



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

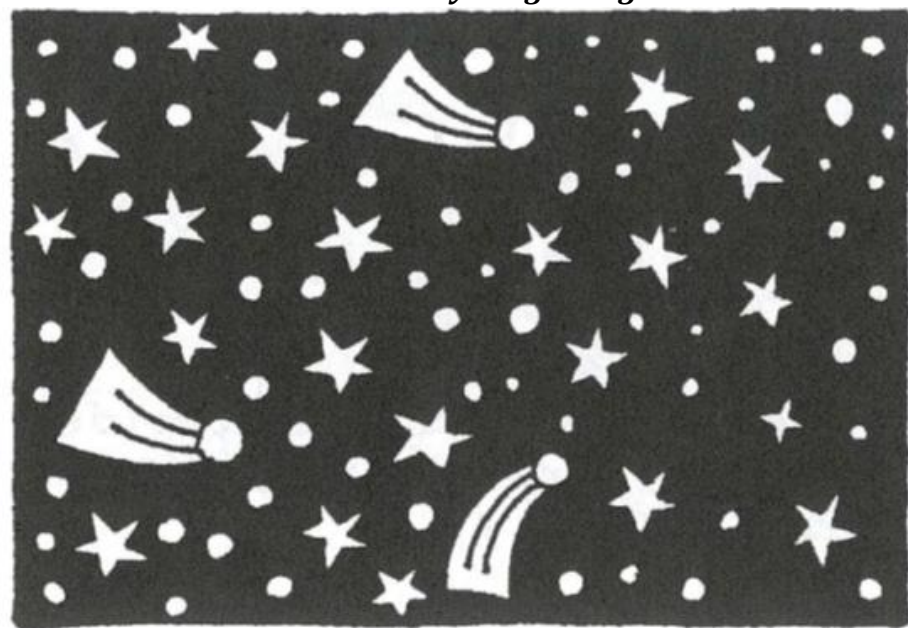
LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

At First United Methodist Church we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

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!

August 23, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Manna and Mercy: Beginnings



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "Prelude and Fugue in Bb" by J.S. Bach
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship - based on Psalm 8

Leader: O God, our God, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!

People: **Your glory shines from below
and grows from above.**

Leader: You bring wisdom from the youngest
and most vulnerable of us.

People: **You call forth delight in those who live
both long and deep.**

Leader: We look to your creation and find you everywhere.

People: **We see you in the moon and the stars.**

Leader: O God, Our God, how majestic is your name
in all the earth.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, in that first spark of creativity,
you set the cosmos in motion.
Time after time,
your creative presence brings new life and hope.
We experience your love,
as we see the marvels of nature.
We experience your love,
as we study the ethics and compassion of Christ.
We experience your love
through the ever-presence of your Holy Spirit,
who was with you in the beginning,
and is with us to the end of the age.
For your loving presence in all your infinite ways,
we give you thanks. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 62 by Francis of Assisi
"All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1-4 & 7)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "With Songs of Rejoicing" by J. S. Bach
First UMC Chancel Choir

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord;
For He has done marvelous, marvelous things! Break forth into joy.

His praises the lyre and trumpet employ.
The floods clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy.
The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.

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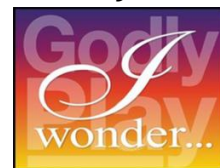
With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord;
Come make a joyful noise. Sing to the Lord Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

As we offer our prayers, our presence,
our gifts of time and resources, our service,
and our witness,
we are grateful to join in God's creative acts
to bring love and peace and hope to the world.
Amen.

A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Kirk Tutterow



All children are invited to come to the front of the
church at this time. Afterwards, children in
kindergarten thru 2nd grade are invited to follow the
leader to the Godly Play Room for Children's Church.

Song of Preparation No. 393 Daniel Iverson
"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
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First Scripture Reading - Genesis 1:1-2:3

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Sung Response

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Second Scripture Reading - Genesis 2:4b-25

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Sermon - "Beginnings"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

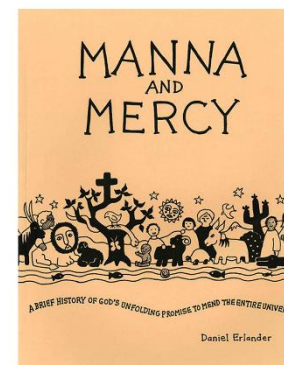
Affirmation of Faith No. 883 - "A Statement of Faith of the United
Church of Canada"

Hymn of the Spirit TFWS No. 2120 by James K. Manley
"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" by Henry Purcell
Phyllis Jones, organ



Next Sunday: "Big Deals"

- Read Manna & Mercy pages 1-3 (Feel free to color!)
- Read Genesis 3:1-13 (Adam & Eve); 4:1-16 (Cain & Abel); 6-9:17 (Noah and The Flood); 11:1-9 (The Tower of Babel)

Questions to ponder:

- What makes someone a "Big Deal?"
- What are the benefits and drawbacks of being one?
- Who are "Big Deals" in the above stories from Genesis?
- What do they yearn for?
- How do they relate to God and God's creation, and how does God relate to them?
- Who are "Big Deals" today, and why does it matter?

