



The Steeple ■ December 22 & 29, 2019

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Candle of Joy



First Sunday after Christmas Day



Ministers and Ministry Directors

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Senior Pastor

Rev. Meredith M. Dark

Associate Pastor

Rev. Thomas Brittain

Pastor Emeritus

Jennifer Hupko

Director of Educational, Youth,
and Congregational Care Ministries

Cindy Johnson

Director of Children's Ministries

Norman McQueen

Director of Music

D. Scott Ferguson

Pianist/Organist

Philip Keilen

Director of Coastal Samaritan
Counseling Center

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: **Chrismons**

Chrismons are handmade decorations made with Christian symbols. They are usually crafted by people of the Church and are hung on the Christmas or Evergreen trees, in the Sanctuary. The Chrismons are beautiful to look at and each one tells a story. Gold and white in color, they represent majesty and purity. The word Chrismon means "**Symbol of Christ**". This reminds Christians that Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Centennial Moments Recap, Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor:

What a pleasure to serve First United Methodist Church over the last six months of FUMC's 100th year! As your senior pastor, I have studied the church's history and have discovered a great deal of its treasured heritage and DNA planted here 100 years ago.

First Church was established at the present site on 9th Avenue and North Kings Highway to be a beacon of light to all coming into the city. Our steeple points toward heaven as a reminder that God loves all who come this way. We are here to proclaim the gospel, help those in need, and to be a guiding light to all. The church has always been "the church with a heart in the heart of Myrtle Beach", and we look forward to carrying forth our legacy—being that heart for the next century. We pray our next 100 years will be even greater than the last. May our future be filled with the same mission, to be a light to all drawing others to Jesus Christ.



I am honored to be a part of a congregation that loves their church, their neighbors and their God.

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

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| December 23 | Isaiah 63:7-14 |
| December 24 | Luke 1:39-45 |
| December 25 | Luke 1:46-53 |
| December 26 | John 14:15-26 |
| December 27 | Romans 5:1-5 |
| December 28 | Luke 24:44-53 |
| December 29 | Acts 1:1-9 |

12/29/19 International Lesson Series: Acts 1:1-9

"Hope for Spirit-Filled Living"

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| December 30 | Psalm 93:1-5 |
| December 31 | Psalm 84:1-12 |
| January 1 | Judges 6:11-24 |
| January 2 | 2 Kings 20:1-10 |
| January 3 | Genesis 14:17-24 |
| January 4 | Genesis 15:1-7 |
| January 5 | Genesis 15:8-20 |

1/5/20 International Lesson Series: Genesis 15:1-20

"God's Covenant With Abram"

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes

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| 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

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| 6th - 12th Grades | Sonshine House |
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Adult Classes

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| 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 |

** Indicates: Uniform Series*

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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 the following members who have experienced the recent death of a loved one: to **Susan Baxter** for her mother; to **Laura Bowden** for her father; to **Sylvia Harman** for her brother; to **Dennis Neptune** for his brother-in-law; and to **Steve Kahn** for his father.

The Steeple today is a combined edition for the weeks of December 22nd & 29th! Please take home a copy to reference through the next two weeks. See you in 2020!

For those who provided flower donations, please remember to take **Poinsettias** home after **Christmas Eve** services.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Words of Wisdom: Earn all you can. . . Save all you can . . . Give all you can!"
~ John Wesley

"TURNING IT UP IN 2020"

Monday Night Worship | Chapel
Starting January 13th | 6PM

Join us for a relaxed worship experience of music, meditation, and message.

Day of Service January 18-20

The South Carolina Conference is holding **MLK Day of Service** with SC Disaster Recovery. **Must be 14 years or older** however, **no skills or experience required!** **Register to volunteer** for one or more days via the banner at uscmc.org. A vehicle will be available to **carpool on Saturday, January 18th**. If interested in carpooling or questions, please email Suzanne Gayton at suzanne.gayton@gmail.com. **Registration preferred by January 5th** to give time to complete background checks. More details to follow!



COMING SOON! Snowbirds & Seagulls Programs/Meals
All meals \$5 per person | 11:15AM in Wesley Fellowship Hall

January 9
Worship in the Chapel

SBSG Golf
January 7—River Oaks



UM Youth Fellowship News: Youth activities...

Coming Up:

- Dec 22nd:** No Youth
- Dec 24th & 26th:** No Youth Breakfasts
- Dec 29th:** No Youth
- Dec 31st & Jan 2nd:** No Youth Breakfasts
- Jan 5th:** Anyone who is up for it, meet at Burkey's @ 5PM for dinner



Thank You

Dear FUMC Family,
You are so very kind & thoughtful! Norman & I have been truly blessed by your loving concern, continued prayers, fun visits, delicious food, phone calls & beautiful cards. We appreciate you very much!
Love, Brenda Bennett

Dear College Ministry,
Thank you so much for the lovely care package. It was a great treat and a much needed reminder that I am not alone during the stressful Finals time. Hope you all have an amazing holiday season!
With much thanks,
Paige Chase

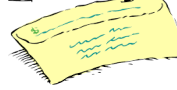


HOLY COMMUNION—every Sunday from 9:30-9:45AM in the Chapel. All are welcome to come to the Chapel at 9:30AM (or following 8:30 worship) to receive the elements.



