



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.

September 14, 2025 **8:45 a.m.**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Gathering Music - "10,000 Reasons" by M. Redman & J. Myrin
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Chorus:
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending.
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

Chorus

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Call to Worship
Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us and seeks us out.
Great is our joy as we are found in Christ!

Opening Prayer
O God of heaven and earth,
bless us with your mercy and grace.
Enter our hearts and make us holy.
Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways,
that we might not wander alone.
Hear our cries and gather us to yourself,
that we may be one with each other,
through the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Song of Praise - "God of Wonders" by Byrd & Hindalong
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on High

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
And as I stumble through the darkness, I will call your name by night

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. *repeat*

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Lord, I Need You" by Christy Nockels & Matt Maher
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Lord I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

So, teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
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Lord, I need you, oh I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.

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Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings
Judy Deal-Operation Christmas Child

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Most gracious God, we bring these gifts,
as we bring ourselves.
We are nothing special in ourselves.
But you seek us, you gather us together;
and in your arms, our lives come together.
Bless us and these gifts,
that together we may be a blessing
and return your glory to you,
where it belongs. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Luke 15:1-10 NT Page 78

Sermon - "Shepherding Sinners" Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Prayer of Yearning
God of heaven and earth, be with us in our need.
Though we often go astray,
we seek your love and mercy.
Though we often listen to fools who say,
"There is no God,"
our hearts belong to you.
Be our Shepherd and guide our ways,
for we are lost and afraid
and weary of wandering.
We long to be welcomed home
in your gracious mercy. Amen.

Song of Response - "Hold Us Together" by Matt Maher & Steve Wilson
The ALIVE! Praise Band

It don't have a job, it don't pay your bills.
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills.
Won't fix your life in five easy steps.
Ain't the law of the land or the government.
But it's all you need.

Chorus
And love will hold us together,
make us a shelter to weather the storm.
And I'll be my brother's keeper,
so the whole world will know that we're not alone
It's waiting for you, knocking at your door
in the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor,
and you're on your knees

This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
It's gonna be alright it's gonna be alright

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Benediction

Traveling Music - "Hold Us Together" by Matt Maher & Steve Wilson
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Flowers
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Frank Stoner upon the occasion of his 80th birthday on September 21st by Julie & Glenn Griggs, Wayne Gwaltney, Tim Gwaltney & their families.

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:**
*George Hunt (KT 9-11-25)
*Judy Hench (CS 9-11-25)
*Peggy Everhart (CS 9-11-25)
*Bob Pearson (CS 9-11-25)
*Pat Langley (PL 9-8-25)
*Cindy/Tom Smith (AC 5-15-25)

- Friends & Family:**
Donese (Peter) Carpenter (PE 9-9-25)
Melba (Charles) Purvis (PE 9-9-25)
Steve Erickson (VO 9-7-25)
Phil Kinzer (CM 9-5-25)
Torrey Jackson (LM 9-3-25)
Sharon/Edsel Beck (JD9-3-25)
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)
Deanna Smith (JD 9-3-25)
Curt (Lisa) Miller (JD 9-3-25)
Kimberly Wood (CM 8-25-25)
Lee Ann Bethel (CM 8-25-25)
Tami Robinson (CM 8-25-25)
Beth Graves (MG 8-5-25)
Arlette Walser (BF 7-29-25)
Midway Methodist (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)
Judy Jordan (CM 7-11-25)
Kay Gilmer (CM 7-10-25)
Cheryl Crago (EC 7-8-25)
Deborah Bisbee (JB 7-4-25)
Gil Walser (AB 6-18-25)
Woody Bowman (TF 6-10-25)
Beckey Griffith (CM 5-20-25)
Rick LeBaube (CB 5-13-25)
Special Friends (CM 5-13-25)
Laura Turlington (HC 4-29-25)
Major (DB 4-28-25)
Kay Crouse (TB 4-28-25)
Ron & KristieWooten (OE 4-28-25)

- Lenny Wegwart (CM 4-13-25)
Greg Leonard (LL 4-2-25)
Gary (Pat) Leonard (LL 4-2-25)
Tommy Hendrix (LL 4-2-25)
Special Friend (DB 4-1-25)
Mark Frye (CM 4-1-25)
Faye & Family (LH 3-27-25)
Amanda Hall (LH 3-23-25)
Tricia Royster (TB 2-19-25)
Martha S.Winters (LH 2-19-25)
John McCutcheon (LH 2-19-25)
Sarah Rakestraw (EC 2-11-25)
Gloria Bulluck (GF 12-7-24)
Brandon/Jan Kraft (CM 11-12-24)
Trevor Vermette (GS 11-8-24)
Betty Dix (LH 6-11-24)
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**
David, Hannah, 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

United in Nurturing Fellowship

- Sunday, September 14**
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 Medical Response Team, Fellowship Hall
4:00pm Teens of Life Youth “New Year” Kick-Off Pizza Party with our friends at FBC

- Monday, September 15**
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

- Tuesday, September 16**
10:00am Companions in Christ, Conference Room
12:00pm Prayer Warrior Lunch, BBQ Center
5:30pm Altar Guild, Fellowship Hall
5:45pm Genesis Class provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries
7:00pm Jesus’ Parables Study, Fellowship Hall

- Wednesday, September 17**
12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary
5:00pm KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
5:00pm Endowment, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Faith Seekers, Home of Fran Copley
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

- Thursday, September 18**
Friday, September 19
9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom
10:45am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom

- Saturday, September 20**
Sunday, September 21
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 Teens of Life Youth, Youth Room, 2nd Floor

United Women in Faith Backpack Program Polo Shirt Fundraiser
You have an opportunity to purchase a high-quality First UMC embroidered logo polo shirt in a variety of colors and sizes. **A detailed order form can be found in the bulletin.** ALL proceeds benefit Communities in Schools Backpack Program. Thank you in advance for your support!

Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Cruise In
Sponsored by the United Methodist Men
Saturday, October 11 (10a-2p)

You may scan the QR code with your smartphone for **details & registration** or contact Richard Foust (336) 971-6158. Visit the NEWS Section on our website or pick up a **printed copy of the detailed flyer & registration form** at the Volunteer’s Desk.



Fall Train Rides and 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.



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.

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 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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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!