



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.

July 12, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
PASSPORT Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Amy Higgins

Gathering Music - "They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love"
by Peter Scholtes
Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship Ava Moore
Leader: Jesus call us to Vamos; Let's Go! Let's run to make a world full of love, hope, and light in Jesus' name. Jesus invites us here. We belong here. We will encounter Jesus here.
May the lighting of this candle remind us of Christ's presence with us as we worship. Amen.

Readiness Prayer - "On Your Mark" Mirabella Seubering

Song of Declaration by Pat Barrett
"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things
Chorus
Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You, God
It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
Oh the truth will set us free **Chorus**

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven
Beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

And years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows **Chorus**

Anthem - "This Is My Father's World" by Maltbie D. Babcock
Kelly Jackson, vocals & guitar

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings Nick Leahy

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**For all that you have given us,
we thank you, gracious God.**
**For day and night, evening and morning,
for land and sea, for fish and birds,
plants and animals, for humankind,
and for your Son, who came among us
with the gift of life abundant.**
**Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst
and work through our gifts,
that all people may have joy and peace,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Amy Higgins & Youth
*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 Encounter by P. Barrett, C. Tomlin, J. Ingram, B. Brown
"Hymn of the Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, guide my vision
Help me see the way You see
Always Jesus, ever Jesus
Christ in all is Christ in me

Holy Spirit, guide my speaking
Words of grace in truth abound
Let my lips be filled with stories
Of the mercy that I've found

Chorus
You're the light
You're my path
You're the shepherd of my soul
All I am
All I have
Holy Spirit, lead me on

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing
Wake my ears to words You speak
In the thunder and the stillness
Let Your voice be clear in me
Let Your voice be clear in me **Chorus**

Holy Spirit, lead me onward
Walking through the great unknown
Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging
Till the day You lead me home **Chorus**

Scripture - Various Scriptures

Sermon - "On your mark, Get set, Go!" Rev. Amy Higgins & Youth

Litany of Affirmation - "Go" Evan Weeks

Leader: God of grace,
People: As we run the race, help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own.
Leader: When the race becomes hard to run
People: give us strength to keep going.
Leader: Keep us from running selfishly
People: or from counting ourselves better than those at our side.
Leader: We run this race together as your children.
People: May your grace keep us going now and always.

Song for the Journey by Colleen and David Burroughs
"¡Vamos!" 2026 Passport Camp Theme Song

Vamos, Vamos, Let's go together, vamos.
To a place we are known, by God's love and our own,
Vamos, vamos, let's go!

Chorus
Let's go, vamos
Let's run God's race
With love and action
Come on let's go, Vamos!

Vamos, vamos, Let's go together, vamos.
There's work to be done, a foundation of love,
Vamos, vamos, let's go! **Chorus**

Vamos, vamos, Let's go together, vamos.
Stand up for the least, seeking justice and peace,
Vamos, vamos, Let's go! **Chorus**

Vamos, vamos, Let's go together, vamos.
God's gentle request: find a place we can rest,
Vamos, vamos, let's go! **Chorus**

Benediction

Traveling Music - "Servant Song" by Richard Gillard
Phyllis Jones, piano

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:
Lewis McMillan
Mary Plyde Bell
Judy Hench
Efird Wilson
Terri Beck
Larry Langley
G. F. Smith
Debby Brown
Curtis Leonard
Louise (Terri & Richard) Hawley

Friends & Family:
Margaret Fite McKinnon
Torrey Jackson
Debbie McNeill
Tony Hill
Beth Graves
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Marlene Jones
Fabi (India)
Linda Cox
DR of the Congo & Uganda
Special Friends (5-31-26)
Jackie Truell Butler
Ashlyn Tookey
Mary Sue Leonard
Julie Milner
Kendall Conner
Christine
Kimberly Wood
Jon & Emerson Bethel
Lee Ann Bethel
Tami Robinson
Cindy & Tom Smith
Charlotte Froelich
Special Friends
Janet Fite Coyne
Ron & Kristie Wooten

Spencer Davis
Kelly Greathouse
Mark Frye
Special Friends (4-28-26)
Myrna Davis
Jim McCutcheon
Jane King
Kaitlin Deebel
Cheryl Crago
Sarah Rakestraw
Deborah Bisbee
Jamie Vasquez
Kayla
Ginger Hill
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Joyce Metters
Richard Slater
Roger Thompson

Long Term (6 months or longer):
Michael Wood
Louise & Ray Kombau
Elizabeth Morales
Judy Jordan
Kay Gilmer
Becky Griffith
Kay Crouse
Gary (Pat) Leonard
Tommy Hendrix
Brandon (Jan) Kraft
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

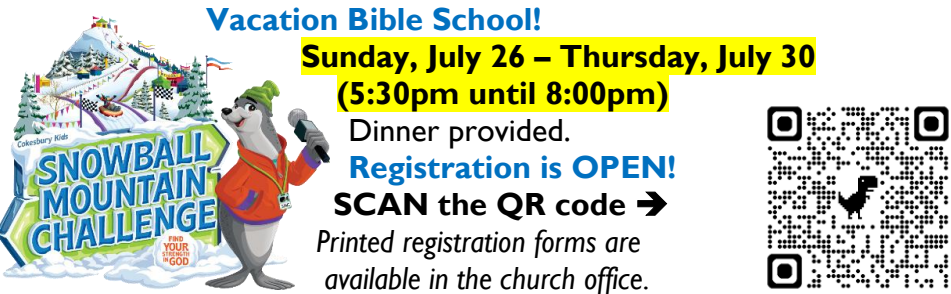
Piedmont Crossing (Thomasville)
Assisted Living
*Rachel Hendrix
*Bob Pearson
Residents
*Joan & Dick Bisbee
*Betsy Buchanan
*Herman Crabtree
*Jim Dillon
*Becki & Tom Foust

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

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, July 12
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
Monday, July 13
Tuesday, July 14
12:00pm Prayer Warriors’ Lunch, B-B-Q Center
Wednesday, July 15
Thursday, July 16
(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom
Friday, July 17
Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)
Saturday, July 18
Sunday, July 19
8:30am United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC

Vacation Bible School!
Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30 (5:30pm until 8:00pm)
Dinner provided.
Registration is OPEN!
SCAN the QR code →
Printed registration forms are available in the church office.



Center Street Saxophone Quartet SUMMER Concert

Sunday, July 19 (3p) - First Reformed United Church of Christ
104 E. Center Street, Lexington, NC

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 5 (2p until 6:30p)
Fellowship Hall - Ready to make an appointment?
Visit our website **OR** contact the church office at 336-248-2886.

Who likes homemade ice cream? Mark your calendars today!

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 event on Sunday, August 30 (5p-7p). Please let Judy Deal know if you would like to **donate a freezer, or maybe two, of homemade ice cream by Sunday, August 23.** Contact Judy Deal at **336-479-7244 OR** the church office at **226-248-2886. Please note, in case of rain, we will gather in the fellowship hall.**

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.

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