First United Methodist Church

Lexington, North Carolina

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

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!

October 11, 2026 ***11:00 a.m.***

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Manna and Mercy: Graduation and Settling Down



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Opening Voluntary - *"Trumpet Tune"* *by Paul Frey*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, listen:
the Lord has done marvelous things.
Teach your children all that God has done
and is doing so that you may live in hope and peace.
The God of our ancestors has called us here.
People: **We are witnesses to God's justice.**
Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here
People: **We are witnesses to God's mercy.**
Leader: The choice to follow God has called us here.
People: **We are witnesses to God's call.**
Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.
People: **We are witnesses to God's love for all creation.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of creation and renewal,
your mercy and wisdom are radiant and unfading.
When faithful people live in your love and work for justice,
heaven breaks into earth.
Give us the grace to live confidently and expectantly,
trusting that you will work in and through all your people
to bring your compassion, redemption, and hope
to all who seek your face. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 127 *by William Williams*
"Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - *"God Is Our Refuge"* *by Allen Pote*
First UMC Chancel Choir

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the word, we are his hands, He will lead us,
He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

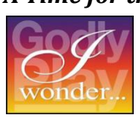
Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us,
He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence all the day long.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Great and loving God,
we give you thanks that you have given your people
a love for justice and mercy and the gift of generosity.
Bless all the gifts that we share
and with them reveal your righteousness
as we work for the coming of your peace. 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 No. 117 *by Isaac Watts*
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Scripture Reading - Deuteronomy 8:1-18 & Joshua 24:14-15
OT Pages 165 & 216

Sermon *- "People of Memory & People of Hope"* Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *- "The Apostle's Creed"*

Hymn of Sending #102 *by Martin Rinkart*
"Now Thank We All Our God"

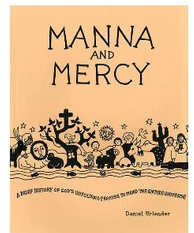
Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - *"The God of Abraham Praise"* *arr. by Gordon Young*
Phyllis Jones, organ

Flowers
The flowers in the narthex on Sunday, October 4, 2026 were given to the glory of God and in memory of Casper Timberlake upon the occasion of his birthday by Kay & Bob Timberlake and Tim Timberlake.

Next Sunday: "We Want a King"
- Read Manna & Mercy pages 21-22
- Read 1& 2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1-11



Remember the Four Questions to ask when reading scripture:
1. What does this scripture passage tell you about God?
2. What does this scripture passage tell you about human beings?
3. What does this scripture passage tell you about God's creation?
4. What does this scripture passage tell you about the relationships between God, human beings, and God's creation?

Additional questions to ponder:
- Why did the Israelites want a king?
- What did God warn the Israelites would happen if they got one? Did it?
- What role did Samuel play in the choosing of a king?
- How were Saul, David, and Solomon similar? How were they different?
- Which of the three was the best king? Why?
- What do we look for in our leaders today? What does a faithful leader look like?

***** If you have questions, or just want to further discuss the readings or the sermon, please feel free to contact either Pastor Cheryl or Pastor Kirk to continue the conversation!*****

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
Efird Wilson
Sandra Michael
Simi Harne
Terri Beck
Lauren Hall
Judy Hench
Cindy Davis
Larry Langley
G. F. Smith
Gay Smith
Curtis Leonard
Lewis McMillan
Ron & Kristie Wooten

Friends & Family:
Sue Fosut
Lorrie Coppley
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer
Linda Cox
Gary Elms
Special Friend (PE)
Davis Tucker
Torrey Jackson
Joan Briggs
Donna Wiederholder
Matt
Molly Pflueger
Margaret Fite McKinnon
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher
Marlene Jones
Charlotte Froelich
Beth Graves
Jane King
Kimberly Wood
Lee Ann Bethel
Deborah Bisbee
Geoff Tookey
Ashlyn Tookey
Charm Ketner
JoAnn Hill
Darrell Shoaf
Peggy Klass
Sam Branson
Becky Leonard
Debbie McNeill
Kelly Greathouse
Vernon Murray
Gary (Pat) Leonard
Fabi (India)
Tami Robinson
Mary Sue Leonard
Irene Foster

