

8:30 AM | Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:30-9:45 AM | Holy Communion, Chapel
9:45 AM | Sunday School
11:00 AM | Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 AM | Anew Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

First Sunday of Advent Candle of Hope



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Welcome

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday! Our mission at First Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can."

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00AM - 5:00PM; CLOSED FRIDAY

Main Campus, 901 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 29577 ■ 843-448-7164

North Campus, Thomas N. Brittain Center (TNBC), 905 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC 29572

FUMC Centennial Moments for December: **Hangings of the Greens**

This is the time of the year we prepare our Church, our hearts, and our minds, for the **Season of Advent**. This preparation is started several days before the start of Advent. The **Hangings of Greenery is traditionally associated with everlasting life**. The

Christmas trees are covered with Chrismons, ornaments made by the people of the church. An Advent Wreath is made and Christmas banners may be hung. Lots of greenery, bows and ribbons, are used to decorate. Each window ledges display greenery, as do the railing and on the wings of the Sanctuary. During the week of Christmas, beautiful poinsettias are placed around the Altar. Wreaths adorn the front doors of the

Church, and the Live Oak tree on the front lawn is covered in strands of lights. All of the decorating, preparing for the celebration of Jesus's birth, takes many volunteers who give of their time, talents, and their love for the Church and the Advent Season.



COOKIE BOXES AND GOODY TINS—**DUE TODAY, DEC 1st**

Please return all **BOXes/TINs to the Parlor or outside ANEW.**

Student boxes will be mailed on Dec. 2nd.

If you are unable to return box/fin TODAY, Dec 1st, please notify a team member so that other arrangements may be made. Thank you.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"The difference between doing something and not doing something is doing something."
~ James Corden, entertainer

FUMC's Children's Sunday School is the "happening place" on Sunday mornings! Michelle Sturzenbecker is the new Nursery Coordinator. Our super **classroom teachers** are: **Infants**—Dot Amend, Loraine Todd; **Toddlers**—Bailey Kavana, Khyla Welker; **3-4 yr-olds**—Mary Ashley Bellamy, Cindy Funston; **5-6 yr-olds**—Case and Yvonne Brittain; **2nd-3rd grades**—Laura Bowden, Jennifer Keelin; **4th-5th grades**—Piper Butler, Mary Margaret Kittle, Elizabeth Galloway McKnight.

First Church Weekly Reading:

December 2	Psalms 47:1-9
December 3	Acts 7:1-8
December 4	Matthew 8:5-13
December 5	Hebrews 6:13-20
December 6	Acts 26:1-8
December 7	Galatians 3:6-14
December 8	Hebrews 11:1, 6-16

First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don't already have one.

** Indicates: Uniform Series*

*International Lesson Series: Faith and Hope
"Hebrews 11:1, 6-16"*

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes

0-2 year-olds	Nursery
3 and 4 year-old preschool	Wesley 102
Kindergarten/First Grade	Wesley 201
2nd and 3rd Grades	Wesley 201
4th and 5th Grades	Wesley 201

Youth Classes

6th - 12th Grades	Sonshine House
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Adult Classes

Ark	Wesley 103
Brittain Fellowship	Asbury 101
Faith Foundations	Asbury 203
M.D. Moore *	Wesley 105
New Horizons	Asbury 201
New Ventures	The 925
Open Doors *	Wesley 104
Open Fellowship *	Music Center 101

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Monthly Mission in Motion—DECEMBER



The journey out of poverty all starts with hope. Equipping orphans in Kenya with tools and training to overcome life-threatening poverty for good.

Monetary donations may be made **payable to First UMC, note "Zoe"**, and may be placed in the offering plate or dropped by the church office.

Our Christmas Eve offering will also go toward this world mission.

Condolences

The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Judy Allen** on the recent death of her sister, Brenda Rothell, in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

Congratulations on the birth of **Wyatt James Wicker**, born November 23, 2019, son of Cameron and Wilson Wicker, grandson of Caroline and Jim Crutchfield. The **Dutch Cradle Cross** on the altar is placed in honor of his birth.

The **Children's Christmas program** will be presented on **Sunday, December 8th** in the **Sanctuary at 10AM (during Sunday School hour)**. Children, grades K—5, will participate.



Festive Brass of Myrtle Beach presents **"Christmas Around the World"** on Sunday, **December 15th at 3:00PM** in the Sanctuary. **Free Admission!**



RADA Cutlery—TODAY, LAST DAY, Dec 1st to place orders. Lautrelle Merchant Circle is taking orders for this annual fundraiser supporting local and state missions. See a Circle member **TODAY** before services in the church office and outside the Anew. The order **will be placed Dec. 2nd** and will arrive before Christmas. Payment will be made upon delivery. Thank you for your support.



UMW Annual Oak Tree Lighting—Help light the Big Oak this Christmas "in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One". Donate a **string of lights for \$20** to the "Christmas Light Memorial Fund"; proceeds benefit Hope House (giving aid to homeless students at Myrtle Beach High School). Forms may be found in the church office and at the entrances to worship and are **due by December 17th**. The UMW thanks you.



