

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 30, 2026 11:00 a.m.
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Manna and Mercy:



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - “All Hail the Power of Jesus” Name”
arr. by Frederick Steffen
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship - based on Psalm 1
Leader: Blessed are those
who do not follow the advice of the selfish
People: or take the path that they follow,
or sit in the seat of people who ridicule others.
Leader: Their delight is in the teachings of the Lord,
People: and they meditate on God’s word day and night
putting God’s will ahead of even their own.
Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
People: but the words and deeds of those
who place themselves ahead of God will perish.

Opening Prayer (in unison)
God of the first and the last,
give us strength of mind,
that we might walk the path of obedience
and discipleship
without wasting our time
thinking about who is more important.
Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions
that we may put you first in all things,
welcoming all with hospitality and love.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 547 by Frederick Morley
“O Church of God, United”

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem - “Sing Ye Praises Unto The Father” by Wolfgang A. Mozart
First UMC Chancel Choir

Sing ye praises unto the Father, sing praises to the Lord of heaven.
Praise Him in the highest, praise Him in the highest.

Blessed be His name from this time forth forevermore.
All ye nations, all ye people that fear Him, ye servants of the Lord,
praise Him.

Sing ye praises unto the Father, sing praises to the Lord of heaven,
sing ye praises unto the Father, all ye nations, all ye people.
Sing ye praises unto the Father, sing ye praises unto the Father.
Praise Him in the highest, praise Him in the highest.

Blessed be His name from this time forth forevermore.
All ye nations, all ye people that fear Him, ye servants of the Lord,
praise Him.

Ye servants of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord, praise Him.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)
Gentle Jesus, you call us to live in your name
with honor and respect,
fully known to you and precious in your sight.
Draw us near to you each day,
and teach us how to receive and share your gifts
so that all the basic needs of life are met by all.
We pray together through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Cheryl Skinner
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. 355 by Charles Wesley
“Depth of Mercy”

First Scripture Reading - Genesis 3:1-13 OT Pages 2-3

Second Scripture Reading - Mark 9:33-37 NT Page 45

Sermon - “King of the Hill” Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Call to Confession (Leader)

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice
and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord,
let us confess our sins to God,
with hope of finding love and mercy.

Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of wisdom,
forgive our foolishness.
We desire what we do not need
and corrupt our relationships with envy.

You urge us to gentleness,
but we stir up conflict.
Give us your grace,
that we may harvest righteousness and peace,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Forgiveness No. 372 by Charles Wesley
“How Can We Sinners Know”

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

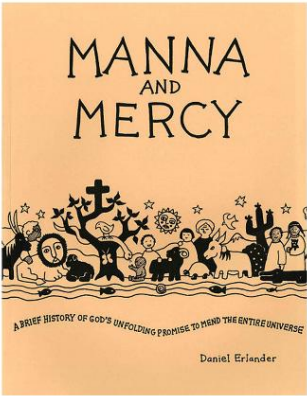
Postlude - “Festive Postlude” by Richard A. Williamson
Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers
The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Dedrick Samuels and in honor of Rick Samuels,
Forrest Samuels, and Sadie Sanders to commemorate their August
birthdays.

Next Sunday: “God Births a People”
• Read Manna & Mercy pages 4-6
• Read Exodus 1-15 (Moses leads the
Israelites out of Egypt)

Remember the Four Questions to ask
when reading scripture:
1. What does this scripture passage tell
you about God?
2. What does this scripture passage tell
you about human beings?
3. What does this scripture passage tell
you about God’s creation?
4. What does this scripture passage tell you about the relationships
between God, human beings, and God’s creation?

Additional questions to ponder:
• Where were the Israelites in Egypt’s social hierarchy, and
how did they get there?
• What did the Israelites yearn for the most? Who did they
turn to?
• Who is Moses, and how did he help God address their
yearning?
• What were Moses’ limitations, and how did God help him
overcome them?
• What did God want for the Israelites when he rescued them
from slavery?
• How did the Israelites respond to their new-found freedom?
• Where do you find yourself in the Exodus story? How does it
inform your faith?



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:	Kendall Conner
Gay Smith	Christine
Larry Langley	Kimberly Wood
Daniel Cavender	Jon & Emerson Bethel
Lewis McMillan	Lee Ann Bethel
Jim Dillon	Cindy & Tom Smith
Cindy Davis	Beckey Griffith
Kathy Oliver	Janet Fite Coyne
Terri Beck	Ron & Kristie Wooten
Mary Plyde Bell	Mark Frye
G. F. Smith	Special Friends (4-28-26)
Louise Hawley	Jim McCutcheon
Curtis Leonard	Jane King
Judy Hench	Kaitlin Deebel
	Cheryl Crago
Friends & Family:	Sarah Rakestraw
Kelly Greathouse	Anna Cruz
Sam Branson	Deborah Bisbee
Debbie McNeill	Jamie Vasquez
Vernon Murray	Kayla
Matt	Ginger Hill
Molly Pflueger	Joyce Metters
Margaret Fite McKinnon	
Gary (Pat) Leonard	Long Term (6 months or longer:
Fabi (India)	Jean McCrary
Tami Robinson	Richard Slater
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer	Michael Wood
Ashlyn Tookey	Elizabeth Morales
Alec Rhodes	Judy Jordan
Mary Sue Leonard	Kay Gilmer
Irene Foster	Kay Crouse
Beth Graves	Trevor Vermette
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	Joan Briggs
Special Friends (7-28-26)	Amy McIntosh
Tommy Hendrix	Stan Larson
Darrell Shoaf	Betty Jean Whitaker
Marlene Jones	
Charlotte Froelich	Missionaries
Aubrey Ward	David, Hannah, Nicholas, &
Brad	Samuel Mora—United States
Torrey Jackson	
Tony Hill	
Linda Cox	
Jackie Truell Butler	
Julie Milner	

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 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

Monday, August 31	
7:00pm	Lexington Choral Society, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 1	
12:00pm	Prayer Warrior's Lunch, B-B-Q Center

Wednesday, September 2	
10:00am	Staff Meeting, Library
6:00pm	Appreciation Dinner, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, September 3	
(7:30a-9:30a)	Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
4:00pm	Private meeting, Parlor

Friday, September 4	
	Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)

Saturday, September 5	
Sunday, September 6	
8:45am	Early Wworship, 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, September 7	
	Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day Monday

Blood Drive Update

We had a goal of 21 units of blood and **collected 31** units. Nearly half of those came from our own FUMC people. THANKS for your help!

Appreciation Dinner – September 2 (6pm) Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, ALIVE! Praise Band, Sound/Video Teams, Emergency Response Team, Security Team, Usher/Greeters, and Office Volunteers. 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
***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. **You, your family, friends, and neighbors are invited to join us Tuesday, October 20th** and travel by Amtrak train to the NC State Fair in Raleigh, NC. **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.

United Women in Faith WNCC Annual Celebration
Saturday, September 12 in Hickory. The cost is \$25 including lunch. We'll need to leave the church parking lot at 7:30a sharp. It's a wonderful time to celebrate our mission to women, children, and our sisterhood.

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! **Attention ALL FUMC bakers: If you would like to bake an item for the bake sale, we encourage you to do so. Please have your baked goods at the church by 9a.**

United Women in Faith September Meeting has MOVED
Mark your calendars to join us on **Thursday, October 1st (11a-1p)** in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship over lunch and our meeting.

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.



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:

- Contact the church office (336) 248-2886 and Donna can help you sign-up
- Go directly to our website **EVENTS/NEWS** section & **Click & Go** on the RISE Against Hunger logo

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



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.

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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 UVV 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.)