SNOWBIRDS & SEAGULLS! Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a **weekly program** that runs **January through March**. This ministry is designed for local and snowbird seniors with weekly programs held on Thursday mornings and weekly golf outings on Tuesday mornings. Please go to our website **www.fumcmb.org** for more information and to register, or stop by the church office to pick up information.

Offering Envelopes 2020 **Offering Envelopes** are available to pick up in the office. If you do not find your name on one of the boxes, please **notify Kay** in the church office, **kay@fumcmb.org** or 843-488-7164.



YEAR END GIVING

Please include First Church in year-end planned giving. All receipts post-marked or received in person by 12/31 will be credited to the 2019 fiscal year. Kenny Lidard will be in the church office on 12/31 from 8AM to 2PM. Thank you.

Financials and Attendance



Gifts (includes online giving)

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| Week of December 15, 2019: | \$ 29,187 |
| Giving to-date 12/15/19: | \$ 1,187,711 |
| Expenses to-date 12/15/19: | \$ 1,302,750 |
| Difference 12/15/19: | - \$ 115,039 |

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence—December 15, 2019:

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| ♦ Worship | 558 |
| ♦ Social Media Views (avg.) | 883 |
| ♦ Sunday School | 202 |

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

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Request Emailed Steeple: thesteeple@fumcmb.org Traditional Worship televised Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, on FOX Channel 7

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, December 22, 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 23

THRIFT STORE CLOSED
REOPEN JANUARY 6th

TUESDAY, December 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

All Christmas Eve Services
Candlelight & Holy Communion

- NOON **Traditional Worship** SANCTUARY
4:00PM **Anew Family Contemporary**
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
7:00PM **Traditional Worship*** SANCTUARY
*Nursery provided
11:00PM **Traditional Worship** SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



THURSDAY, December 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 5:30AM **F3 Bible Study**
TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS

SUNDAY, December 29, 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

TUESDAY, December 31

NEW YEARS' EVE
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*
*Open 8AM-2PM to receive
year-end giving

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

NEW YEARS' DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, January 2

- 5:30AM **F3 Bible Study**
TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS
10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR

*Poinsettias Given to the Glory of God
Memorials and Honorariums—2019*

In Loving Memory:

Julanne Arnold

By: Willa Wrenn

Lydia Hussey Banks

By: Mike & Jean Hussey

Fran Davidson

By: Gael Sansbury

Marie Gates & Larry E. Gates Sr.

By: Larry & Linda Gates

Elbert Neal Herring

Neal Herring, Jr.

By: Joanne Herring

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hucks

By: Mike & Jean Hussey

Charles Huggins, Sr

By: Dorothy Huggins

Clara Broyhill Hunsucker

By: Sharon & George DuRant

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hussey

By: Jean & Mike Hussey

Virginia & Thomas Kirby

By: Daniel & Maria Shuler

Crys & Jim Lynn

By: Willa Wrenn

John Phillip McCoy, Jr.

Tony & Allyson Hirsh, Lyla McElveen

Susan & Alex Mordvinov

Nada Mordvinov

By: Daniel & Maria Shuler

Our Parents

By: Kent & Tommy Gray

LeRoy, Carol & Randy Platt

By: Rachel Platt

Robert Sansbury

By: Gael Sansbury

Col. & Mrs. Vander Smith

By: Larry & Linda Gates

Albert Springs

By: Carmen Springs

By: Amy, Albert, Lindsey, Maria Emma
and Mary Carmen Springs

Memorials (continued)

Bradley Taylor

By: Dorothy Huggins

Paul Wagner

By: Martha Wagner

Timothy John Wehr

By: Faith Dodd

Eddie White

By: Ann & Jim Makins

Margaret Whitney

By: Rhonda & Tom Slavish

Sue Sanders Wood

By: James & Lynn Wood

My Parents & Grandparents

By: Davida Ann Florance

In Loving Honor:

Big Tom Brittain

By: Phyllis & Bob Poston

Jennifer Gray

By: Kent & Tommy Gray

Charles Huggins, Jr. & Family

By: Dorothy Huggins

My Grandchildren

Reid Lilly, Jacie Julian & Anna Julian

By: Sharri Hammond

Our Children & Grandchildren

By: Jan & Les Haga

Our Children & Grandchildren

By: Jack & Darlene Rebeck

Sansbury Family

By: Gael Sansbury

My Sisters in Service

By: Kathy Rodwell

Ryann & Madison Smith

By: Sharon & George DuRant

Carmen Springs

By: Amy, Albert, Lindsey, Maria Emma
and Mary Carmen Springs

Honorariums (continued)

