

**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.

May 10, 2026

11:00 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
United Women in Faith Sunday
Mother's Day**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - "Zion's Walls"

arr. by Aaron Copeland

Torrey Jackson, alto; Phyllis Jones, piano

Call to Worship

Lisa Bonnaure

Leader: God comes to us.

People: Let us rejoice!

Leader: God lifts up the lowly.

People: God feeds the hungry.

Leader: God's mercy is for everyone.

People: God comes to our aid.

Leader: In Christ Jesus, God comes to us.

People: Let us rejoice!

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, you enter our world with promise and hope.

**You invite us into lives of courage and compassion,
carrying your love into all the world.**

Give us ears to hear your invitation

and hearts willing to embark on new adventures.

As Mary brought Jesus into the world,

may we carry the love of Jesus into the world today.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

by Martin Rinkart

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Abby Smith

For our mothers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love,
we pray to the Lord...**hear our prayer.**

For mothers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them
we pray to the Lord...**hear our prayer.**

For women, though without children of their own,
who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord...**hear our prayer.**

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord...**hear our prayer.**

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christians.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their children,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying...

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Anthem - "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

arr. by Mark Hayes

Torrey Jackson, alto; Phyllis Jones, piano

UWF Mission Awards

Pat Langley & Gay Smith

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Martha Williams

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Generous and giving God, you provide all that we need.

You care for us.

**Grateful for your abiding presence in our lives,
we offer these gifts to you.**

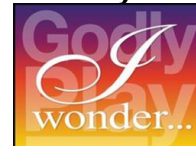
**May they fill the hungry with good things,
as we care for our neighbors.**

We offer ourselves to you.

Use us for your work in the world. Amen.

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.

Hymn of Preparation

by A. B. Patten

"Faith of Our Mothers"

**Faith of our mothers, living still in nursery song and bedtime prayer;
In tender care and gentle love, thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, loving faith, we will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove source of a finer, nobler place;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith, we will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, for youthful longing, later doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way, thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, we will be true to thee till death.**

Scripture - Luke 1:26b-38, 46-55; 2:18-19, 27b, 46-52

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Sermon - "Pondering Like Mary"

Renee Hayes, UM Deaconess

Affirmation of Faith No. 886 - "The World Methodist Social Affirmation"

Cheri Murray

Hymn of Transformation No. 347

by John Wimber

"Spirit Song"

Benediction

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Hymn to Joy"

Phyllis Jones, organ

arr. by Hal Hopson

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary T. Williams and C. B. Williams, Jr. and in celebration of Mother's Day by their family.

Birth Announcements

A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Charles Theodore Dunoyer de Segonzac on April 15, 2026. Congratulations to the parents, Carley Parker & Jean Dunoyer de Segonzac. Grandparents are Susan Parker and Beatrice & Louie Dunoyer de Segonzac. A white New Testament is presented to the baby from the United Methodist Women.

A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Clara Carolina Herrera on April 15, 2026. Congratulations to the parents, Laurel & Xavier Herrera. Great Grandmother is Charlotte Lankford. A white New Testament is presented to the baby from the United Methodist Women.

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:

Curtis Leonard
Terri Beck
Larry Langley
Louise (Terri & Richard) Hawley
Judy Hench
Lewis McMillan
Cindy/Tom Smith

Joyce Metters
Richard Slater
Roger Thompson
Marlene Jones
Linda Cox
Julie Milner

Long Term (6 months or longer):

Michael Wood
Louise & Ray Kombau
Elizabeth Morales
Christine
Judy Jordan
Kay Gilmer
Becky Griffith
Kay Crouse
Ron & Kristie Wooten
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
Kendall Conner

Missionaries

David, Hannah, Nicholas, & Samuel Mora—United States

Member Care

*Dot Cook
*Ginnie Easter
*Hilda Flynt
*Louise Hawley
*Larlie Mae Knight
*Edna Morris
*John (Rebecca) Scarff
*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, May 10

8:45am Mother's Day
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

Monday, May 11

10:00am Companions in Christ Small Group, Conference Room
12:00pm Prayer Warriors' Lunch, B-B-Q Center

Wednesday, May 13

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, May 14

(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Spruill Koinonia Fellowship classroom
10:00am **United Methodist Men Event Set-Up, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen**

Friday, May 15

9:30am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom
(10a—6p) **UMM Port-Pit Chicken Fundraiser, State Street entrance**
(10a—1p) **UWinF Bake Sale Fundraiser, State Street entrance**
10:45am Kindermusik, Ground Floor classroom

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17

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
4:00pm **Hamburgers & Hotdogs with Fellowship & Games, Church Lawn (In case of rain, we will gather in the fellowship hall)**
4:00pm **Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Hamburgers & Hotdogs with Fellowship & Games, Church Lawn**

First UMC Welcomes Renee Hayes as Today's Guest Speaker

Renee Hayes is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and taught and coached at Trinity High School. She's served in many offices in UMW/UWinFaith including WNCC Conference Social Action Chair. She is a Deaconess in the United Methodist Church and is currently serving as a Director of the Women's Division.

She's a member of Trinity UMC and remains committed to Social Action in her faith walk.


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 **Amy Higgins** with questions.

Looking for a Sunday morning adult Bible study?

Beginning **Sunday, May 17** during Sunday school, you are invited to join the Spruill Koinonia Fellowship class for a **6-week** study about the **Parables of the Bible** led by **Rev. Jack Tookey**. **All are welcomed** to join us!

Evangelism & Hospitality Event – EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Church Lawn


(4pm-5pm) A Time of Fellowship with Games
(5pm) Hamburgers & Hotdogs with sides, drinks, & dessert.
A love offering will be accepted for the cost of the meal. In case of rain, we will gather together in the fellowship hall.
RSVP forms are located in the bulletin. Please turn in your RSVP form TODAY so that we may get a good count of how many we will be serving.

Graduate Sunday - Sunday, May 31, 2026 – 11a worship service

We will honor and celebrate our High School graduates as well as our College graduates. You may **visit the website** to submit your information for the Graduates Insert that will be included in May 31 Sunday bulletin.
Please submit by Wednesday, May 27th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY! Vacation Bible School!

Snowball Mountain Challenge

Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30 (5:30pm until 8:00pm)

Dinner provided. **Registration opens in June!**

Thank You Note from the Evangelism & Hospitality Committee

Thank you to the church for your support, the leaders of our small groups, and everyone who participated in a group this spring.

If you would like to lead a group in the fall or have ideas for new small groups, please contact Judy Deal, Karen Bias, or the church office to let us know

Thanks from The Evangelism & Hospitality Committee

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

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.)

Your kindly donated items can be dropped off at the collection site just outside of the church office workshop 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.

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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