



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 19, 2025 **8:54 a.m.**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday**

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Gathering Music - *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* arr. by Cindy Berry
Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

No matter how far from God we seem to be,
we do not lose heart:
For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.
No matter how many obstacles we face in life,
in the church, we do not lose heart:
For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.
No matter how hard it is to continually pray
and work for justice, we do not lose heart:
For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will forgive and restore my people;
when I will equip them for every good work;
and when I will grant justice,
for I hear their cries day and night.

Opening Prayer
Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us.
We rejoice that you make us your partners
in pursuit of a just and peaceful world.
With Jesus, we ask the question,
"Will there be faith on earth?"
Will we settle for mere beliefs,
or will we yield to the deep longing
for your will to be done, here and now?
Teach us to hope, work and cry out
for your justice and peace to be made real.
Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day
when all God's children belong
to your eternal family. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 384 by Charles Wesley
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* arr. by Mark Hayes
Phyllis Jones, piano

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Your promise is written on our hearts, dear God,
and your strength is in the work of our hands.
We offer you all that we have and all that we are,
that your love may be made known
throughout your world. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation No. 451 Ancient Irish; trans. By Mary E. Byrne
"Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture Reading - Luke 18:1-8 (NT Pg. 81)
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT Pg. 735)

Sermon - *"Will There Be Faith on Earth?"* Rev. Cheryl Skinner

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

Hymn of Response No. 500 by George Croly
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Benediction

Traveling Music - *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* by Ken Medema
Phyllis Jones, piano

Flowers
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jonathan Everhart by Phyllis Jones.



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)
*Charlie Bostick (AB 10-2-25)
*Judy Hench (CS 9-11-25)
*Bob Pearson (CS 9-11-25)
*Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

Friends & Family:
Julie Milner (JO 10-14-25)
Kathy Matthews (MG 10-14-25)
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher (LM 10-14-25)
Jamie Everhart (MG 10-14-25)
Beth Graves (MG 10-14-25)
Midway Methodist (10-14-25)
Major (DB 10-14-25)
Special Friend (DB 10-14-25)
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer (CM10-13-25)
Special Friends (CM 10-7-25)
Spencer Davis (CM 10-7-25)
Torrey Jackson (LM 10-5-25)
Mark Frye (CM 9-30-25)
Julie Gwaltney (JS 9-29-25)
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)

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

A Note of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to David Inabinett and family upon the occasion of the death of his mother, Joyce Inabinett, on October 15, 2025 at Hinkle Hospice House.

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.

Member Care
*Dot Cook
*Ginnie Easter
*Hilda Flynt
*Louise Hawley
*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
*Bob Pearson

Residents
*Joan & Dick Bisbee
*Betsy Buchanan
*Herman Crabtree
*Jim Dillon
*Becki & Tom Foust

Westminster Canterbury (Virginia)
*Bettye Gray

United in Nurturing Fellowship

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
5:00pm **Fall BLOCK PARTY & Trunk or Treat**, State Street Parking Lot
5:00pm Teens of Life Youth, Fall BLOCK PARTY & Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 20
10:00am The Fruit of the Spirit, Conference Room
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 21
Amtrak Train to the State Fair
12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center
5:45pm Faith & Friends provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries
6:00pm ALIVE! Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 22
12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary
4:30pm Crochet, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 23
6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 24
9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
10:45am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
1:30pm Crafting, Home of Terri Hawley

Saturday, October 25
BBQ Festival, Uptown Lexington
Teens of Life Youth Fundraiser, Parking Cars during BBQ Festival in the church parking areas

Sunday, October 26
Reformation Sunday
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
3:00pm Cluster Charge Conference, Macedonia UMC—An opportunity to meet our “new” District Superintendent

RISE Against Hunger Experience - Sunday, November 2
Fellowship Hall - *Join us as we pack nutritious meals that represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. Volunteers are the heart of the mission to end hunger. RISE Against Hunger could not send millions of meals around the globe each year without YOU! You are asked to sign-up for the event.*

Choose an option below:

- **Click & Go** on the logo from our Constant Contact weekly email
- Go directly to our website **NEWS** section & **Click & Go** on the logo
- Contact the church office (336) 248-2886 and Donna can help you sign-up

Thank you for your support of this project that makes such a difference worldwide.

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

United Women in Faith Crafts for Sale - Some craft items from last year’s event are available for sale. Please stop by for some early Christmas shopping.

- **Sunday, November 9** - Fellowship Hall (9:30a until 10:55a)
- **Sunday, Nov 16 & Nov 23** - Genesis Class (9:30a until 10:55a)

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.

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



Because she shops year-round and finds great deals to fill a great shoebox, 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.



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