Joe Taylor & Family

By: Dorothy Huggins

Rev. Ray & Arminia Thomas

By: Craig & Leslie Thomas

Phyllis White

By: Ann & Jim Makin

Tree Lights Memorials and Honorariums 2019

IN MEMORY OF:

Ron Mason
By The Wasserman Family
Robert Sanders Winn
By Judy & Tom Winn
Brenda Sanders
By Judy & Tom Winn
Charlotte Staggs
By Judy & Tom Winn
Tom & Mary Winn
By Judy & Tom Winn
Mark Adrian Hestere
By Geoff & Lesa Jones
Sandy Frey
By Margit & Dennis Ruby
Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Hodges
By Roger & Jane Hodges
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Ramsey
By Roger & Jane Hodges
Bob Sansbury
By His Family
Susanne Rebeck
By Jack & Darlene Rebeck
Ben Venables, Jr.
By Jack & Darlene Rebeck
Peggy Hanna
By Ron & Anne Andrews
Manny & Greg Letts
By Nita & Meredith Letts
Tony & Karen Bowling
By Martha Wagner
My Parents
By Sandra Nystrom
Kimbra Vannoy
By Sandra Nystrom
Bernard Vannoy
By Sandra Nystrom
Lynn Gardner
By Donald & Carolyn Royal
Phyllis & Tom Slavish
By Rhonda & Tom Slavish
Allene & Clayton Gore
By Clayllene Gore & Kenny Rapaport
Ann & Walter Rapaport
By Clayllene Gore & Kenny Rapaport
John Phillip McCoy, Jr.
By His Family, Tony & Allyson Hirsch,
and Lyla McElveen
My Parents & Sister
By Martha Stanton
Bob Howser
By Tara Howser
Ann Ward
By Toby Ward & Tara Howser
Loved Ones
By Elmer & Penny Magyar
Kenneth Glandt
By James & Lynn Wood

Memorials (continued)

Gordon & Nell Wood
By James & Lynn Wood
George "Bull" Inabinet
By Family & Carrie Inabinet
Mary & Mack Dusenburg
By Family & Carrie Inabinet
Brig. Gen Holmes & Louise Springs
By Sandra Springs
Rowan & Louise "Wese" Crews
By Sandra Springs
Dr. Holmes & Shirley Springs
By Sandra Springs
Wilson "Teedy" Springs
By Sandra Springs
Elizabeth Springs
By Sandra Springs
Pat & Alice "Tootsie" Donevant
By Sandra Springs
David Springs
By Sandra Springs
Albert Springs
By Sandra Springs
Douglas Pruett
By Sandra Springs
John Hammond
By Sharri Hammond
W.L. Joyce
By Mavis Joyce
Jean Brittain
By Mavis Joyce
Bryce Joyce
By Mavis Joyce
Lyn Gardner
By Mavis Joyce
Wilson Baker Springs
By Wilson, Ashley, Wilson, Kenan
and Adams Springs
Bradley Taylor
By Dorothy Huggins
My Pappy
By Katie Mason
Ed & Ella Ogden
By Judy Ogden
Nicky Kendrick
By James Kendrick
Matthew Beers
By Rachel Platt
Rosalyn Clontz
By Rachel Platt
Ed & Ella Ogden
By Judy Ogden
Marina Ogden-Schuette
By Judy Ogden
Tennessee Collier Circle
By Gresta Newton
**Rhonda, Gene, Duncan
and Winn Singleton**
By Judy & Tom Winn

IN HONOR OF:

Clayton, Jack, Jay, & Reese
By DeeDee & Papa Rodwell
Norman McQueen
By Margit & Dennis Ruby
God's Love
By Thomas N Brittain
Jayne Smith & Hand Bell Choir
By Jack & Darlene Rebeck
Lois Andrews
By Ron & Anne Andrews
God's Gifts
By Roger & Judy Hall
Luke, Ava, Grace & Preston
By Cece Shaw
Our Children & Grandchildren
By Jim & Helen Shaffer
My Children & Grandchildren
By Emily Ann Skews
Carrie Inabinet
By Family
Cecelia Shaw
By Carrie Inabinet
Ed & Annette Willet
By Paityn, Braydeigh & Parker
Penny Easom
By Carrie Inabinet & Family
Neyle & Anne Wilson & Children
By Sandra Springs
Tom & Margaret Dyer
By Sandra Springs
Ken & Louise Smith
By Sandra Springs
Dave & Tammy Pruett & Children
By Sandra Springs
John Pruett
By Sandra Springs
Steve Pruett & Family
By Sandra Springs
Jill Pruett & Sons
By Sandra Springs
Ed & Annette Willet
By Mavis Joyce
Willa Wrenn
By Mavis Joyce
Phyllis White
By Mavis Joyce
Our Family
By Michelle Sturzenbecker
My Granddaughter, Katie Mason
By Marilyn Mason
Bill Clontz
By Rachel Platt
Pastoral Staff
By Phyllis & Bob Poston