

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

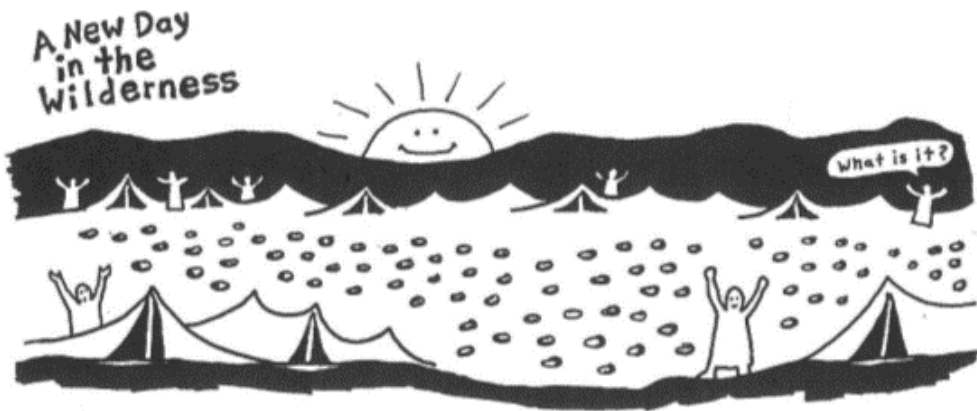
At First United Methodist Church we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship, reaching out to share God's boundless love.

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!

September 13, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Manna and Mercy: The Wilderness School



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. by M. Costello

Connie Burleson, organist

Call to Worship

Leader: In their wilderness wandering, the Israelites grumbled.
The Lord lighted their way and provided nourishment.

People: **In our life journeys, we will give thanks
for the providence of the Holy One.**

Leader: As we seek to live our lives by the example of Christ,
may we delight in God's grace.

People: **We will offer caring presence
and abundant generosity.**

**We will even endeavor to give up our own
grumbling!**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks
for the many ways we see your abiding presence
throughout scripture and within our own lives.

You hear not only our praise
but also our complaints.
Teach us to hear our own grumbling
as a signifier to redirect our thoughts and lives
to gratitude and generosity.
In hearing our own complaints,
may we look to Christ Jesus for examples of grace,
and may we follow your Holy Spirit
to offer presence to one another,
as we walk in faith together. Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 731

by John Newton

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Anthem - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

by Gordon Young

First UMC Chancel Choir

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Sing alleluia, O sing alleluia! O sing, sing, sing;
O sing alleluia; O sing alleluia! O sing, sing, sing, sing!
Come lift our hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen! Amen! Amen!

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

We offer these gifts, O God,
in gratitude for your provision in our lives.
We offer tangible gifts of money, where we are able,
and tangible gifts of our time, our prayers,
our service, and our witness
to your abundant grace. Amen.

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Rev. Kirk Tutterow



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. 130

Civilla D. Martin

"God Will Take Care of You"

Scripture Reading - Exodus 16: 2-35

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Sermon - "The Wilderness School"

Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Affirmation of Faith No. 884 - "A Statement of Faith of the Korean
Methodist Church"

Hymn of Sending Forth TFWS No. 2234

by Ruth Duck

"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - "Improvisations on Lift High the Cross"

arr. by P. Manz/J. Leavitt

Connie Burleson, organist

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of
the members of the Altar Guild for their devoted service by Kay
Wilson.

Note of Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and congregation is extended to Libby (Rick)
Samuels and their family upon the occasion of the death of Libby's mother,
Elizabeth Hinkle, on September 8, 2026. She was 101 years old.

Next Sunday: The Covenant Gift

- Read Manna & Mercy pages 10-11
- Read Exodus 19-20

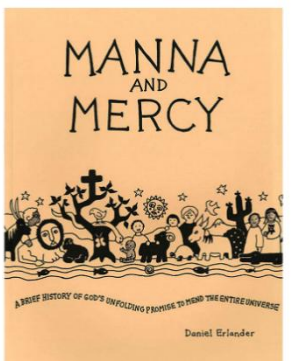
Remember the Four Questions to ask when
reading scripture:

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 God give the Israelites the gift of the ten commandments? What is their purpose?
- Why should we consider the ten commandments a gift, rather than a burden?
- Which commandments do you find easy to keep? Which do you find difficult to keep? Why?
- In Godly Play the ten commandments are called "the ten best ways to live" --why do you think that is?
- How do the ten commandments help the Israelites define themselves as God's people?
- How do they help us define ourselves as God's people today?

