

**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.

July 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Jack Tookey

Opening Voluntary - "Wonderful Words of Life"

arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us, and we are his.

People: **Enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and God's courts with praise.**

Leader: For the Lord is good,
and his love endures forever.

People: **Let us worship the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

**Lord, as we gather together today,
we lay aside our worries and our weekly routines.
Open our hearts to your Word, our voices to your praise,
and our lives to your Spirit.**

**Guide our time together,
and may our worship be a pleasing offering to you.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Invitation to Praise No. 73 -

"O Worship the King"

by Robert Grant

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Gracious God, you have made our lives more
than we ever dreamed,
offering blessings beyond our greatest imaginings,
multitudes of mercy, great gifts of grace.**

**From this bounty, we offer ourselves and our lives-
our time, talents, and treasures-
with joy and gladness,
for now and for always. Amen.**

Solo - "Be Still My Soul"

Debbie Hill, soloist

by Kari Jobe

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves, and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Chorus: In you, I rest, in You, I found my hope
In you, I trust, You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointed, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last

Chorus x2

Be still, my soul
Be still, my soul



A Time for the Child in All of Us Rev. Amy Higgins
*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.*

Scripture - Luke 8:19-21

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Sermon - "Just Do It"

Rev. Jaqueline Tookey

Hymn of Response No. 332 -

"Spirit of Faith Come Down"

by Charles Wesley

Invitation to Holy Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of us all,
we incline our ears to you now,
listening, again, for the sound of your voice.
We do not always remember to listen, O God.
We do not always remember to hear
when you speak into our hearts.
We do not always remember to look
deeper than the surface.
We do not always seek your guidance
or follow it.**

**But we remember now,
and we long to listen now-
to hear and to see,
to seek and to follow.**

**Turn us away from all that is just noise
and back to the sound of our souls.**

To your Spirit breathing within us always. Amen.
(You are invited to a time of silent confession...)

Words of Assurance

Christ's love is faithful and true.
God's blessings are sure.
Be encouraged, dear friends,
your faith has made you well.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...
...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God. Now and forever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Invitation To Be the Church No. 467 -
"Trust and Obey"

by John Sammis

(turn the page)

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" arr. by David Lowe
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
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

Friends & Family:

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
Margaret Fite McKinnon

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 5

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 6

Tuesday, July 7

12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center

Wednesday, July 8

Thursday, July 9

(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom

Friday, July 10



Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)

Saturday, July 11

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

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.



Please join us in our Fall Small Groups!

We have several groups from the past year returning and would like your ideas for **new groups**. If you would be willing to **lead a group** or have an interest in **participating in a group that we haven't offered** in the past, please let us know! Thanks for all your support!

Contact the church office (336) 248-2886 or churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com or Karen Bias at 828-838-2814 or klbias@charter.net



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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!



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.

Notes of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and congregation is extended to Ron (Lynne) Leonard and family upon the occasion of the death of their nephew, Greg Leonard, on June 26, 2026.

Sympathy of the ministers and congregation is extended to Carl (Karen) Bennett and family upon the occasion of the death of his sister, Suzi Duncan, on June 29, 2026.

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.