

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 9, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**
Eleventh 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. Jacqueline Tookey

Opening Music - "Goodness of God" by Cece Winans
Heather Hopkins, soloist

Call to Worship - Based on Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who delight in the Lord!
People: **We come to this place, where generations before us have gathered.**
Leader: Here we remember the light of God that shines in our lives.
People: **Here we allow God's light to shine through us.**
Leader: Let us worship our radiant God.
People: **Praise the Lord!**
Happy are we who delight in the Lord!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Amazing God, you have gathered us from many places to come together and praise you this day.
For this we are grateful!
As we worship today,
may our minds be opened to learn your wisdom.
May our eyes be opened to places that need healing.**

**May our hands be opened to do your good work.
May our hearts be opened to your Holy Spirit,
who gifts us and guides us.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise No. 98 by Fanny J. Crosby
"To God Be the Glory"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Panis Angelicus (O Lord Most Holy)" by C. Franck
Heather Hopkins, soloist

O Lord most holy, O Lord most holy,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising, alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our willful hearts,
Keep Thee our wand'ring thoughts;
In all our sorrows let us find our rest in Thee;
And in temptations hour, Save through Thy might pow'r,
Thine aid and O send us, Hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, So shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Abundant God, we are grateful for the ways
you bless our lives and for the gifts you give us.
May these gifts help heal and restore our community,
so that all will flourish like a well-watered garden.
Amen.**

A Time for the Child in All of Us



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.

Hymn of Preparation No. 451 Ancient Irish
"Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture - Matthew 5:13 NT Page 4

Sermon - "Salty" Rev. Jack Tookey

Affirmation of Faith No. 881 - "The Apostles' Creed"

Hymn of Faith No. 396 by John E. Bode
"O Jesus I Have Promised"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. by Janet Linker
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:

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

Friends & Family:

Ashlyn Tookey
Alec Rhodes
Mary Sue Leonard
Irene Foster
Jean McCrary
Beth Graves
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Special Friends (7-28-26)
Tommy Hendrix
Molly Pflueger
Sam Branson
Darrell Shoaf
Rick Mack
Marlene Jones
Charlotte Froelich
Aubrey Ward
Brad
Debbie McNeill
Torrey Jackson
Margaret Fite McKinnon
Gary (Pat) Leonard
Tony Hill
Fabi (India)
Linda Cox
Jackie Truell Butler
Julie Milner
Kendall Conner
Christine
Kimberly Wood

Jon & Emerson Bethel
Lee Ann Bethel
Tami Robinson
Cindy & Tom Smith
Beckey Griffith
Janet Fite Coyne
Ron & Kristie Wooten
Kelly Greathouse
Mark Frye
Special Friends (4-28-26)
Jim McCutcheon
Jane King
Kaitlin Deebeel
Cheryl Crago
Sarah Rakestraw
Anna Cruz
Deborah Bisbee
Jamie Vasquez
Kayla
Ginger Hill
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Joyce Metters

Long Term (6 months or longer):

Richard Slater
Michael Wood
Louise & Ray Kombau
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



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United in Nurturing Fellowship

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
- 11:00am Teens of Life Youth, First Baptist Church – PASSPORT Sunday

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11

- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior’s Lunch, B-B-Q Center

Wednesday, August 12

Thursday, August 13

- (7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 14

Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)

Saturday, August 15

- 8:30am UWinFaith meet to carpool to event, State Street parking lot
- 9:30am United Women in Faith District Event, Macedonia UMC

Sunday, August 16

- 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

A HUGE THANK YOU from the VBS Decorating Committee

We are so thankful to ALL who graciously shared their personal artificial Christmas trees, snow skis with boots & poles, snowmen & polar bears of various shapes & sizes, and winter décor to help us create a winter wonderland for the kids during VBS this year. You gave our committee the opportunity to remain good stewards of our resources. THANK YOU! From Donna Smith & Donna Long

BACK TO SCHOOL Sunday – August 16 – NEXT Sunday!

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

FALL Bible Studies led by Pastor Cheryl

The Way of Blessedness, a 10-Week study on the Beatitudes to be held on **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Church Library** beginning on **September 15**. Each week we will explore one of the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 in depth, including spiritual practices that will form us as listeners and enactors of God’s Word.

We will also offer a **new class of Disciple Fast Track 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**. This 24-week study offers a broad overview of the Bible, beginning with Genesis and ending with Revelation. **We need at least six participants**—time and place will be determined by what works best for the most people.

If you are interested in participating in either of these studies, you may

- Sign up online Events/News section
- Email Cheryl at skinnerrev@gmail.com
- Call the church office at 336-248-2886

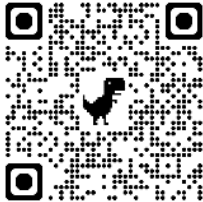
The cost of the participants’ books is \$10 for *The Way of Blessedness* and \$17 for the *Disciple Fast Track 1*. You may pay for and pick up your participants’ books at the church office.

Homemade Ice Cream Social – August 30 (5p-7p) Rain or Shine!

Please note, we will gather together in the fellowship hall, in case of rain or extremely hot weather. We want to keep everyone safe and hope that you will come & enjoy! 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**. **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**.

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. 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 – Tuesday, October 20

The Evangelism and Hospitality Committee invites **you, your family, friends, and neighbors to join us** and 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.

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 or contact Richard Foust (336) 971-6158. Visit our Events/News section online or pick up a printed copy of the detailed 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!

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.