

Monthly Calendar

(Subject to change)

World Communion Sunday
October 5

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 5 (4p) Church Lawn

Finance
Thursday, October 9 (7p) Parlor

Toys, Tots & Tailpipes Community Car Cruise-In
Sponsored by United Methodist Men
Saturday, October 11 (10a-2p)
First UMC parking lots

Fall Train Rides & Wiener Roast
Sunday, October 12 (4pm)
Home of Judy & William Deal

Laity Sunday
October 19

United Methodist Men
Sunday, October 19 (8:30a) Fellowship Hall

BLOCK Party & Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 19 (5p-6p)
State Street parking lot

Faith & Friends provides evening meal
Tuesday, October 21 (5:45p)
DC First Hope Ministries

Cluster Charge Conference
Sunday, October 26 (3p) Macedonia UMC
Meet our “New” District Superintendent

Faith Seekers
Thursday, October 30 (6p) Home of Donna Smith

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)

Mondays

The Fruit of the Spirit
(10a-11:30a) Conference Room

Line Dancing - (Sept 29th – Nov 3rd)
(10a) Fellowship Hall
Learn beginner line dances. ALL ages welcomed!

Butterfly Pillow - (October 6th)
(6p-8p) Home of Judy Deal
Learn how to make a butterfly pillow in 2 hours to take home.

Lexington Choral Society
(7p) Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays

Companions In Christ Small Group Experience
(10a) Conference Room

Prayer Warrior Lunch
(12p) Barbeque Center

Wednesdays

Butterfly Pillow - (October 8th)
(10a-12p) Home of Judy Deal
Learn how to make a butterfly pillow in 2 hours to take home.

Midday Prayer Gathering
(12p) Sanctuary

Crochet - (Oct 1st – Nov 19th)
(4:30p-5:45p) Fellowship Hall
Learn basic crochet techniques.

KINDERMUSIK
(5p) Ground Floor

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(7p) Choir Room

Thursdays

Chair Volleyball - (Sept 25th – Oct 30th)
(6p–7:30p) Fellowship Hall
Play volleyball with a beachball while sitting in a chair – ALL ages welcomed!

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World Communion Sunday is October 5

World Communion Sunday is a day for Christians across different denominations and cultures to remember their unity in Christ with a focus on the observance of the Eucharist, or Communion. The day emphasizes being part of the whole body of believers, regardless of geographic location or cultural background.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5 (4p) FUMC Lawn

In case of rain, join us under the 4th Avenue porte-cochere. For the safety and comfort of all who participate, **all animals** should be on a leash or in carrier

The Blessing of the Animals service is inspired by St. Francis of Assisi who lived a life of voluntary poverty and is known for his love of animals.



Toys, Tots, & Tailpipes Community Car Cruise-In
Sponsored by United Methodist Men

Saturday, October 11th (10am until 2pm)
FUMC Parking Lots

The entire church and community are invited to join us for a community car cruise-in!

- ➔ Classic & custom cars
- ➔ Music Entertainment by "DJ Kirk" spinning oldies rock!
- ➔ Food & refreshments will be provided by the FUMC

Teens of Life Youth, including hot dogs, drinks, coffee, and breakfast food/pastries

- ➔ Family-friendly fun, fellowship and community outreach
- ➔ Proceeds to benefit our Teens of Life Youth Ministry and donations for underprivileged kids at Christmas.
- ➔ Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

➔ To register a car or volunteer, contact the church office at (336) 248-2886 or churchoffice.fumclexnc@gmail.com.

COME AND ENJOY A DAY FILLED WITH EXCITING CARS, GREAT FOOD, AND CHRIST CENTERED FELLOWSHIP. BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR GREAT FUN!

NEW OR UNOPENED TOY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



Fall Train Rides & Wiener Roast

Sunday, October 12 (4p until 6p)

Home of Judy and William Deal

Train Rides begin at 4p. The wiener roast will begin when the train rides are completed.



The Missions' Committee is once again sponsoring “Rise Against Hunger” which will be held in the First UMC fellowship hall on Sunday, November 2. The cost for this project this year is \$4,400.

Although the Missions' Committee has some money in their annual budget, they are asking Sunday school classes, United Women in Faith, United Methodist Men, individuals or families, etc. to consider making a donation for this worthwhile project to completely fund it.

Please submit your donation to Christa Weeks, Judy Deal or Alma Carlton by **Wednesday, October 15**. If you have questions, please contact Christa Weeks or Judy Deal.