Special Friends (7-28-26)
Tommy Hendrix
Aubrey Ward
Brad
Tony Hill
Jackie Truell Butler
Julie Milner
Kendall Conner
Christine
Jon & Emerson Bethel
Cindy & Tom Smith
Beckey Griffith
Janet Fite Coyne
Mark Frye
Special Friends (4-28-26)
Jim McCutcheon
Kaitlin Deebel
Cheryl Crago
Anna Cruz
Jamie Vasquez
Kayla
Ginger Hill

Long Term (6 months or longer:
Jean McCrary
Richard Slater
Michael Wood
Elizabeth Morales
Judy Jordan
Kay Gilmer
Trevor Vermette
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

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.

United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, October 11
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
3:00pm Church Visioning, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 12
4:30pm Nominations Team, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
6:00pm Foundations of Investing, Agape Classroom, 2nd Floor
7:00pm Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 13
10:00am "The Way of Blessedness" Bible study, Fellowship Hall
12:00pm Prayer Warrior's Lunch, B-B-Q Center
7:00pm Imaging Workship, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Staff Parish Relations, Parlor

Wednesday, October 14
1:00pm Restorative Yoga, Fellowship Hall
4:00pm Crocheting, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Chancel Bells, Bell Room
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 15
(7:30a-9:30a) Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Missions Team, Conference Room
6:00pm Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 16

Saturday, October 17
(10a-2p) United Methodist Men sponsored Toys, Tots & Tailpipes Cruise In, 4th Avenue & State Street parking areas

Sunday, October 18
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
4:00pm Event Set Up, State Street parking area
5:00pm FALL Block Party & Trunk or Treat, State Street parking area

Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Cruise-In Sponsored by the United Methodist Men – Saturday, October 17 (10a-2p) Join us for a day of classic cars, community fun, food, and fellowship! CAR SHOW ● YARD SALE ● SILENT AUCTION ● FOOD & MUSIC ● Toys for Tots DRIVE ● ON SITE CAR WASH & DETAILING - You may **SCAN the QR code** with your smartphone to register your car(s), contact Richard Foust (336) 971-6158 or pick up a printed copy of the flyer/registration form from the church office. ***100% donations & proceeds benefit helping local families & children.***

BLOCK Party and Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 18 (5p--6p)
Wear your favorite costumes, invite your neighbors, and join us for a fun time of fellowship, games, food, and Trunk-or-Treat! Everyone is welcome & invited to participate!



How Can You Participate?
- Donate bags of candy to be given away at Trunk-or-Treat – **Collection Site:** Table outside of Donna's office near Volunteer's Desk
- Decorate your car trunk and/or truck tailgate **OR** simply park your vehicle & sit in chairs, hand out candy & greet the community in the State Street parking lot during the event.
- Please arrive **before 4p** to park & set-up.

Reaching Out and Sharing God's Boundless Love

Your kindly donated items can be dropped off at the collection site just outside of the church office workroom located on the main hallway.

Cancer Services of Davidson County Sponsored by Missions Team
Items Needed: Ensure and **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 Sausages, 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.

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Alma Carlton, Financial Secretary, almacarltonfumclex@gmail.com
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RISE Against Hunger Experience - Sunday, November 1st (2p)
Fellowship Hall - *Join us as we pack nutritious meals that represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. RISE Against Hunger could not send millions of meals around the globe each year without YOU!* **You are asked to sign-up for the event. Choose an option below:**

- Contact the church office (336) 248-2886 and Donna can help you sign-up
- Visit our website

Operation Christmas Child

Contact Judy Deal by **November 16** if you would like for her & Faith Seekers to fill an OCC shoebox for you. Cost: **$25** includes shipping. **To fill your own OCC shoebox**, pick up a shoebox from one the church displays & follow the instructions inside. Please return filled shoeboxes to the church by **Sunday, November 22, 2026**. Place them on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway.

OCC Processing Center - Friday, December 4th in Charlotte, NC
Meet at Judy & William Deal's home at 7:15a and serve at the center from 9a until 2p. **Contact: Judy Deal to RSVP.**