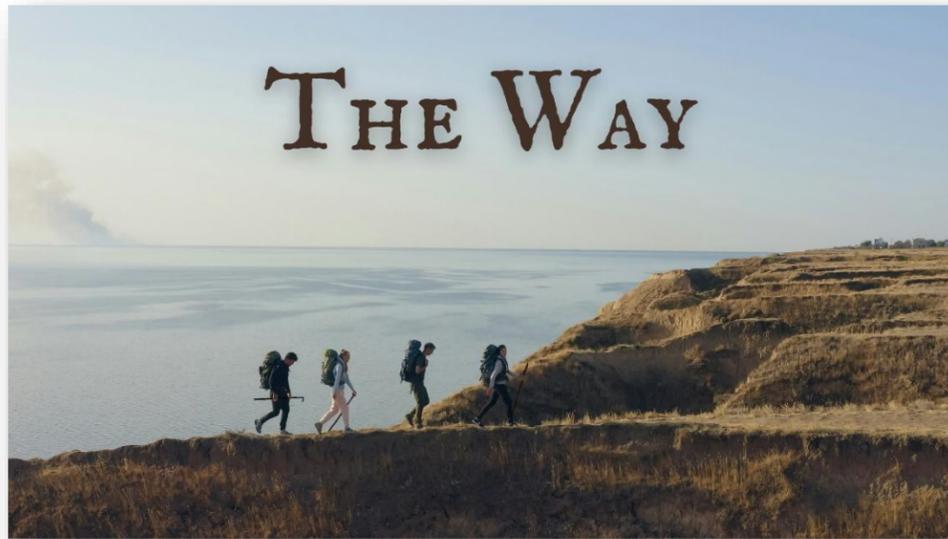


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.



February 22, 2026

**First Sunday in Lent
"The Wandering Way"**

11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

arr. by Anna Laura Page

Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

People of God on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

Jesus went on a pilgrimage into the wilderness after his baptism by John in the Jordan River. A common practice among spiritual leaders of his day, this was a time to dig deep into the humanity of his soul. Along the way he encounters what we all encounter along the paths of life—temptations to stray from the path that God has intended for us. But "all who wander are not lost," as the saying goes, for it is in the wandering often that we find our true selves.

Sung Response

by Jim Strathdee

**We are a wilderness wandering people
on a journey of the soul.
May we find our destination
in our longing to be whole.
Our Holy God is calling to us.
With Jesus by our side
may compassion be our compass;
may the Spirit be our guide,
on The Way,
on The Way,
on The Way.**

Prayer for the Path

**God of the Pilgrimage,
be with us on The Way.
At times, we don't know if we are on the path
you would have us travel.
How do we know the direction for our lives?
We come seeking your guidance,
as Jesus showed us to do.
Help us to be at home even in our wanderings,
knowing that you are ever with us. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise No. 127

by William Williams

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God"

by Carl Mueller

First UMC Chancel Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, unto me the joy of thy salvation,
restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

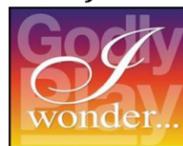
Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**We offer ourselves to you, Lord Jesus,
emptying ourselves to become your vessels
of love and grace and hope to all we encounter.
May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service
create God's kingdom on earth,
as it is in heaven. Amen.**

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Rev. Kirk Tutterow



All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a time just for them! 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

"Close to Thee"

by Fanny J. Crosby

Scripture Reading - Luke 3:21; 4:1-13

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Sermon - "The Wandering Way"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Prayer of Confession

**Dear God,
I am full of anxious questions.
I am short on reasonable answers.
I am trapped by my own inability
to make a decision.
I am reluctant to express my feelings.
I am afraid of the consequences.
I want a guarantee that everything
will work to my benefit.
There are times when I hope that
someone will take over for me.
There are times when I know
I must do it myself.
That is when I am fearful that
I am not strong enough.
I am not wise enough.
I am not caring enough.
If it is possible,
let that cup pass from me,
but if not...
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

No matter what juncture you find yourself on in your journeys,
you are never alone in your "wondering while wandering."
Whether or not you know it, believe it, or feel it,
Jesus is with you now because Jesus has been on this road
and knows just how hard it can be.
You are forgiven and carried,
especially when you think you are at the end of the road.
May it be so. Amen.

Hymn for the Journey No. 269

by Claudia F. Hernaman

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

(During the Hymn for the Journey, you are welcome to come up and sit or kneel on the front row for a time of prayer as you feel led.)

Benediction

The Creator God filled you with breath,
inviting you to this journey called Life.

We will follow on The Way.

Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

We will follow on The Way.

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

We will follow on The Way.

May this week be filled with opportunities to choose
good over evil; humility over pride;
and loving God over loving the things that do not last.

