



# 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.*

June 14, 2026

8:45 a.m.

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome**

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

**Gathering Music - "As the Deer"**

by Marty Nystrom

The ALIVE! Praise Band

1. As the deer panteth for the water,  
so my soul longeth after thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship thee.

**Chorus:** You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship thee.

2. You're my friend and you are my brother  
Even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything. **Chorus**

3. I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye. **Chorus**

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## Call to Worship

Leader: God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places:  
under a tree, in the smile of a stranger,  
in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

People: **Loving God,**  
**open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.**

Leader: God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways:  
in a well-placed word from a friend,  
in a prayer that comes at just the right time,  
in a song that resonates through our entire being.

People: **Gracious God,**  
**open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.**

Leader: God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways:  
in an unexpected act of kindness,  
in providing just what we need at just the right time,  
in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

People: **Caring God,**  
**open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.**

Leader: Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways  
that God shows up among us, may we meet God  
and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and  
hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

People: **Transforming God,**  
**open our lives to receive your blessings,**  
**that we may share together in the joy, wonder,**  
**and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.**

## Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Eternal God,**  
**as you met Abraham in an ordinary moment of hospitality,**  
**meet us today in the ordinary moments of our lives.**

**Open our minds to recognize your presence among us;**  
**open our hearts to receive your promises;**  
**open our arms to embrace your miraculous works**  
**with joy, wonder, and laughter.**

**As we gather to worship, help us find the courage to hope,**  
**the wisdom to trust,**  
**and the perseverance to cooperate with you**  
**as you fulfill our promises as you work**  
**for abundant life for all creation. Amen.**

**Song of Praise - "God of Wonders" by Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong**  
The ALIVE! Praise Band

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky  
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on High

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.  
And as I stumble through the darkness, I will call your name by night

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. *repeat*

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy. You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty. You are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

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## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**Song of Hope - "Hold Us Together" by Matt Maher & Steve Wilson**  
The Alive! Praise Band

It don't have a job, it don't pay your bills.  
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills.  
Won't fix your life in five easy steps.

Ain't the law of the land or the government.  
But it's all you need.

## Chorus

And love will hold us together,  
make us a shelter to weather the storm.  
And I'll be my brother's keeper,  
so the whole world will know that we're not alone  
It's waiting for you, knocking at your door  
in the moment of truth when your heart hits the floor,  
and you're on your knees

This is the first day of the rest of your life  
This is the first day of the rest of your life  
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light  
It's gonna be alright it's gonna be alright

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## We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

### 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.**

**Scripture - Genesis 18:1-15**

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**Sermon - "Layers of Laughter"**

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

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

**Song of Faith - "You Are My All In All"**

by Dennis Jernigan

The Alive! Praise Band

1. You are my strength when I am weak.  
You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.  
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.

**Chorus:** Jesus, lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
Jesus, lamb of God, worthy is your name!

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again I bless your name;  
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;  
When I am dry, you fill my cup;  
you are my all in all. **Chorus**

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## Benediction

**Traveling Music - "You Are My All In All" (chorus) by Dennis Jernigan**  
The Alive! Praise Band

## 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:

Cheri Murray  
G. F. Smith  
Larry Langley  
Terri Beck  
Curtis Leonard  
Louise (Terri & Richard) Hawley  
Mary Plyde Bell  
Judy Hench  
Lewis McMillan

### Friends & Family:

Fabi (India)  
Suzie Duncan  
DR of the Congo & Uganda  
Special Friends (5-31-26)  
Debbie McNeill  
Jackie Truell Butler  
Ashlyn Tookey  
Mary Sue Leonard  
Julie Milner  
Christine  
Torrey Jackson  
Kimberly Wood  
Jon & Emerson Bethel  
Lee Ann Bethel  
Tami Robinson  
Charlotte Froelich  
Holly Chote  
Special Friends  
Beth Graves  
Janet Fite Coyne  
Ron & Kristie Wooten  
Margaret Fite McKinnon  
Spencer Davis  
Rodney (Angela) Perdue & Family  
Kelly Greathouse  
Mark Frye  
Special Friends (4-28-26)  
Myrna Davis  
Jim McCutcheon  
Grace Episcopal  
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher  
Jane King

Kaitlin Deebel  
Cheryl Crago  
Sarah Rakestraw  
Deborah Bisbee  
Jamie Vasquez  
Kayla  
Ginger Hill  
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer  
Joyce Metters  
Richard Slater  
Roger Thompson  
Marlene Jones

### Long Term (6 months or longer):

Linda Cox  
Kendall Conner  
Cindy/Tom Smith  
Michael Wood  
Louise & Ray Kombau  
Elizabeth Morales  
Judy Jordan  
Kay Gilmer  
Becky Griffith  
Kay Crouse  
Greg Leonard  
Gary (Pat) Leonard  
Tommy Hendrix  
Gloria Bulluck  
Brandon (Jan) Kraft  
Trevor Vermette  
Joan Briggs  
John McNeil  
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, June 14

**PASSPORT Youth Mission Trip, Banner Elk, NC**  
8:45am Early Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages  
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC  
12:30pm Spruill Koinonia Fellowship serves lunch at Grace Episcopal

### Monday, June 15

**PASSPORT Youth Mission Trip, Banner Elk, NC  
WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC**

### Tuesday, June 16

**PASSPORT Youth Mission Trip, Banner Elk, NC  
WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC**  
12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center  
5:45pm Agape provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries

### Wednesday, June 17

**PASSPORT Youth Mission Trip, Banner Elk, NC  
WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC**

### Thursday, June 18

**PASSPORT Youth Mission Trip, Banner Elk, NC  
WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC**  
(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom  
6:00pm Faith Seekers, Norris' Lake House

### Friday, June 19

**WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC**  
Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)  
Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

### Saturday, June 20

**WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC**  
Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen  
12:00pm Bridal Shower for Rachel Roberts, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen  
2:00pm Event Clean-Up, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

### Sunday, June 21

**WNCC Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC  
Father's Day**  
8:30am United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall  
8:45am Early Worship, Sanctuary  
9:30am Sunday School for ALL Ages  
11:00am Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC  
12:30pm Genesis serves lunch at Grace Episcopal

### Father's Day Insert Requests DUE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Please turn in your donation with a completed request form to the church office. Proceeds benefit the children's & youth ministries.

**Do you have Board Games and/or Card Games that need a new home?** If so, the Teens of Life Youth would love to use them in the youth room. Please contact

**Rev. Amy Higgins** with questions.

**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](mailto:churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com) or Karen Bias at 828-838-2814 or [klbias@charter.net](mailto:klbias@charter.net)

## 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



**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.

### 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.)

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