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

Block Party & 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 welcomed & invited to participate!

How Can You Participate?

- Bring 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 by **4p** to park & set-up.



Fridays
KINDERMUSIK
(9:30a and 10:45a) Ground Floor
Crafting – (Oct 3rd – Nov21st)
(1:30p) Home of Terri Hawley
Learn to make beautiful wooden crosses, pumpkins for fall & more!

FUMC Small Groups Fall 2025
Our small groups are off to a great start! There is something scheduled each day of the week. If you are interested and have questions, please contact Karen Bais (call or text) 828-838-2814 or (email) klbias@charter.net

Photography – OPEN - Led by William Deal
Length: 3-4 weeks
Learn photographic skills and make a display at the end of sessions

Trains – OPEN - Led by William Deal
Length: As long as there is interest
Learn about trains and the history of trains (First meeting at church to determine interest)

Line Dancing – wait list
Butterfly Pillow – wait list
Crochet – wait list
Chair Volleyball – OPEN
Crafting – wait list

I Phone & MacBooks - Led by John McWhorter
The group is **FULL** at this time.



Assistive Listening

Auracast is a new Bluetooth LE Audio feature that allows our sanctuary sound system to broadcast audio to an unlimited number of compatible devices, like earbuds, headphones, or hearing aids. The sanctuary at First United Methodist is now providing an Auracast broadcast during worship services. **Information and testing sessions are now being scheduled.** Please contact the church office, if you are interested. John McWhorter will contact you to schedule a session with you.

Information about the sessions will be in the church bulletin and newsletter.

For more information about this new technology visit: <https://www.bluetooth.com/auracast>

Our Participation in the Worship of God

Sept	7	14	21	28
8:45a	22	30	21	27
11:00a	110	101	90	96
YouTube	68	68	68	68
Mailer	28	28	28	28
On Demand	24	31	26	22
WED	12	12	12	12
Total	264	270	245	253

Notes of Sympathy
Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jimmie Jean Hunt and family upon the occasion of the death of her husband, George Henry Hunt, on September 15, 2025.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Amanda (Carlos) Bostick, Xander, Carlie, Colbie and their family upon the occasion of the death of her father Gil Walser, on September 16, 2025.

Sympathy of the ministers and the members of the congregation is extended to Jemmietta Allred, Chris Allred, Cathy Michael, and family upon the occasion of the death of Jemmietta’s husband, Paul Edward “Eddie” Allred, Jr., on September 21, 2025.



Pastor’s Pantry Corn Challenge
October 19 - November 9
On October 19, we will begin to collect cans of **whole kernel yellow corn** for the Thanksgiving & Christmas meals provided by Pastor’s Pantry. Our goal this year is **500 cans**. The collection site will be located on the table just outside of the Administrative Assistant’s office.

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

Teens of Life Youth Ministry Events & Happenings

Sun Oct 5	5pm Youth Meeting Work on Youth room & car show
Sat Oct 11	Car Show Fundraiser - sell hot dogs, etc. 9am - 2pm See email for sign up
Sun Oct 12	Kersey Valley Maize Adventure w/ FBC After worship/ lunch TBD - Cost \$25
Sun Oct 19	Fall Block Party @ 5pm
Sat Oct 25	Park cars for BBQ Festival *See email for sign up

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



All Saints Sunday is November 2
The first Sunday in November is a day of remembrance for the saints. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember loved ones we have lost in death, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations.

During 11:00 am service, the names are read aloud as a bell is rung and a votive candle is lighted in remembrance of loved ones we have lost in death since November of last year.

Rise AGAINST HUNGER **RISE Against Hunger Experience**
Sunday, November 2 | Fellowship Hall
We need your help, please!

You are asked to sign-up for the event:

- **Click & Go** on the logo from our Tuesday and/or Friday Constant Contact email
- Go directly to our website **NEWS** section and **Click & Go** on the logo
- Contact the church office (336) 248-2886, ask for Donna to help you sign-up

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

Operation Christmas Child



Collection week is November 17 - 24 and **the last date to turn in shoeboxes at First UMC is Sunday, November 23.**

Because she shops year-round and finds great deals to fill a great shoebox, Judy Deal will once again offer to fill a shoebox for anyone for only \$25 which includes the \$10 shipping. Deadline is Sunday, November 23.

If you enjoy filling you own shoebox, individual OCC shoeboxes are displayed throughout the church. Please contact Judy Deal at 336-479-7244 to answer your questions.

Color & Share with Pastor Amy!