***Starting this week, Pastor Cheryl will be available in the Church
Parlor on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to answer
questions or discuss the readings and sermon from Sunday. Feel free
to stop by!***



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>	Charlotte Froelich
Sandra Michael	Aubrey Ward
Simi Harne	Brad
Curtis Leonard	Torrey Jackson
Efird Wilson	Tony Hill
Cindy Davis	Linda Cox
Larry Langley	Jackie Truell Butler
Terri Beck	Julie Milner Kendall Conner
Kathy Oliver	Christine
Gay Smith	Jon & Emerson Bethel
Daniel Cavender	Cindy & Tom Smith
Lewis McMillan	Becky Griffith
Jim Dillon	Janet Fite Coyne
G. F. Smith	Ron & Kristie Wooten
Louise Hawley	Mark Frye
Judy Hench	Special Friends (4-28-26)
<u>Friends & Family:</u>	Jim McCutcheon
Glen O'Shea	Jane King
Charm Ketner	Kaitlin Deebel
JoAnn Hill	Cheryl Crago
Darrell Shoaf	Anna Cruz
Sarah Rakestraw	Deborah Bisbee
Peggy Klass	Jamie Vasquez
Sam Branson	Kayla
Matt	Ginger Hill
Molly Pflueger	Joyce Metters
Beth Graves	
Becky Leonard	<u>Long Term (6 months or longer:</u>
Debbie McNeill	Jean McCrary
Kimberly Wood	Richard Slater
Lee Ann Bethel	Michael Wood
Kelly Greathouse	Elizabeth Morales
Vernon Murray	Judy Jordan
Margaret Fite McKinnon	Kay Gilmer
Gary (Pat) Leonard	Kay Crouse
Fabi (India)	Trevor Vermette
Tami Robinson	Joan Briggs
Phil (Sharon) Kinzer	Amy McIntosh
Ashlyn Tookey	Stan Larson
Alec Rhodes	Betty Jean Whitaker
Mary Sue Leonard	
Irene Foster	<u>Missionaries</u>
Rev. Ed (Patty) Kelaher	David, Hannah, Nicholas, &
Special Friends (7-28-26)	Samuel Mora—United States
Tommy Hendrix	
Marlene Jones	

<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, September 13</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
12:00pm	Medical Response & Security Teams, Fellowship Hall
(4pm-6pm)	Teens of Life Youth bowling @YMCA with our friends from FBC

<u>Monday, September 14</u>	
7:00pm	Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
<u>Tuesday, September 15</u>	
10:00am	“The Way of Blessedness” Bible study, Genesis classroom
12:00pm	Prayer Warrior’s Lunch, B-B-Q Center
5:30pm	Altar Guild, Fellowship Hall
5:45pm	Genesis class provides evening meal, DC First Hope Ministries

<u>Wednesday, September 16</u>	
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
<u>Thursday, September 17</u>	
(7:30a-9:30a)	Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
10:00am	Event Set-Up for Port-a-Pit, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
<u>Friday, September 18</u>	
	Kindermusik (Refer to website for details)

(10a-6p)	UMM Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser, State Street entrance
(10a-1p)	UWinF Bake Sale Fundraiser, State Street entrance
<u>Saturday, September 19</u>	
<u>Sunday, September 20</u>	
8:30am	United Methodist Men, Fellowship Hall
8:45am	Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:30am	Sunday School for ALL Ages
11:00am	Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00am	LIVE Stream on YouTube at First UMC Lexington NC
2:00pm	Trustees, Parlor
3:00pm	Church Visioning, Fellowship Hall

What has NOT gone UP in cost? An OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX filled for you by Judy Deal & Faith Seekers
Contact Judy Deal by **September 16** if you would like for her & Faith Seekers to **fill an OCC shoebox for you**. The cost remains **\$25** per shoebox stuffed with wonderful items and includes shipping.

United Women in Faith September Meeting has MOVED
Mark your calendars to join us on **Thursday, October 1st (11a-1p)** in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship over lunch and our meeting.

An Opportunity to Serve from the Mission Committee
The Mission Committee is once again sponsoring the RISE Against Hunger experience on Sunday, November 1st. We are offering an opportunity to Sunday school classes, groups or individuals to contribute and help with the financing of the event. The total cost of the event is \$4,500. If your class/group can help with this cost, please contact Christa Weeks or Judy Deal no later than **Sunday, October 11th**.

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** on the right with your smartphone for details & registration, contact Richard Foust (336) 971-6158 or pick up a printed copy of the flyer/registration form at the Volunteer’s Desk.
100% donations & proceeds benefit helping local families & children.



United Women in Faith Silent Auction Fundraiser – Saturday, October 17 in conjunction with the UMM Car Show event. In preparation for the event, we are asking our church family to consider donating items for the Silent Auction. **Suggested donations:** NASCAR memorabilia or other car related items, gift certificates to local stores & restaurants, BIG 4 memorabilia/collectibles of championship teams (no clothing) – accessories are okay, BIG 4 sporting event tickets, weekend getaways to the beach or mountains. Proceeds from the fundraiser will provide continued support to the Backpack Programs at Picket and Charles England Elementary Schools which remains vital to the students in the Lexington School System. Questions? Please contact Marsha Garwood at 704-418-1947.

RISE Against Hunger Experience - Sunday, November 1st Fellowship Hall - *Join us as we pack nutritious meals that represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. Volunteers are the heart of the mission to end hunger. 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
- Go directly to our website **EVENTS/NEWS** section & **Click & Go** on the RISE Against Hunger logo

Thank you for your support of this project that makes such a difference worldwide.

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Kimberly Leonard, Nursery Staff, Kelly Leonard, Nursery Staff, Jill Michener, Nursery Staff
Alma Carlton, Financial Secretary, almacarltonfumclex@gmail.com
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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.

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 UVV 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!

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.)



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.