



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 19, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission 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. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "The Gift of Love" arr. by Mark Hayes
Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to us, O God.
People: **Breathe through our worship with your Holy Spirit.**
Leader: Fill us with your faithful love.
People: **Guide us with your ancient teachings.**
Leader: Come to us, O God.
People: **Be in our prayer and praise.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**God of ages past and days to come,
help us embrace both your ancient wisdom
and your ongoing guidance,
Help us hear anew your words from years gone by.**

**Open our hearts and minds
to fully embrace what it means to love you,
to love ourselves, and to love our neighbors
as you have loved us.
In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise No. 57 by Charles Wesley
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1-5, 7)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "I'm Goin Up A Yonder" arr. by Martin Sirvatka
Torrey Jackson & Jacqueline Tookey, duet

If anybody ask you, where I'm goin',
where I'm goin' soon,
If you wanna know, where I'm goin',
where I'm goin' real soon,

So, I'm goin' up a yonder, I'm goin' up a yonder,
I'm goin' up yonder to be with my Lord.

I'm goin' up a yonder, I'm goin' up a yonder,
I'm goin' up yonder to be with my Lord.

If I can take the pain, the heartache that it brings.
There's comfort in knowing I'll soon be home.

God gives me grace, I'll run this race
And soon I'll see my Savior face to face.

I'm goin' up a yonder, I'm goin' up a yonder,
I'm goin' up yonder to be with my Lord.

I'm goin' up a yonder, I'm goin' up a yonder,
I'm goin' up yonder to be with my Lord, my Lord.

If anybody asks you, where I'm goin', where I'm goin', soon.
If you wanna know, where I'm goin', where I'm goin', soon.
Goin' home.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings Lauren & Mike Hall
Reflections on Annual Conference

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Gracious God, bless the offerings of ourselves
and our gifts.
May they be offerings of love,
for you and for your people.
In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Kirk Tutterow



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. 402 African American Spiritual
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Scripture - Matthew 22:34-40 NT Page 25

Sermon - "Rebuild My Church: Love Boldly" Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Affirmation of Faith No. 885 - "A Modern Affirmation"

Hymn of Faith No. 549 9th Century Latin; trans. by Omer Westendorf
"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Trumpet Voluntary" by Thomas Dupuis
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:	Spencer Davis
Terri Beck	Kelly Greathouse
Jean McCrary	Mark Frye
Larry Langley	Special Friends (4-28-26)
Mary Plyde Bell	Myrna Davis
Debby Brown	Jim McCutcheon
Lewis McMillan	Jane King
Judy Hench	Kaitlin Deebel
G. F. Smith	Cheryl Crago
Curtis Leonard	Sarah Rakestraw
Louise (Terri & Richard) Hawley	Anna Cruz
	Deborah Bisbee
Friends & Family:	Jamie Vasquez
Aubrey Ward	Kayla
Brad	Ginger Hill
Jay	Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Debbie McNeill	Joyce Metters
Torrey Jackson	Richard Slater
Beth Graves	
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	Long Term (6 months or longer:
Margaret Fite McKinnon	Michael Wood
Tony Hill	Louise & Ray Kombau
Marlene Jones	Elizabeth Morales
Fabi (India)	Judy Jordan
Linda Cox	Kay Gilmer
DR of the Congo & Uganda	Beckey Griffith
Special Friends (5-31-26)	Kay Crouse
Jackie Truell Butler	Gary (Pat) Leonard
Ashlyn Tookey	Tommy Hendrix
Mary Sue Leonard	Trevor Vermette
Julie Milner	Joan Briggs
Kendall Conner	Christine
Christine	Kimberly Wood
Kimberly Wood	Jon & Emerson Bethel
Jon & Emerson Bethel	Lee Ann Bethel
Lee Ann Bethel	Tami Robinson
Tami Robinson	Cindy & Tom Smith
Cindy & Tom Smith	Charlotte Froelich
Charlotte Froelich	Special Friends
Special Friends	Janet Fite Coyne
Janet Fite Coyne	Ron & Kristie Wooten
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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 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
3:00pm	Center Street Saxophone Quartet FREE Summer Concert, First Reformed UCC, 104 E. Center Street, Lexington

Monday, July 20	
Tuesday, July 21	
5:45pm	Missions Committee provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries

Wednesday, July 22	
Thursday, July 23	
(7:30a-9:30a)	Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
	Vacation Bible School Set-Up , Fellowship Hall & Church Campus

Friday, July 24	
	Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)
	Vacation Bible School Set-Up , Fellowship Hall & Church Campus

Saturday, July 25	
Sunday, July 26	
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
(5:30pm-8pm)	Vacation Bible School , Fellowship Hall & Church Campus

An Opportunity to Serve from the VBS Decorating Committee
Our church family was so helpful last summer with VBS decorations! You made VBS extra special! We would like to offer you the opportunity to share with our VBS Decorating Committee your Winter items. **Decorating & set-up begins July 23!**

- Wish List:**
- **Artificial Christmas trees**
 - **Snow skis and boots**
 - **Saucer sleds**
 - **White polar bear plushies or stuffies**
 - **Plastic blow-up rings (like you could use going down a snow hill)**
 - **Toboggans**
 - **3-4 ft tall snowmen**

Please drop off any of these items that you can let us borrow in **the Genesis classroom just past the prayer room on the 1st floor**. Also, please put **your name on your donated items** so we can be sure to get them back to the right donor!

Many thanks!!
Donna Smith and Donna Long



Vacation Bible School!
Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30
(5:30pm until 8:00pm)

Dinner provided.
SCAN the QR code →
Printed registration forms are available in the church office.



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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