

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

310 S. Main Street, Lexington, NC 27292

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The Story
August 2025

336-248-2886

Monthly Calendar

Subject to change

Blood Drive
Wednesday, August 6
(2p—6:30p)
Fellowship Hall

Faith Seekers
Thursday, August 28 (6p)
Norris' Lake House

Missions Team provides evening meal at DC First Hope Ministries
Tuesday, (5:45p)

United Methodist Men
Sunday, August 17 (8:30a)
Fellowship Hall

Promotion Sunday
Sunday, August 17 (11a)
Blessing of the Backpacks

Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 17 (4p)
Church Lawn

Meals On Wheels Dine Out Fundraiser
Tuesday, August 19
(10a—9p)
Christo's

Appreciation Dinner
Wednesday, August 27
(6p) Fellowship Hall

Weekly Events

Subject to change

Sundays

- Early Worship (8:45a)
- Sunday School (9:45a)
- Morning Worship (11a)
- YouTube Live (11a)
- Godly Play (11:10a)
2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday
- Teens of Life Youth

Tuesdays

Prayer Warrior Lunch
(12p) Barbeque Center

Wednesdays

Midday Prayer Gathering
(12p) Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline for Amtrak Train to NC State Fair Reservations
Monday, September 1

United Women in Faith Backpack Program Fundraiser
Sunday, September 7
AND September 14
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Port-a-Pit Fundraiser Sponsored by UMM
Friday, September 12
(10a—6p)
State Street entrance
TICKETS ARE ON SALE

Bake Sale Fundraiser Sponsored by UWinF
Friday, September 12
(10a—1p)



Beat the Heat Blood Drive Wednesday, August 6
(2p—6:30p)
Fellowship Hall



Scan the **QR Code** to the right with your smartphone to make an appointment.



AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

A message from Jane Hedrick, a 2nd Grade Teacher at Pickett Elementary and member of First UMC.

As we well know, school budgets have either decreased or in some cases the budget has not passed yet. At Pickett Elementary, where I teach, we are needing some help stocking our school supply closet for the upcoming year. Lexington City Schools returns August 11th as the first day for students.

Listed below are examples of what is needed:

- *Crayons
- *Pencils
- *Sticky Notes
- *Index Cards
- *Boxed Kleenex
- *Construction Paper Multi Pack
- *Glue Sticks
- *Scissors both kid and adult
- *Paper Clips
- *Composition Books
- *Highlighters
- *Lysol Wipes



You may drop off your kind donations on the table near the Volunteer's Desk.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 17 (11a)
Bring your backpack to be blessed for the upcoming school year.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
4:00 PM
CHURCH LAWN

YOU ARE INVITED TO:



BRING your lawn chairs or blanket



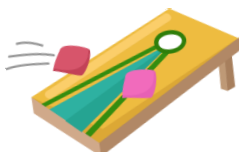
CONTACT Rick Samuels (336) 240-0579
Make your favorite ice cream AND bring it in your ice cream freezer to share.

Kirk is bringing Cheerwine Ice Cream!

COME prepared to **PLAY (OR WATCH)**



WIFFLE BALL GAME
The Main Event



CORNHOLE



ENJOY the Fellowship!

SPONSORED BY EVANGELISM & HOSPITALITY

Uwharrie District United Women in Faith Annual Celebration

Saturday, August 16 (9:30am—12:30pm)
Fellowship Hall - Brunch will be served along with a program of fellowship and celebration.



Meals on Wheels of Lexington Dine Out Fundraiser
CHRISTO'S
Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10:00am—9:00pm Dine In—Take Out

A percentage of ALL proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels of Lexington

Appreciation Dinner

(Chancel Choir & Bells, ALIVE Praise Band, Sound & Video Teams, Security & Medical Response Teams, Usher & Greeters and Office Volunteers)

Wednesday, August 27 (6p) Fellowship Hall

SCAN the QR code with your smartphone to RSVP or call the church office (336)-248-2886.



Do you have a interest or hobby you would like to share with others?

The Evangelism/Hospitality committee has plans to start small social groups to promote fellowship among the members at First UMC. This program will start **this fall** and last 6-8 weeks. The class times and locations will be coordinated by group leaders and participants.

