



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.

October 12, 2025 **11:00 a.m.**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Joyful, Joyful" *arr. by Michael Costello*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship - adapted from Psalm 66
Leader: People of Faith, come and see what God is doing!
People: **God guides us and walks with us.**
Leader: See how God is giving us hope.
People: **God has brought us together in this sacred space.**
Leader: Let us give glory to God!
People: **Let us sing praises to God!**

Opening Prayer
God of our salvation,
you are the source of hope and wisdom and joy.
Your love and mercies are not limited
to one time or to one people.
You continue to heal and to save,
transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set.
For such expansive love,
it is our right, duty, and joy
to offer you all our thanks and praise,
now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 577 *by Harry Emerson Fosdick*
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "For the Beauty of the Earth" *by Gabriel Faure*
First UMC Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies, over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Gracious God,
we gather to thank you for all the ways
you bring forth life and health and renewal.
We offer you our gratitude for all the blessings we have received.
With thanks and praise,
we ask you to show us how to use your gifts
so that the hungry may be fed,
the thirsty given clean water,
the poor be lovingly cared for,
the sick be comforted,
and all people come to know your mercy and forgiveness.
We pray these things in the name of your Son. 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. 111 *by Brian Wren*
"How Can We Name a Love"

Scripture Reading - Luke 17:11-19 *NT Page 81*

Sermon - "The Way Things Ought to Be" Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 885 - "A Modern Affirmation"

Hymn of Response No. 140 *by Thomas Chishom*
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction

Choral Benediction - "This Our Joyful Hymn" *by John Rutter*
First UMC Chancel Choir

Chimes of the Trinity

Music Appreciation Focus
From the Opening Voluntary to the Postlude, the music ministry at First UMC is one of the essential parts of our worship time together. Worship without music would be uninspiring at best. However, the postlude often becomes just a bit of background music for exiting the building. What if we took the time to sit back down after the Chimes of the Trinity and let the music of the postlude filter into our souls to inspire us to follow God throughout the week?

After the Chimes of the Trinity at the end of the service, you may choose to be seated 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 - "St. Anthony's Chorale" *by Joseph Haydn*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Prayer Requests

All are encouraged to review the list and contact the church office to add or remove a name from the prayer list. (*denotes FUMC members)

First UMC member:
*Jemmietta Allred (TB 10-9-25)
*Joyce Inabinett (BF 10-7-25)
*Vicki Olson (CM 10-7-25)
*Carlie Bostick (AB 10-2-25)
*Judy Hench (CS 9-11-25)
*Peggy Everhart (CS 9-11-25)
*Bob Pearson (CS 9-11-25)
*Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

Friends & Family:
Wayne Owens (CM 10-7-25)
Marjorie Clark (CM 10-7-25)
Spencer Davis (CM 10-7-25)
Torrey Jackson (LM 10-5-25)
Rev. Ed Kelaher (LM 10-3-25)
Jamie Everhart (MG 9-30-25)
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer (CM 9-30-25)
Mark Frye (CM 9-30-25)
Beth Graves (MG 9-30-25)
Julie Gwaltney (JS 9-29-25)
Midway Methodist (9-23-25)
Rick LeBaube (CB 9-23-25)
Melba (Charles) Purvis (PE 9-9-25)
Steve Erickson (VO 9-7-25)
Sharon/Edsel Beck (JD 9-3-25)
Edith Clement (JD 9-3-25)
Dana (Rodney) Colquitt (JD 9-3-25)
Brentley & Conley Castor (JD 9-3-25)
Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor (JD 9-3-25)
Curt (Lisa) Miller (JD 9-3-25)
Deanna Smith (JD 9-3-25)
Kimberly Wood (CM 8-25-25)
Lee Ann Bethel (CM 8-25-25)
Tami Robinson (CM 8-25-25)
Arlette Walser (BF 7-29-25)
Irene Foster (BF 7-29-25)
Arnold Miller (KW 7-23-25)
Geri & Chuck Bowyer (CM 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)
Christine (CM 7-14-25)

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

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

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, October 12
8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
12:00pm Teens of Life Youth, Kersey Valley Maize Adventure
4:00pm **Fall Train Rides & Wiener Roast**, Home of Judy & William Deal

Monday, October 13
10:00am The Fruit of the Spirit, Conference Room
10:00am Line Dancing, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 14
10:00am Companions in Christ, Conference Room
12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center

Wednesday, October 15
12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary
4:30pm Crochet, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 16
6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 17
9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
10:45am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
1:30pm Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley

Saturday, October 18
Sunday, October 19
Laity Sunday
8:30am United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
2:00pm Trustees, Fellowship Hall
Fall BLOCK PARTY & Trunk or Treat, State Street Parking Lot
Teens of Life Youth, Fall BLOCK PARTY & Trunk or Treat

Fall Train Rides & Wiener Roast - Sunday, October 12 (4p until 6p)
 Home of Judy and William Deal - **Train Rides begin at 4p.**
The wiener roast will begin when the train rides are completed.

Make a Donation to Help with RISE Against Hunger Event Cost
 Please submit your donation to Christa Weeks, Judy Deal or Alma Carlton by **Wednesday, October 15**. If you have questions, please contact Christa Weeks or Judy Deal. **Event Date:** Sunday, November 2. Our goal is \$4,400.00. Thank you for your support of this project that makes such a difference worldwide.

Pastor’s Pantry Corn Challenge - October 19 - November 9
On October 19, we will begin to collect cans of **whole kernel yellow corn** for the Thanksgiving & Christmas meals provided by Pastor’s Pantry. Our goal this year is **500 cans**. The collection site will be located on the table just outside of the Administrative Assistant’s office.

BLOCK Party and Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 19 (5p--6p)
Wear your favorite costumes, invite your neighbors, and join us for a fun time of fellowship, games, food, and Trunk-or-Treat! Everyone is welcome & invited to participate!

How Can You Participate?
• Donate bags of candy to be given away at Trunk-or-Treat – **Collection Site: Table outside of Donna’s office near Volunteer’s Desk**
• Decorate your car trunk and/or truck tailgate **OR** simply park your vehicle & sit in chairs, hand out candy & greet the community in the State Street parking lot during the event. Please arrive **by 4p** to park & set-up.



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



Prayer Gifts 4 Missions Outreach is an interfaith outreach ministry combining the gift of prayer with the gift of a handmade tied fleece blanket, or a knitted or crocheted shawl for those needing prayer in our church and community. **During Sunday worship services & Midday Prayer 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 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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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
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

Open Hands of Davidson County
Clean & Gently Used: bath towels, washcloths
Personal Care Items:
Shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste/ toothbrush (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 located on the main hallway.
Thank You!