



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.

August 2, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Vision Statement of the United Methodist Church

*The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "Pastorale" by Giuseppe Sammartini
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: Fellow children of God, 'Peace be with you'!

People: **Peace be with you!**

Leader: As God sent Jesus, Jesus is sending us to reignite the work of the Gospel in our churches, in our neighborhoods, in our world.

People: **We will go and make disciples of all nations, by giving voice to the marginalized, shielding the oppressed, caring for the poor, and refusing to ignore the corruption and misuse of power in our own nation.**

Leader: Through the strength of God, grace of Jesus Christ, and light of the Holy Spirit, we are refreshed and made new.

People: **Living God, we know you are with us always, to the very end of the age.**

Opening Prayer

Creator God, there is excited, holy energy swirling around us. May we take this brief moment to feel your unconditional love rest upon the surface of our hearts. (Pause.)

May we breathe together the everlasting breath of the Holy Spirit, who reignites our passion and hope for the future.

Inhale, we are beloved children of God.

Exhale, we are rejuvenated through Christ's love.

Inhale, we remember those whom society would rather cast aside.

Exhale, we emerge with strength for the journey ahead.

Inhale, we reclaim what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Exhale, we are equipped to rebuild God's church.

May these feelings center us during our time of worship, and continue to guide us in the journey ahead. Amen.

Invitation to Praise No. 400 by Robert Robinson
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings Grace Woods
Reflections on Annual Conference

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.**

Anthem - "Lord, Don't Lift Your Spirit from Me" by Andre Crouch
Ken Davis, vocalist

A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Amy Higgins
 *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.*

Scriptures - 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2; Matthew 28:16-20
NT Pages 181; 34

Sermon - "Rebuild My Church: Lead Courageously"
Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Hymn of Response TFWS #2171 *Prayer of St. Francis*
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Invitation to Holy Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom, but we live with tightness in our chest.
You have called us to move in a new direction, but we cling to the path we know.
You have called us to reach outward in love, but we draw inward for protection.
You have called us to live with abandon, in trust, but we live carefully, in fear.**

God, forgive us. Amen
(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)

Words of Assurance

God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...
...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God. Now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Invitation To Be the Church - No. 369 by Fanny J. Crosby
"Blessed Assurance"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - “Trumpet March” by Jeremiah Clarke
Phyllis Jones, organ

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:	Beckey Griffith	Member Care
Jim Dillon	Janet Fite Coyne	*Dot Cook
Larry Langley	Ron & Kristie Wooten	*Ginnie Easter
Terri Beck	Spencer Davis	*Hilda Flynt
Mary Plyde Bell	Kelly Greathouse	*Louise Hawley
Lewis McMillan	Mark Frye	*Larlie Mae Knight
Judy Hench	Special Friends (4-28-26)	*Edna Morris
G. F. Smith	Myrna Davis	*Carolyn Smith
Curtis Leonard	Jim McCutcheon	*Patricia Smith
Louise Hawley	Jane King	*Dr. Hunter Strader
Friends & Family:	Kaitlin Deebel	*Ruby (Buddy) Taylor
Irene Foster	Cheryl Crago	*Flonnie Thomason
Jean McCrary	Sarah Rakestraw	Peggy & Wayne Wegwart
Beth Graves	Anna Cruz	*Dare Wilson
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	Deborah Bisbee	Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)
Special Friends (7-28-26)	Jamie Vasquez	*Mary Norman
Molly Pflueger	Kayla	Brookdale (Lexington)
Sam Branson	Ginger Hill	*Libby & Max Lanning
Darrell Shoaf	Phil (Sharon) Kinzer	*Ramona Phelps
Rick Mack	Joyce Metters	Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)
Marlene Jones	Long Term (6 months or longer):	Assisted Living
Charlotte Froelich	Richard Slater	*Rachel Hendrix
Aubrey Ward	Michael Wood	*Bob Pearson
Brad	Louise & Ray Kombau	Residents
Debbie McNeill	Elizabeth Morales	*Joan & Dick Bisbee
Torrey Jackson	Judy Jordan	*Betsy Buchanan
Margaret Fite McKinnon	Kay Gilmer	*Herman Crabtree
Gary (Pat) Leonard	Kay Crouse	*Jim Dillon
Tony Hill	Tommy Hendrix	*Becki & Tom Foust
Fabi (India)	Trevor Vermette	Serving in the Armed Forces
Linda Cox	Joan Briggs	*Major Kacie Allred
Jackie Truell Butler	Amy McIntosh	*Sergeant McRay Calderone
Ashlyn Tookey	Stan Larson	SGT Alan Ingram
Mary Sue Leonard	Betty Jean Whitaker	Major Jarrad Thorley
Julie Milner	Missionaries	
Kendall Conner	David, Hannah, Nicholas, &	
Christine	Samuel Mora—United States	
Kimberly Wood		
Jon & Emerson Bethel		
Lee Ann Bethel		
Tami Robinson		
Cindy & Tom Smith		



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United in Nurturing Fellowship
Sunday, August 2
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
Monday, August 3
Elevated Shut Down All Day for Scheduled Maintenance
Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

Tuesday, August 4
12:00pm Prayer Warrior’s Lunch, B-B-Q Center
Wednesday, August 5
9:00am Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall
(2p-6:30p) Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, August 6
(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
Friday, August 7
Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)
Saturday, August 8
Sunday, August 9
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

BACK TO SCHOOL Sunday – August 16
During the 11am worship service, we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. ALL students are encouraged to bring their backpacks. Also, Sacred Dancers, Joy Brindle and India Cockrell, will join us in worship
Homemade Ice Cream Social – August 30 (5p-7p) Church Lawn
The Evangelism & Hospitality Team is looking for some folks to make a freezer, or maybe two, of homemade ice cream for the **Ice Cream Social event.** 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 at **226-248-2886.** Please note, in case of rain, we will gather in the fellowship hall.

Appreciation Dinner – September 2 (6pm) Fellowship Hall
The Appreciation Dinner for the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, ALIVE! Praise Band, Sound/Video Teams, Emergency Response Team, Security Team, Usher/Greeters, and Office Volunteers for their devoted ministry to the church is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 at (6pm) in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that spouses/significant others are invited. **SCAN** the QR code on the right with your smartphone to RSVP or call the church office no later than **Monday, August 31.**



Amtrak Train to the NC State Fair
The Evangelism and Hospitality Committee invites **you, your family, friends, and neighbors to join us on Tuesday, October 20** to travel by Amtrak train to the NC State Fair in Raleigh, NC. Departing from Salisbury, NC Amtrak Station.
***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 tickets** (purchased at the gate): \$13 (ages 13-64) and **FREE (65 and over) the day we are going.** If you have questions, feel free to contact Judy Deal at 336-479-7244.

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!

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:
Body wipes, disposable razors, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste/ toothbrush (Travel size items work quite well.)



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.