

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 27, 2026 11:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Manna and Mercy: Year of Jubilee



Chiming of the Hour

Welcome Rev. Kirk Tutterow

Opening Voluntary - “Prelude and Fugue in F” by J.S. Bach
Phyllis Jones, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: Listen, for God is still speaking.
People: **Look, for God is still present.**
Leader: Worship, for God is in our midst.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of glory, grace us with your presence.
Overwhelm us with your love.
Guide us with your wisdom
and fill us with your Holy Spirit,
as we worship and praise you this day.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 61 Anonymous
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Service of Confirmation See Insert
Olivia Jane Hedrick
Daughter of Bradley & Jane Hedrick
Granddaughter of Jimmy & Peggy Everhart

Anthem - “Let Everything That Hath Breath” by Jeffery Ames
First UMC Chancel Choir
Jacqueline Tookey, solo

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Declare His glory among the nations.
Let everything that hath breath, everything that hath breath,
let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord!
Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together.
Hallelujah, bless His name for He’s worthy to be praised.
Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph!
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised.
Let everything that hath breath. Everything that hath breath.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
Praise Him. The Lord. Give Him the highest praise.
Praise Him. The Lord. Praise Him.
Come on and praise the Lord. Let’s all praise His name.
Praise Him! Praise Him with timbrel, praise Him with dance.
Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands.
Sing “Hallelujah,” praise His holy name.
For the Lord is worthy to be praised! Let’s praise the Lord.
You oughta, you oughta Praise Him!

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Embolden us, Mighty God,
to give as fully as we have received.
Multiply the gifts we return to you now,
that they may empower the lives of many
with your glory and your grace. 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. 441 by Albert F. Bayly
“What Does the Lord Require”

Scripture Reading - Exodus 23:1-13; Deuteronomy 15:1-15
OT Pages 69; 171-172

Sermon - “Justice and Jubilee” Rev. Cheryl Skinner

Affirmation of Faith No. 883 -
“A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada”

Hymn of Sending TFWS No. 2223 by Peter Scholtes
“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude - “Concerto in C” by Paul Fey
Phyllis Jones, organ

Wedding Announcement

We extend a heartfelt congratulations to Elizabeth Cook and Matthew Wall upon the occasion of their marriage on September 26, 2026. The floral arrangements were lovingly provided and graciously left for the enjoyment of their church family. We pray for God’s continued blessings upon their marriage and future together.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Elizabeth Cook and Matthew Wall and in honor of the bride’s grandparents, Dot Cook and the late Bill Cook, by the bride’s parents, Leah and Dal Cook.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ella Timberlake upon the occasion of her birthday, September 27, by Kay & Bob Timberlake and Tim Timberlake.

Next Sunday: “The Gift of Worship”

- Read Manna & Mercy pages 14-15
- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Exodus 13:3-10; Deuteronomy 16:1-17

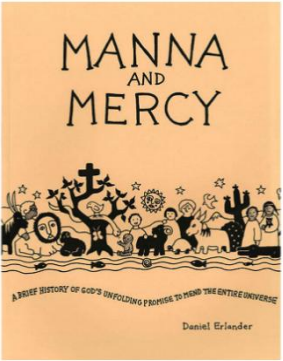
Remember the Four Questions to ask when reading scripture:

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:

- According to M&M, how are righteousness and mercy linked together?
- What is the purpose of worship for the Israelites? For us today?
- How can worship help God’s people, of any time or place, keep righteousness and mercy in balance and at the center of their lives?
- Why did the Israelites offer sacrifices and hold festivals as part of their worship of God?
- What is the most meaningful part of worship for you, today, and why?
- World Communion Sunday is October 4th. Are there similarities between the Christian celebration of Holy Communion and the Jewish celebration of Passover?
- How do they each remind their worshippers who and whose they are?

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.

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

Note of Sympathy
Sympathy of the ministers and congregation is extended to Ellen (Paul) Crago and their family upon the occasion of the death of their niece, Sarah Rakestraw, of Greenville, NC, on September 17, 2026.

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United in Nurturing Fellowship

Sunday, September 27	
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	Davidson Missional Network Service Project, Fairview UMC
3:00pm	Member Care, Parlor
5:00pm	Youth & Parents, Youth Room 2 nd Floor
Monday, September 28	
7:00pm	Lexington Choral Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 29	
10:00am	“The Way of Blessedness” Bible study, Fellowship Hall
12:00pm	Prayer Warrior’s Lunch, B-B-Q Center
Wednesday, September 30	
1:00pm	Restorative Yoga, Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thursday, October 1	
(7:30a-9:30a)	Triad Referral Partners, Fellowship Hall
10:00am	Davidson Missional Network, Parlor
10:00am	Event Set-Up, Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
11:00am	United Women in Faith Lunch Meeting, Fellowship Hall
1:00pm	Event Clean-Up, Kitchen/Fellowship
6:00pm	Chair Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
Friday, October 2	
4:00pm	First UMC Book Club, Parlor
Saturday, October 3	
Sunday, October 4	
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	Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn In case of rain, 4 th Avenue porte cochere



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 4 (4p)
First UMC Front Lawn
In case of rain, join us under the 4th Avenue porte cochere.
Gentle reminder: All animals should be on a leash or in carrier for the safety and comfort of all who participate.



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 for details & registration, 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.**

United Women in Faith Silent Auction Fundraiser – in conjunction with the UMM Car Show event. Please consider donating suggested items:

- **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**

Questions? Please contact Marsha Garwood at 704-418-1947.

BLOCK Party and Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 19 (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.

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.

What has NOT gone UP in cost? An OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX filled for you by Judy Deal & Faith Seekers
Contact Judy Deal by **November 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.
You may choose to fill your own shoebox located in the displays in the church. Just follow the instructions from inside the shoebox and return your **filled shoebox by Sunday, November 22** to the table located under the OCC bulletin board in the main hallway.

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 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!

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.