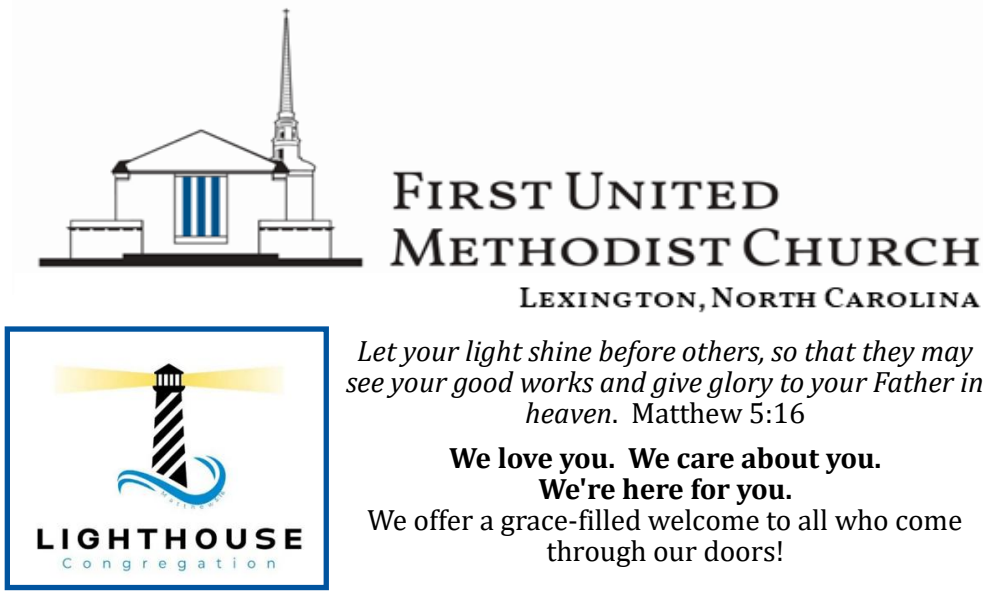




At First United Methodist Church we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

July 26, 2026 11:00 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church
The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Vision 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. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Joyful, Joyful" arr. by Michael Costello
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship - Psalm 100 - A Psalm of Thanksgiving

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the people of the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is God that made us.
We are God's people, and the sheep of heaven's pasture.

Leader: Enter the gates of God's kingdom with thanksgiving,
and the heavenly courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to God; bless God's eternal holy name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness is offered to all generations.

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 the presence of your Spirit,
as we learn what it means to boldly love
and courageously serve you,
our neighbors, the community around us,
and all your creation.
In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 89 by Henry Van Dyke
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte
Jacob Gordon, soloist

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen. Amen.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings Susie Hubbard
Reflections on Annual Conference

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Loving and Joyful God,
through the gifts of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
you gave his followers across the ages many excellent gifts.
Give your grace to all the servants in your church,
that we may fulfill our ministries with love and joy.
Bless the offerings of ourselves and our gifts.
May they be offerings of love,
given in joyful service for you,
your purposes and for your people.
In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.

A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Cheryl Skinner
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.

Psalter Reading No. 762 - "Psalm 30" with sung response
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Scripture - Galatians 5:22-23 NT Page 191

Sermon - "Rebuild My Church: Serve Joyfully" Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 887 - "An Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

Hymn of Faith No. 568 by Samuel Wolcott
"Christ For the World We Sing"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "In Thee is Gladness" arr. by Douglas Wagner
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:**

Jim Dillon
Larry Langley
Terri Beck
Jean McCrary
Mary Plyde Bell
Debby Brown
Lewis McMillan
Judy Hench
G. F. Smith
Curtis Leonard
Louise (Terri & Richard) Hawley

Friends & Family:

Aubrey Ward
Brad
Debbie McNeill
Torrey Jackson
Beth Graves
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Margaret Fite McKinnon
Tony Hill
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
Anna Cruz
Deborah Bisbee
Jamie Vasquez
Kayla
Ginger Hill
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Joyce Metters
Richard Slater

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
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 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**
- Monday, July 27**
- (5:30pm-8pm) Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus**
- Tuesday, July 28**
- 12:00pm Prayer Warrior's Lunch, B-B-Q Center
- (5:30pm-8pm) Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus**
- Wednesday, July 29**
- (5:30pm-8pm) Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus**
- Thursday, July 30**
- (7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
- (5:30pm-8pm) Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus**
- Friday, July 31**
- Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)
- Saturday, August 1**
- Sunday, August 2**
- 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, August 3**
- Elevated Shut Down All Day for Scheduled Maintenance**
- Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

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.**

Amtrak Train to the NC State Fair

The Evangelism and Hospitality Committee invites **you, your family, friends, and neighbors to join us on Tuesday, October 20** to travel by Amtrak train to the NC State Fair in Raleigh, NC.

Departing from Salisbury, NC Amtrak Station – ***Round-trip ticket \$52 per person** ***Amtrak ticket money must be paid to Judy Deal or Alma Carlton no later than Sunday, September 6.** Amtrak tickets can not be purchased without payment.

NC State Fair tickets (purchased at the gate): \$13 (ages 13-64) and **FREE (65 and over) the day we are going.**

If you have questions or would like more information, feel free to contact Judy Deal at 336-479-7244.

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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