

Monthly Calendar

(Subject to change)



Poinsettia Pick Up
Friday, December 5
(9:30-12:00p) State
Street Entrance

United Women in Faith Meeting & Christmas Lunch
Thursday, December 11 (11:30p)
Yarborough’s Restaurant

Spruill Koinonia Fellowship Christmas Dinner Class Party
Monday, December 15 (6p)
Yarborough’s Restaurant

United Methodist Men provides evening meal
Tuesday, December 16 (5:45p)
DC First Hope Ministries

United Methodist Men
Sunday, December 21 (8:30a)
Fellowship Hall

Faith Seekers
Thursday, December 31 (7p)
Home of Karen Bias

Church Office Closed
In observance of Christmas
Wednesday, December 24 Closes at 12p
Thursday, December 25 – All Day
Friday, December 26 – All Day

Church Office Closed
In observance of New Year’s Day
Wednesday, December 31 Closes at 12p
Thursday, January 1st – All Day

Weekly Events
(Subject to change)

Sundays

- Early Worship (8:45a)
- Sunday School (9:45a)
- Morning Worship (11:00a)
- You Tube Live (11:00a)
- Godly Play (11:20a)
- Teens of Life Youth (Refer to postcard)

Tuesdays

Companions in Christ Small Group Experience
(10a) Conference Room
Winter Break: December 16, 23, 30
Return on January 6th

Prayer Warrior Lunch
(12p) Barbeque Center

Wednesdays

Midday Prayer Gathering
(12p) Sanctuary

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(7p) Choir Room
Winter Break: December 24 & 31
Return on 7th



The Advent Season is a time of anticipation of the birth of Jesus. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, we marvel how God became human, walked among us, experienced bumps and bruises, and taught us to care for one another. Spend time with family and friends, grow in community, and prepare your hearts for this special season together!

Join Us for Advent & Christmas



Invite your family and friends!
What Child IS This? Beyond the Lullaby
2025 Advent Sermon Series

November 30 First Sunday in Advent
Sermon Title: King of Kings
Scripture: Luke 2:1-5
For what do we hope in our time that will be good news for all People?
Early Worship (8:45a)
Morning Worship (11:00a)
We welcome the hope of Advent through sacred dance.

December 7 Second Sunday in Advent
Sermon Title: The Silent Word
Scripture: Luke 1:5-25; 57-80
How will we cry out for true peace for all people?
Early Worship (8:45a)
Morning Worship (11:00a)
The Chancel Bells ring in the peace of Advent.

Evangelism & Hospitality Fellowship Meal
Sunday, December 7
Immediately following 11a Service
Fellowship Hall
A love offering will be accepted for the meal and is greatly appreciated.

The Story
December 2025

December 14 Third Sunday in Advent
Sermon Title: Son of Mary
Scripture: Luke 1: 26-56
How can we proclaim a deep joy despite the hardship of our time?

Early Worship (8:45a)



Carols with the Chancel Choir and Orchestra
(11:00a)
Sanctuary

We celebrate the joy of Advent with voices and music lifted high anticipating the birth of the king.

December 21 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sermon Title: Enthroned by Love
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25
How will we make sacrificial love our aim in our time?

Early Worship (8:45a)
Morning Worship (11:00a)
Kinsey Calderone shares the love of Advent in song.



Carols & Love Feast (7:00p)
Sanctuary
A church family Advent tradition at First UMC.

December 24 Christmas Eve office closes (12p)



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion
First UMC Sanctuary
5:30p and 11:00p

Sermon Title: The Babe
Scripture: Luke 2:1-19

The Babe lives within us, waiting to grow into Hope, Peace, Joy and Love incarnate.

December 25 Christmas Day Office Closed
December 26 Office Closed

December 28 First Sunday after Christmas Day
Sermon Title: This, This...
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

God continues to be with us, we are called to be with one another, even in the midst of hard times.

ONE Morning Worship Service (11:00a)
Hadley Briggs welcomes Christmas in song.

December 31 New Year’s Eve office closes (12p)
January 1st New Year’s Day Office Closed



January 4 Epiphany Sunday
Early Worship (8:45a)
Morning Worship (11:00a)
Isabella Ellis welcomes the new year in song.



A NEW Tradition Returns
Sponsored by Next Generation Ministries
(Children, Youth & Families)
We invite all generations to join us in this Advent activity. If you would like to participate and are unable to bring your items to the church, please contact Pastor Amy 336-403-2413.