Right now, they are looking for **group leaders who would like to lead a small social group**. Example groups could be yoga, line dancing, knitting, crocheting, cooking, volleyball, golf, trains, or any other skill, game, or sport you feel led to teach. **Please contact** Karen Bias: klbias@charter.net with questions or interest in leading a group.

- Interest or hobby?
- Where would it take place?
- How long would it last?
- Would the interest or hobby group be limited in space such as to 4 or 6 people, etc.?

AMTRAK TRAIN TO NC STATE FAIR

Don't Miss This Opportunity!
On Tuesday, October 21, 2025,
join us for an Amtrak train ride to the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh, NC and back home.



Costs:

- Amtrak Train Ride \$50 per person - round trip
- Admission to State Fair: (Ages 13-64): \$13 (Seniors): \$7

Payment is due at the time your reservation is made. Gentle reminder: You will not have a reservation until payment is made. Simply turn in your name and payment to Judy Deal or Alma Carlton no later than **Monday, September 1**.

Church members may invite family and friends. You may contact Judy Deal if your are interested. **(336) 479-7244** or deal_wj1976@yahoo.com

More details...

- Leaving Salisbury on Amtrak on Tuesday, Oct 21 7:28am and arriving in Raleigh-NC State Fair at approximately 10:10am.
- Return trip from Raleigh-NC State Fair boards at approximately 3:15pm and arrives back in Salisbury at approximately 5:41pm
- You will be responsible for expenses inside the fair such as ride tickets and food.
- NOTE: Feel free to bring food/drinks on the train to eat for breakfast - or - some food is available for purchase in the cafe car
- On the way back, feel free to bring food on the train to eat for supper...on the trip back coffee and water are complimentary with the price of your tickets. Can drinks and snacks are available for purchase from vending machines.
- Wear comfortable clothes and shoes since you will be walking around the fair a lot.

Spiritual Formation Studies for Fall!
This fall you will have three different studies to choose from:
Six Week Bible Study on Jesus' Parables
This short-term Bible study will be led by Jack Tookey on Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning **September 2nd**. Jack and his wife Jacqueline are both retired UM clergy who have chosen to join the life of our congregation and are already sharing their gifts of music, preaching, and worship leadership. Jack's discussion-based study will use the Lifeguides study materials and will begin with the foundational Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13. Weekly preparation will enhance class discussion and ease you into the rhythm of regular Bible study.

Companions in Christ Small Group Experience
Companions in Christ is a 28-week experience in spiritual formation meant to further develop our lives as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ. Along the way we will practice different spiritual disciplines as we ponder the Way of Christ, the Mind of Christ, the Heart of Christ, the Work of Christ, and the Spirit of Christ, culminating with an overnight retreat at a local spiritual retreat center. Pastor Cheryl will lead this group on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning **September 9th**. The cost for a participant's book is \$15.

Short-Term Bible Study on the Fruit of the Spirit
Another gifted retired UM minister, Norman Hubbard, will lead a study he developed to explore the Fruit of the Holy Spirit found in Galatians chapter five. He and his wife Susie have become an integral part of our congregation and we are so blessed to have them at FUMC! Norman will lead this daytime class later in the fall—keep an eye open for more details coming soon.
As you can see, we have three great opportunities to grow spiritually this fall—please prayerfully consider joining a class. You can contact the class leaders or the church office to sign up now!



Vacation Bible School 2025



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Teens of Life Youth Ministry
Deepening Our Discipleship & Sharing God's Love
COME HEAR & EXPERIENCE OUR PASSPORT STORY ON SUNDAY,AUGUST 24



Teens of Life Youth Ministry Events & Happenings

Sun Aug 10	5:00pm Youth Meeting Planning for Youth Sunday & future events
Sun Aug 17	4:00pm Ice Cream Social & Games Wiffle Ball, Corn Hole, & More!
Sun Aug 24	11:00am Youth Sunday Lead worship & share about Passport
Sept 26-28	Save the Date! Retreat at Mount Sheperd w/FBC!!

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

Our Participation in the Worship of God

JULY	Weekly Mailer	8:45a	11:00a	You Tube	On Demand	WED	Weekly Total
6	29	17	80	58	105	12	301
13	29	19	118	70	78		314
20	29	33	100	44	36	12	254
27	29	20	91	146	34	12	329
Avg.	29	22	97	80	63	12	300

Without Exception. God Loves Everyone. Come Join Our Journey at First UMC.