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:**

Louise Hawley
Curtis Leonard
Terri Beck
Jim Dillon
Larry Langley
Mary Plyde Bell
Lewis McMillan
Judy Hensch
G. F. Smith

Friends & Family:

Debbie McNeill
Vernon Murray
Matt
Julie Griggs
Molly Pflueger
Margaret Fite McKinnon
Gary (Pat) Leonard
Fabi (India)
Tami Robinson
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Sam Branson
Ashlyn Tookey
Alec Rhodes
Mary Sue Leonard
Irene Foster
Beth Graves
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Special Friends (7-28-26)
Tommy Hendrix
Darrell Shoaf
Marlene Jones
Charlotte Froelich
Aubrey Ward
Brad
Torrey Jackson
Tony Hill
Linda Cox
Jackie Truell Butler
Julie Milner

Long Term (6 months or longer):

Jean McCrary
Richard Slater
Michael Wood
Elizabeth Morales
Judy Jordan
Kay Gilmer
Kay Crouse
Trevor Vermette
Joan Briggs
Amy McIntosh
Stan Larson
Betty Jean Whitaker

Missionaries

David, Hannah, Nicholas, & Samuel Mora—United States
- Member Care**

*Dot Cook
*Ginnie Easter
*Hilda Flynt
*Louise Hawley
*Larlie Mae Knight
*Edna Morris
*Carolyn Smith
*Patricia Smith
*Dr. Hunter Strader
*Ruby (Buddy) Taylor
*Flonnie Thomason
Peggy & Wayne Wegwart
*Dare Wilson

Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)

*Mary Norman

Brookdale (Lexington)

*Libby & Max Lanning
*Ramona Phelps

Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)

Assisted Living

*Rachel Hendrix
*Bob Pearson

Residents

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

Serving in the Armed Forces

*Major Kacie Allred
*Sergeant McRay Calderone
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

United in Nurturing Fellowship

- Sunday, August 23**
- 8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
3:00pm Church Council, Fellowship Hall
- Monday, August 24**
- 7:00pm Lexington Choral Society, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, August 25**
- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior's Lunch, B-B-Q Center
- Wednesday, August 26**
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:00pm Finance Team, Parlor
- Thursday, August 27**
- (7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
- Friday, August 28**
- Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)
- Saturday, August 29**
- Sunday, August 30**
- 8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
5:00pm Homemade Ice Cream Social, Fellowship Hall

FALL Bible Studies
The Way of Blessedness, a 10-Week study on the Beatitudes, **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Church Library** beginning **September 15**. Cost of participant's book: \$10

Disciple Fast Track 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study, a 24-week study offering a broad overview of the Bible. **We need at least six participants**—time & place to be determined by what works best for the most people. Cost of participant's book: \$17

Sign-up: call the church office, email Rev. Cheryl or visit our website. You may pay for and pick up your participant books at the church office.

Homemade Ice Cream Social – August 30 (5p-7p) Rain or Shine!
Please let Judy Deal know by **Sunday, August 23**, if you would like to **donate a freezer, or maybe two, of homemade ice cream** for the event, contact Judy Deal at **336-479-7244 OR** the church office.

Appreciation Dinner – September 2 (6pm) Fellowship Hall
An invitation to the members of the **Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, ALIVE! Praise Band, Sound/Video Teams, Emergency Response Team, Security Team, Usher/Greeters, and Office Volunteers** in appreciation of your devoted ministry to the church. Spouses/significant others are invited. **To RSVP:** call or email the church office **OR** visit our website no later than **Monday, August 31**.

Amtrak Train to the NC State Fair – Payment Due for Train Ticket
You, your family, friends, and neighbors are invited to join us and travel by Amtrak train to the NC State Fair in Raleigh, NC. ***Round-trip ticket: \$52 per person** ***Amtrak ticket money must be paid to Judy Deal or Alma Carlton no later than Sunday, September 6.** Amtrak tickets cannot be purchased without payment. **NC State Fair ticket: \$13** (ages 13-64) at the gate & **FREE (65 and over)** the **day we are going**. Questions, feel free to contact Judy Deal at 336-479-7244.

Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser Sponsored by the UNITED METHODIST MEN – Friday, September 18 (10a until 6p)
Pick up at the State Street entrance - \$13/plate – **TICKETS ON SALE** until **September 11**.

Bake Sale Fundraiser Sponsored by the UNITED WOMEN in FAITH – Friday, September 18 (10a until 1p)
State Street entrance – Be sure to purchase your homemade desserts for the weekend!

Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Cruise-In Sponsored by the United Methodist Men – Saturday, October 17 (10a-2p) You may **SCAN** the **QR code** on the right with your smartphone for details & registration, contact Richard Foust (336) 971-6158 or pick up a printed copy of the flyer/registration form at the Volunteer's Desk.



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 Grahams, Popcorn, Assorted Chips

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!
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.)

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:
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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 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.

Giving Generously Together

Offering plates are provided at the back of the sanctuary.



Mail to First UMC, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292.
Online Giving for mobile device users, the **QR code on the left** 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.