

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.

September 28, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

*Opening Voluntary - "Fairest Lord Jesus"*Phyllis Jones, organ

arr. by Janet Linker

Call to Worship

We gather today to worship God, who listens when we call.
We gather to rest in the shadow of God's wings.
We gather to pray to God, who answers us when we call.
We gather to lift our voices in the shadow of God's wings.
We gather to praise God, who rescues us when we call.
We gather to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings.
Beloved, come! Let us worship God,
who covers and delivers us in Love.
We gather to worship in the shadow of God's wings.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, giver of all good gifts,
you have created us for life together,
and in Christ you have revealed to us
that the true riches of faith are good works,
generosity, and a desire to serve.
Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness,
godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness,
that we may take hold of the life that is really life,
and dwell with you eternally. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 110

by Martin Luther

"A Mighty Fortress"

Anthem - "Cantique de Jean Racine" First UMC Chancel Choir

Oh, Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal light of the earth and the sky, We kneel in adoration. Oh Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye.

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thine illuminating radiance,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell.

Oh Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory,
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Hospice Recognition for First UMC - Clark Smith & Lauren Hall

Prayer of Thanksgiving
You free us, O God, from self-interest and folly.
You bring us into a land of choicest wheat
and sweetest honey.
As we return a portion of these gifts to you,
may we extend the banquet of your love to allespecially the poor, the crippled, the lame,
the blind, and all who suffer.
May our offering bring healing and light
to a world filled with anguish and despair. Amen.



A Time for the Child in All of Us

All kids are invited to join us down front for a time just for them! Afterwards, kids in kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.

Hymn of Preparation No. 399

by Frances Havergall

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Scripture Reading - Luke 16:19-31

NT Page 79-80

by Gabriel Faure

Sermon - "If I Were a Rich Man"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Prayer - A Prayer of St. Boniface (ca. 672-754)
Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children,
we praise you for all you have given us,
for all you have done for us,
for all that you are to us.
In our weakness, you are strength,
in our darkness, you are light,
in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace.
We cannot number your blessings,
we cannot declare your love:
For all your blessings, we bless you.
May we live as in your presence,
and love the things that you love,
and serve you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn of Response No. 413

by Charles Wesley

+**13** "A Charge to Keep I Have" Benediction

Choral Benediction - "Amen"
First UMC Chancel Choir

by Allen Pote

Chimes of the Trinity

Music Appreciation Focus

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 - "God of Grace"

arr. by Paul Manz

Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers

Sermon Notes:

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ella Timberlake upon the occasion of her birthday by Tim Timberlake and Kay & Bob Timberlake.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jackson (6 yrs. old) and Wren (4 yrs. old) upon the occasion of their September birthdays by their grandparents, Karen and Ron Coleman.

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)

Laura Turlington (HC 4-29-25)

Mark Frye (CM 4-1-25)

Amanda Hall (LH 3-23-25)

Martha S. Winters (LH 2-19-25)

John McCutcheon (LH 2-19-25)

Sarah Rakestraw (EC 2-11-25)

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)

Betty Jean Whitaker (1-31-24)

David, Hannah, Nicholas, &

Samuel Mora—Honduras

*Major Kacie Allred

Major Jarrad Thorley

*SGT John Hall

SGT Alan Ingram

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Sergeant McRay Calderone

Kendall Conner (1-31-24)

Stan Larson (1-31-24)

Missionaries

Trevor Vermette (GS 11-8-24)

Major (DB 4-28-25)

First UMC member: *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: Myrna & Spencer Davis (CM 9-16-25) Beth Graves (MG 9-16-25) Jamie Everhart (MG 9-15-25) Phil (Sharon) Kinzer (CM 9-15-25) Donese (Peter) Carpenter (PE 9-9-25) Melba (Charles) Purvis (PE 9-9-25) Steve Erickson (VO 9-7-25)

Torrey Jackson (LM 9-3-25) Sharon/Édsel Beck (JD9-3-25) Edith Clement (JD 9-3-25) Dana (Rodney) Colquitt (ID 9-3-25)

Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor (JD 9-3-25) Curt (Lisa) Miller (ID 9-3-25) Deanna Smith (ID 9-3-25) Beverly Leonard (CM 9-2-25)

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)

Dorey Thomas (JĹ 7-21-25) Elizabeth Morales (JL 7-18-25) Michael Wood (CM 7-16-25)

Beckey Griffith (CM 5-20-25) Rick LeBaube (CB 5-13-25) Special Friends (CM 5-13-25)

Kay Crouse (TB 4-28-25) Ron & Kristie Wooten (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)

Faye & Family (LH 3-27-25) Tricia Royster (TB 2-19-25)

Brentley & Conley Castor (ID 9-3-25) Gloria Bulluck (GF 12-7-24) Brandon/Jan Kraft (CM 11-12-24)

Midway Methodist (7-29-25)

Geri & Chuck Bowyer (CM 7-21-25)

Jon & Emerson Bethel (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 (IB 7-4-25) Woody Bowman (TF 6-10-25)

Member Care

*Eddie (Jemmietta) Allred *Dot Cook *Ginnie Easter

*Hilda Flynt *Larlie Mae Knight *Edna Morris *lohn (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 *lim Dillon

*Becki & Tom Foust Westminster Canterbury

(Virginia) *Bettye Gray

Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Amanda (Carlos) Bostick, Xander, Carlie, Colbie and their family upon the occasion of the death of her father Gil Walser, on September 16, 2025.

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, September 28

Early Worship, Fellowship Hall 8:45am 9:45am Sunday School for ALL Ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary II:00am

LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC II:00am

Monday, September 29

The Fruit of the Spirit, Conference Room 10:00am

7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee), Parlor

Tuesday, September 30

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

4:00pm Laity Service Award Nominations Due, Church Office

7:00pm lesus' Parables Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 1 12:00pm Midday Prayer Service, Sanctuary

KINDÉRMÚSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 5:00pm 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 2

Friday, October 3 KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 9:30am KINDERMUSIK, Ground Floor Classroom 10:45am

Saturday, October 4 Sunday, October 5

8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall Sunday School for ALL Ages 9:45am Morning Worship, Sanctuary II:00am

LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC II:00am

4:00pm Blessing of the Animals, Church Lawn

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5 | (4p) | First UMC Front Lawn

In case of rain, join us under the 4th Avenue porte cochere. **Gentle reminder:** All animals should be on a leash or in carrier for the safety and comfort of all who

Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Cruise In - Sponsored by United Methodist Men Saturday, October II

(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 & 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. Home of Judy and William Deal - Train Rides begin at 4p.

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.

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 **before 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

Communities In Schools Items Needed: **Peanut Butter Crackers** Ramen Noodles Individual/Single Serve Sized: Mac & Cheese, Soups,

Spaghetti O's, Lasagna

Little Debbie snack cakes

Goldfish, Pretzels, Teddy

Canned drinks (12 oz. or less)

Grahams, Popcorn, Assorted

Peppermint Candies

Single serve sized:

Chips

County

Granola Bars

Hospice of Davidson work quite well.) Pastor's Pantry **Items Needed:** Canned Food: green beans, Small water bottles tuna, chicken, soups, stews Peanut Butter Crackers Cheese Crackers

Open Hands of

Davidson County

towels, washcloths

Personal Care Items:

Shampoo, bar soap,

deodorant, toothpaste/

toothbrush (Travel size items

Clean & Gently Used: **bath**

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!



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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