \*Rachel Hendrix \*Bob Pearson Residents \*Joan & Dick Bisbee

\*Betsy Buchanan \*Herman Crabtree \*lim Dillon

\*Becki & Tom Foust

Westminster Canterbury (Virginia)

\*Bettye Gray

**United in Nurturing Fellowship** 

Sunday, November 9

Early Worship, Fellowship Hall 8:45am

9:30am United Women in Faith Craft Sale, Fellowship Hall

9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages II:00am

Morning Worship, Sanctuary LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC II:00am **Annual Charge Conference, Fellowship Hall** 3:00pm Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Youth Room, 2nd Floor 5:00pm

Monday, November 10

10:00am

Line Dancing, Fellowship Hall Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 11 **Veterans Day** 

Companions in Christ, Conference Room 10:00am 12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center

Wednesday, November 12

12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary

Crochet, Fellowship Hall 4:30pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room 7:00pm

Thursday, November 13

Steel Wheels, Fellowship Hall 6:00pm

Friday, November 14

KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 10:45am 1:30pm Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley

Saturday, November 15 Sunday, November 16

8:30am United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall

8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary

United Women in Faith Craft Sale, Genesis Classroom 9:30am

Sunday School for ALL Ages 9:45am II:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary

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United Women in Faith Poinsettia Sale - Refer to today's insert All poinsettias must be pre-ordered & pre-paid by Sunday, November 23.

**Lexington Choral Society presents "Welcome to December"** 

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

Evangelism & Hospitality Fellowship Meal - Refer to today's insert

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!

**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.

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.



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.

# **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

**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

Pastor's Pantry Canned Food: green beans, tuna, chicken, soups, stews

Grahams, Popcorn,

**Assorted Chips** 

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.)



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.



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