



**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.

**February 8, 2026**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Opening Voluntary - "A Festal Fanfare"**

Phyllis Jones, organ

by J. S. Bach

**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 those 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 Invitation TFWS No. 2236**

"Gather Us In"

by Marty Haugen

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem**

First UMC Chancel Choir

**Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & 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 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 No. 585**

African American Spiritual  
"This Little Light of Mine"

**Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:13-20**

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**Sermon - "Here and There, In and Out"**

Rev. Amy Higgins

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 883-**

"A Statement of the Faith of the United Church of Canada"

**\*Hymn of Transformation No. 428**

by Fred Kaan  
"For the Healing of the Nations"

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response No. 431**

by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson  
"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Postlude - "This Little Light of Mine"**

arr. by Mark Hayes  
Phyllis Jones, piano

**Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Bettye Dillon Gray by longtime back door neighbors, Glynda  
and Dan Smith.

**A Note of Sympathy**

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended  
to Jim Dillon and family upon the occasion of the death of his sister, Bettye  
Dillon Gray on February 2, 2026 in Lynchburg, VA. She celebrated her  
100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 23, 2025 and, at that time, was the oldest living  
member of First UMC.

**Sermon Notes**

## 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  
Jimmy Everhart  
Pat Harrison  
Louise Hawley  
Richard (Terri) Hawley  
Minnie McPherson  
Dot Cook  
G. F. Smith  
Peggy Everhart  
Jemmietta Allred  
Judy Hench  
Cindy/Tom Smith

### Friends & Family:

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

### Phil (Sharon) Kinzer 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 Bullock  
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 8

8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary  
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages  
(9:45a-12p) Event Set Up, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC  
**12:00pm Crockpot Cook Off & Dessert Auction, Fellowship Hall**  
**12:00pm Medical Response & Security Teams, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship**  
**12:30pm Spruill Koinonia Fellowship serves lunch at Grace Episcopal**

### Monday, February 9

7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, February 10

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

### Wednesday, February 11

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

### Thursday, February 12

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

### Friday, February 13

9:30am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom  
10:45am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom  
5:00pm Private Event Set Up, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

### Saturday, February 14

(3p-8p) Private Event, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen & Sanctuary

### Sunday, February 15

8:30am United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall  
8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary  
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 Genesis serves lunch at Grace Episcopal**  
5:00pm Teens of Life Youth prepare meal for DC First Hope Ministries to serve on Tuesday, February 17, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

## SPRING Small Groups

The planning and preparation have begun for the upcoming SPRING Small Groups. Our FALL Small Groups were a wonderful experience for all who participated during September, October, and November.

The Evangelism & Hospitality Team is currently looking for a couple of group leaders for a book club and a games club. If interested, you may email Karen Bias [kbias411@charter.net](mailto:kbias411@charter.net) to find out more details and volunteer to lead one of these groups. **MORE** details about **ALL** of the **SPRING Small Groups** releasing soon!

## 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** for the upcoming 2026-2027 college year. You will find them **online** and on the Volunteer's Desk near the church office. Please read the guidelines carefully, if you are eligible, you are encouraged to complete an application and submit it to the church office. Need assistance or have questions, contact the church office **336-248-2886**. The scholarship application deadline is **Wednesday, March 11**. Please note that applications received after the deadline **will not be considered** for a scholarship.



## Lenten Services

Our season of Lent begins on **February 18** with Ash Wednesday.

- Imposition of Ashes (12p) First UMC sanctuary
- Imposition of Ashes (7p) First Presbyterian sanctuary

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

## Lenten Bible Study

"Give Up Something BAD for Lent" by James Moore

Led by Rev. Jack Tookey on Thursday mornings (10am)

February 19 - April 3 (7 weeks) following Ash Wednesday through Maundy

Thursday - Join us in the Library - 2nd Floor

You may email: [JTookey2@wnccumc.net](mailto:JTookey2@wnccumc.net) or contact the church office to sign-up.

## Reaching Out and Sharing God's Boundless Love

### Cancer Services of Davidson County

Sponsored by Missions Team

### Items Needed:

Small water bottles  
Peanut Butter Crackers  
Cheese Crackers  
Granola Bars

### Ensure

### Depends

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

### Communities In Schools

### Items Needed:

### Individual/Single Serve Sized:

Mac & Cheese, Soups, Spaghetti O's, Lasagna, Peanut Butter Crackers, Ramen Noodles

**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!**



**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.

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## 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.