Reverse Advent Calendar

Let's turn the Advent Calendar on its head! During the **24 days of Advent**, December 1–24, instead of receiving a treat each day, **GIVE** a gift to our collections for Pastor's Pantry & Open Hands.

- Collect items from the Items Needed lists printed in the Sunday bulletin each week—any combination you choose—one of each item or **several** of the same item as long as it is **24 items total**.
- Collect the items throughout the week, what you can and as you are able, and leave them under the **fellowship hall Chrismon tree** at church on Sunday.
- Make this a **daily practice**, sharing your blessings as you prepare for the greatest blessing, Jesus' birth.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2:11



Community Events

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
Drive-Thru Nativity
December 3rd – December 7th
Admission is free!
345 Faith Chapel Road,
Thomasville, NC
(6pm until 9:30pm)





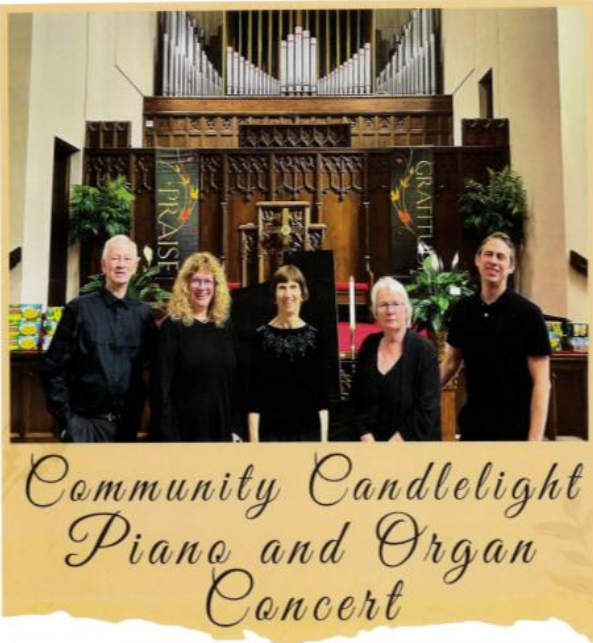
Lexington Choral Society
53rd Season

Welcome to December

**Saturday
December 6, 2025
(5:00 p.m.)
First UMC Sanctuary**

The concert is FREE and open to the public!

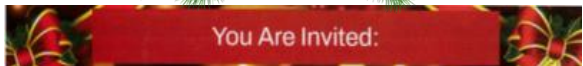
Ellen R. Peterson, Director



Downtown Lexington Area Organists
Venue: First Reformed United Church of Christ
104 East Center Street, Lexington, NC
Date: December 7, 2025 Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Hosted by: FRUCC Board of Evangelism



You Are Invited:



LOVE FEAST



COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

PRAYER
BREAD
SINGING
COFFEE
LIGHTING OF CANDLES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 @6PM

FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
104 EAST CENTER STREET, LEXINGTON, NC 27292

Sponsored By:
Greater Lexington Alliance Ministerial Association
Lexington Community Ministers Conference



Operation Christmas Child Update

At the time of publishing, First UMC had collected 94 shoeboxes total. Judy, with the help of the Faith Seekers, filled 77 for the folks that purchased a shoebox to be filled and delivered. Thank you for your support!

Rise Against Hunger Photo Gallery



Children's Advent Fair Photo Gallery





Teens of Life Youth Ministry
Deepening Our Discipleship &
Sharing God’s Love



Rise Against Hunger



Updating the Youth Room



Friendsgiving with our FBC friends!



Teens of Life Monthly Postcard

Teens of Life Youth Ministry Events & Happenings

Sunday Dec 7	4:00-6:00pm Presents and Presence We will deliver gifts and visit with members of our First family.
Sunday Dec 14	No Youth
Sunday Dec 21	7:00pm Love Feast

Merry Christmas
See you in the New Year!

For more information about Teens of Life Youth Ministry: Rev. Amy Higgins, Assoc. Pastor of Next Generation Ministries c: 336-403-2413 e: ahiggins@wnccumc.net

A Time for the Child in All of Us
Pastor Cheryl shares some “turkey” talk with the children before Thanksgiving.



Our Participation
in the Worship of God

November	2	9	16	23
8:45a	18	25	17	22
11:00a	112	110	99	114
YouTube	77	60	78	131
Mailer	27	27	27	29
On Demand	37	20	38	10
WED	12	12	12	12
Total	283	254	271	318

Note of Sympathy
Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jim (Patricia) Hartley and family upon the occasion of the death of his brother, David Bruce Hartley, on November 17, 2025.

Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year
from the Pastors and Staff
of First UMC

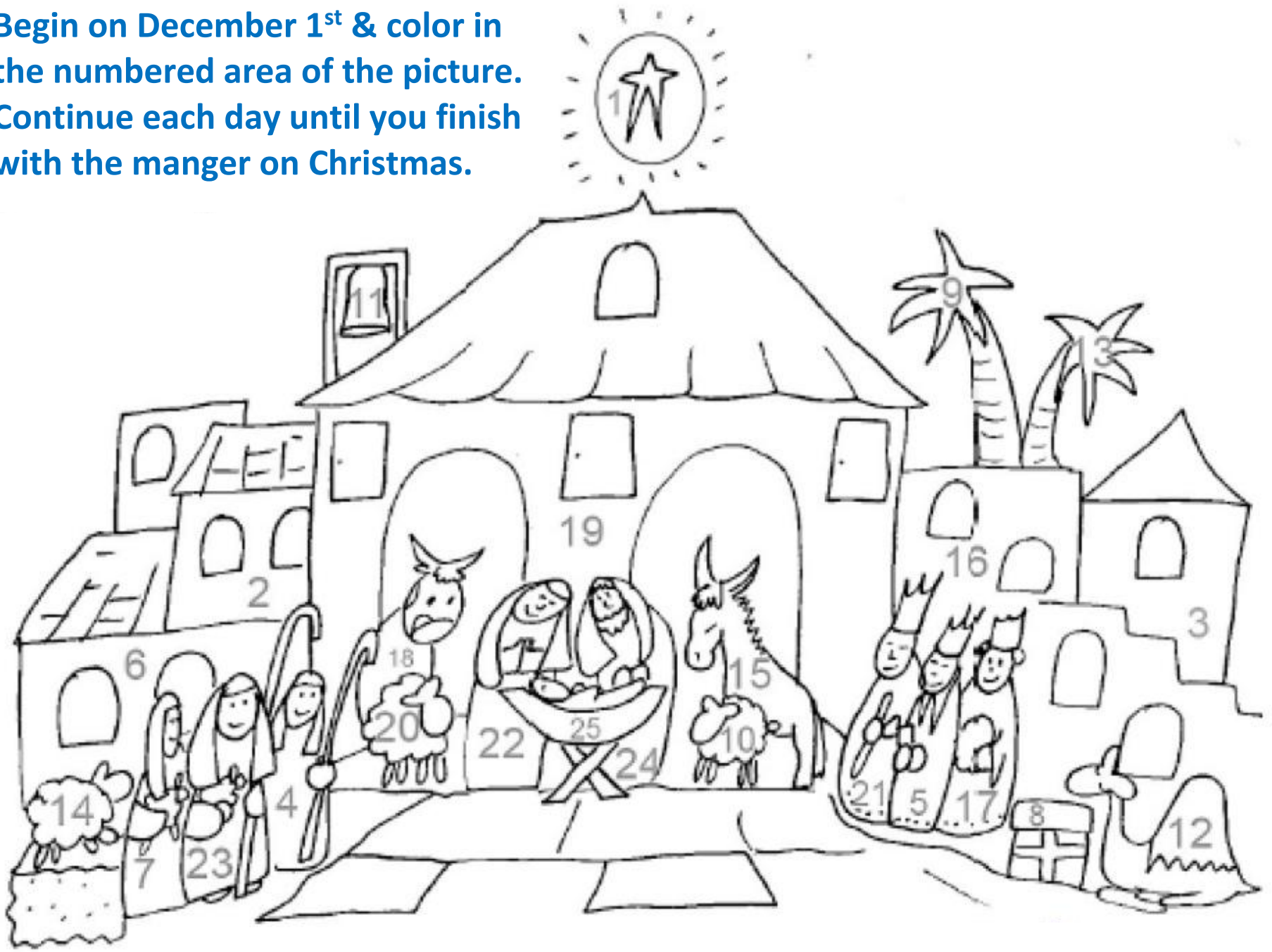


Pastor Cheryl
Pastor Kirk
Pastor Amy
Lee Mabe
Phyllis Jones
Alma Carlton
Donna Huskins
Kelley Leonard
Kimberly Leonard
Jill Michener



Advent Activities for the Child in All of Us

Begin on December 1st & color in the numbered area of the picture. Continue each day until you finish with the manger on Christmas.



Color a candle each Sunday of Advent...hope, peace, joy, love and Jesus.

