



We offer a grace-filled welcome to all who come through our doors!

July 26, 2026 *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost* *8:45 a.m.*

*The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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.

Gathering Music - "Sunshine in My Soul/I've Got the Joy"
arr. by Mark Hayes
Phyllis Jones, piano

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

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

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.**

**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.**

Anthem - "I Offer My Life/Take My Life and Let it Be"
arr. by Carol Tornquist
Phyllis Jones, piano

**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.**

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

Traveling Music - "Joyful, Joyful" *arr. by Jan Sanborn*
Phyllis Jones, piano

Sermon Notes

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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.

<u>First UMC member:</u>	Spencer Davis
Jim Dillon	Kelly Greathouse
Larry Langley	Mark Frye
Terri Beck	Special Friends (4-28-26)
Jean McCrary	Myrna Davis
Mary Plyde Bell	Jim McCutcheon
Debby Brown	Jane King
Lewis McMillan	Kaitlin Deebel
Judy Hench	Cheryl Crago
G. F. Smith	Sarah Rakestraw
Curtis Leonard	Anna Cruz
Louise (Terri & Richard) Hawley	Deborah Bisbee
<u>Friends & Family:</u>	Jamie Vasquez
Aubrey Ward	Kayla
Brad	Ginger Hill
Debbie McNeill	Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Torrey Jackson	Joyce Metters
Beth Graves	Richard Slater
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	<u>Long Term (6 months or longer:</u>
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	Becky 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	Amy McIntosh
Christine	Stan Larson
Kimberly Wood	Betty Jean Whitaker
Jon & Emerson Bethel	<u>Missionaries</u>
Lee Ann Bethel	David, Hannah, Nicholas, &
Tami Robinson	Samuel Mora—United States
Cindy & Tom Smith	
Charlotte Froelich	
Special Friends	
Janet Fite Coyne	
Ron & Kristie Wooten	

<u>Member Care</u>
*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

<u>Brilliance Edgewater (Florida)</u>
*Mary Norman

<u>Brookdale (Lexington)</u>
*Libby & Max Lanning
*Ramona Phelps

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

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

United in Nurturing Fellowship

<u>Sunday, July 26</u>	
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
<u>Monday, July 27</u>	
(5:30pm-8pm)	Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus
<u>Tuesday, July 28</u>	
12:00pm	Prayer Warrior's Lunch, B-B-Q Center
(5:30pm-8pm)	Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus
<u>Wednesday, July 29</u>	
(5:30pm-8pm)	Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus
<u>Thursday, July 30</u>	
(7:30a-9:30a)	Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
(5:30pm-8pm)	Vacation Bible School, Fellowship Hall & Church Campus
<u>Friday, July 31</u>	
	Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)

<u>Saturday, August 1</u>	
<u>Sunday, August 2</u>	
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
<u>Monday, August 3</u>	
	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

<u>Cancer Services of Davidson County</u>
Sponsored by Missions Team
Items Needed:
Ensure Depends

<u>Charles England & Pickett Elementary Backpack Programs</u>
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

<u>Communities In Schools</u>
Items Needed:
Individual/Single Serve Sized:
Mac & Cheese, Soups,
Spaghetti O's, Lasagna,
Peanut Butter Crackers,
Ramen Noodles

<u>Hospice of Davidson County</u>
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

<u>Pastor's Pantry</u>
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!

<u>Open Hands of Davidson County</u>
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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