May it be so. Amen.

"Buen Camino!"

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "O Love, How Deep"

Phyllis Jones, organ

English melody

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:

Terri Beck
Larry Langley
Louise Hawley
Richard (Terri) Hawley
Jimmy Everhart
Peggy Everhart
Pat Harrison
Judy Hench
Cindy/Tom Smith

Friends & Family:

Ginger Hill
Peg Leahy
Ted Williams
Myrna Davis
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Joyce Metters
Special Friends
Spencer Davis
Kimberly Wood
Lee Ann Bethel
Richard Slater
Roger Thompson
Emily Sink Cash & Family
Pam & Ron Sink
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Torrey Jackson
Cheryl Crago
Tami Robinson
Beth Graves
Bob Kuster
Marlene Jones
Deborah Bisbee
Anna Cruz
Linda Cox
Julie Milner
Kaitlin Deebel
Mark Frye
Jackie Truell Butler
Tony Hill
Jane King
Cathy

Jon & Emerson Bethel
Michael Wood
Louise & Ray Kombau
Special Friends
Melba (Charles) Purvis
Sharon (Edsel) Beck
Edith Clement
Dana (Rodney) Colquitt
Brentley & Conley Castor
Dale, Mandy & Riley Castor
Curt (Lisa) Miller
Deanna Smith
Irene Foster
Dorey Thomas
Elizabeth Morales
Christine
Judy Jordan
Kay Gilmer
Becky Griffith
Kay Crouse
Ron & Kristie Wooten
Greg Leonard
Gary (Pat) Leonard
Tommy Hendrix
Sarah Rakestraw
Gloria Bulluck
Brandon (Jan) Kraft
Trevor Vermette
Joan Briggs
John McNeil
Amy McIntosh
Stan Larson
Betty Jean Whitaker
Kendall Conner

Missionaries

David, Hannah, Nicholas, & Samuel Mora—United States

Member Care

*Dot Cook
*Ginnie Easter
*Hilda Flynt
*Louise Hawley
*Larlie Mae Knight
*Edna Morris
*John (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 (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 John Hall
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, February 22

8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
12:30pm **Agape serves lunch at Grace Episcopal**
4:00pm **Member Care, Fellowship Hall**

Monday, February 23

6:00pm **Missions, Conference Room**
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 24

10:00am Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room
12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center

Wednesday, February 25

12:00pm **Lenten Midday Prayer, Sanctuary**
(2pm-4pm) **Snappy Happy Photography Small Group, Fellowship Hall**

6:00pm Chancel Bell Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, February 26

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

10:00am Lenten Bible Study, Library

7:00pm **Steel Wheels Small Group, Fellowship Hall**
7:00pm **Finance, Parlor**

Friday, February 27

9:30am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom
10:45am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1

8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC

Wednesday Midday Lenten Services

During the Wednesdays of Lent, **February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25**, we will gather each week at 12:00pm for Lenten Midday Prayer together in our sanctuary.

CPR/AED & Tourniquet Training for ALL who are interested

Tuesday, March 3 (6:00 pm)
Fellowship Hall

YOU are invited to join the Medical Response & Security Teams for the annual **CPR/AED & Tourniquet training** led by Davidson County EMS. **To sign-up, please contact Lisa Bonnaure (301)-609-1780 or Mike Hall (336) 239-2068.**



2026-2027 Scholarship Applications Available

Do you have a high school senior or a rising college sophomore, junior or senior? Scholarship applications are **now available online** and on the Volunteer's Desk. Need assistance or have questions, contact the church office **336-248-2886**. Application deadline is **Wednesday, March 11**.

February UW in Faith Mission Project - Collecting purses in Excellent or Very Good condition, sanitary supplies and deodorant for the students at LHS & LMS. Please bring your kindly donated items to the collection area outside of the workroom. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please make the check payable to: **UWinFaith** and drop it in their mailbox located in the workroom. Any support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Garwood at 704 418-1947 **or** mmgarwood@prodigy.net

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



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 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.

Lenten Church-Wide Mission Project – Items requested for parents and babies in the NICU. Detailed lists with instructions are located at the back of the sanctuary and online Events & News section. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Make checks payable to: **Breanna Tysinger** and drop off at the church office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bre Cavender (336)250-7175 (Call or Text)



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Donna Huskins, Administrative Assistant churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com

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.)

Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to William Russell Harp, Patrick Ivan Harp, and family upon the occasion of the death of their mother, Myra Harris Harp, on February 16, 2026.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Tim (Jennifer) Leahy, and their children, Brenna, Nick, and Katie upon the occasion of the death of Tim's brother, Shaun Leahy, on February 17, 2026.

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.