Poinsettias—Order a **Poinsettia** from the Cloister Circle for **\$15** "in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One" to **adorn our worship services** during Christmas week. Forms may be found in the church office and are **due by Dec 15th**. Proceeds will benefit New Directions, a transitional program serving families in crisis; a safe shelter for women and children providing counseling, legal advocacy and 24 hour crisis intervention. Your support is appreciated.



UM Youth Fellowship
News:
Youth activities...

Coming Up:

- Dec 1st:** NO YOUTH
- Dec 3rd:** High School Breakfast & Devo @ Chick Fil-a, Mr. Joe White Ave
- Dec 5th:** Middle School Breakfast & Devo @ Bojangles, International Dr
- Dec 8th:** Shop for Shepherd's Child
- Dec 10th:** High School Breakfast & Devo @ Chick Fil-a, Mr. Joe White Ave
- Dec 12th:** Middle School Breakfast & Devo @ Bojangles, International Dr

Youth who signed up—we shop on **Dec 8th** for **Shepherd's Child**. Meet at **4:30PM** at The 925—bring **\$10** to shop **and money for fast food dinner**. **Pick up** will be **7PM**.

Revolution sign up deadline...this is a firm date, so don't miss out! **RSVP by Dec 18th**. Trip dates are **Jan 24-26** and cost is **\$63 plus money for 3 meals**. Please provide your **T-shirt size**.

Shepherd's Child | Dec 15th

Shepherds Child helps children in need through financial assistance, a meal, gift giving, and sharing the Christmas Story. We **need your financial help**. All **monetary donations** will go **towards Shepherd's Child**. Please make checks payable to FUMC, note "Shepherd's Child" and place in the offering plate during worship or mail to the church office. Thank you.



First Church will serve at Community Kitchen
December 9-13.
Breakfast shift | 7AM-10AM
Lunch Shift | 10AM-1PM
To volunteer, please contact Lesa Jones,
704-796-7280 or LJones6430@gmail.com.



Children's Ministry
Christmas Caroling
3rd—5th Graders
December 8th
1:30—4:30PM

Meet at 1:30PM at the North Campus
(904 65th Ave N)

Join our Children's Ministry as we go Christmas Caroling with the residents at **Covenant Towers and Myrtle Beach Manor**. We will return to the North Campus by 4:30PM for hot chocolate and cookies. All families, all ages are invited to participate. All children must have an accompanying adult for this event. No registration is required.

Thank you!

The **United Methodist Women** would like to thank everyone who made purchases from our Christmas Bazaar and bake sale. Your generosity helped to make the **Bazaar very successful**. We have donated those funds to Hope House which assists the 28 homeless students at Myrtle Beach High School.

Financials
and
Attendance



Gifts (includes online giving)

Week of November 24, 2019:	\$ 59,283
Giving to-date:	\$ 1,086,490
Expenses to-date:	\$ 1,251,037
Difference:	- \$ 164,547

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence—November 24, 2019

◆ Worship	456
◆ Social Media Views	513
◆ Sunday School	237

The First Church Thrift Store Hours: Mondays 9AM-12PM; Thursdays 1:00-4:00PM. Donations accepted during these times.

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Happening This Week

SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

- 8:15-12:00 **Nursery Provided** WESLEY BLDG
8:30AM **Traditional Worship** SANCTUARY
9:30AM **Holy Communion** CHAPEL
9:45AM **Sunday School** MAIN CAMPUS
11:00AM **Traditional Worship** SANCTUARY
11:00AM **Anew Contemporary**
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER

MONDAY, December 2

- 9:00AM **Thrift Store** MAIN CAMPUS
10:00AM **College Ministry** PARLOR
3:00PM **Knit One Ministry** PARLOR
5:30PM **Heartland Hospice
Memorial**
WESLEY FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:30PM **Festive Brass Rehearsal**
TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS

TUESDAY, December 3

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFFICE/2nd FLR
11:00AM **Advent Study "Faithful"**
CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, December 4

- 7:15AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
7:30AM **Men's Prayer Group** LIBRARY
1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
HANDBELL ROOM
2:30PM **Children's Christmas
Rehearsal** MAIN CAMPUS
3:15PM **Children's Choir & Handbells**
MAIN CAMPUS
5:00PM **Youth Choir** MAIN CAMPUS
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
MUSIC ROOM

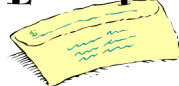
THURSDAY, December 5

- 5:30AM **F3 Bible Study**
TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS
10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
1:00PM **Thrift Store** MAIN CAMPUS

SATURDAY, December 7

- 10:00AM **Children's Christmas
Rehearsal**
SANCTUARY

Offering Envelopes



2020 Offering Envelopes will be available in early December. If you do not normally receive giving envelopes and would like to have them, please notify Kay in the church office, kay@fumcmb.org or 843-488-7164.