

**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.

January 11, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Opening Voluntary - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **We gather at the river.**

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **The waters of grace flow over us.**

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **We are washed in God's love.**

Leader: Come to the waters.

People: **We are God's beloved children.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of strength, God of love,

surround us with your love.

Gather us in as your beloved children.

Open our ears to hear your voice.

Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love.

May your waters of grace pour over us,

renewing us for your work in the world.

Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 723

"Shall We Gather at the River"

by Robert Lowry

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Take Me To The Water"

First UMC Chancel Choir

by Rollo Dilworth

Take me to the water. Take me to the sea.
Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free.
Gonna lay my burdens, down by the riverside.
Gonna wade in the water, the water that flows both deep and wide.
Oh, take me, take me, take me to the water.
Gonna lay down my burdens, down by the riverside.
Down by the riverside.
Oh, take me, take me, take me to the water.
Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside.
Oh, take me, take me, take me to the water.
Wade in the water, wade in the water, wade in the water children.
God's a gonna trouble the water.
Oh, take me, take me, take me to the water.

Worshipping God with Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Loving God, you bless us with your love.

You know each one of us.

**We live in confidence and trust,
knowing your care for us.**

We bring these gifts to you, our source of life.

Use them, we pray,

**that others may experience your grace
and live free from fear. Amen.**

Benediction

Benediction Response No. 431

by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Postlude - "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Phyllis Jones, organ

arr. by David Lowe

Flowers

The flowers are placed on the altar to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Erickson, our brother and our life-long friend, by Vicki Olson & Pamela Shaw, sisters, and Martha Williams & Dare Wilson, life-long friends.

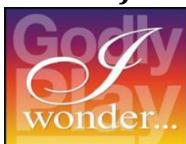
Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Larry (Terri) Beck and family upon the occasion of the death of his aunt, Jeanne Beck, on January 3, 2026.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Cheri (Pete) Murray and family upon the occasion of the death of her nephew, Lenny Wegwart, on January 3, 2026.

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to Vicki (Wayne) Olson and family upon the occasion of the death of her brother, Steve Erickson, on January 4, 2026.

A Time for the Child in All of Us



Rev. Amy Higgins

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. 347

by John Wimber

"Spirit Song"

Scripture Readings - Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon - "Chosen - Baptized - Sent Out"

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 883 -

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

Hymn of Transformation No. 605

by Ruth Duck

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

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:

Minnie McPherson
Dot Cook
G. F. Smith
Peggy Everhart
Jemmieta Allred
Judy Hench
Cindy/Tom Smith

Friends & Family:
Beth Graves
Rebecca MacNeilage
Bob Kuster
Marlene Jones
Gary Elms
Deborah Bisbee
Spencer Davis
Kimberly Wood
Lee Ann Bethel
Anna Cruz
Tami Robinson
Emily Sink Cash & Family
Pam & Ron Sink
Linda Cox
Tricia Royster
Torrey Jackson
Special Friends
Julie Milner
Kaitlin Deebel
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Mark Frye
Jackie Truell Butler
Tony Hill
Jane King
Cathy
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Jon & Emerson Bethel
Michael Wood
Louise & Ray Kombau
Special Friends
Julie Griggs
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
Cheryl Crago
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

Serving in the Armed Forces
*Major Kacie Allred
*Sergeant McRay Calderone
*SGT John Hall
SGT Alan Ingram
Major Jarrad Thorley

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

Westminster Canterbury (Virginia)
*Bettye Gray

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, January 11

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
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
2:00pm Trustees, Fellowship Hall
5:00pm Teens of Life Youth, Youth Room, 2nd Floor

Monday, January 12

6:00pm Private meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 13

10:00am Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, January 14

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, January 15

9:30am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom

10:45am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom

Saturday, January 17

11:00am Celebration of Life for Carolyn Briggs, Sanctuary
12:00pm Carolyn Briggs' family receiving friends, Fellowship Hall
2:00pm Celebration of Life for Morris Mabe, father of Lee Mabe, First Baptist Church Madison, 110 S. Franklin Street. Madison, NC
Morris Mabe's family receiving friends following service

Sunday, January 18

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

2:00pm Member Care, Parlor

(4p-5:30p) Teens of Life Youth, BAM Night (Baptist and Methodist), Meet at FBC

Monday, January 19

Office Closed for the observance of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

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.

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

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.)

Ways To Give financially back to God through the ministries of First UMC.

offerings in the plates provided at the back of the church.

Mail to First UMC, 310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292.

Online Giving for mobile device users, the QR code on the right 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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