



The Steeple ■ December 8, 2019

8:30 AM | Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9:30-9:45 AM | Holy Communion, Chapel

9:45 AM | Sunday School

10:00 AM | Children's Christmas Program, Sanctuary

11:00 AM | Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 AM | Anew Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

Second Sunday of Advent Candle of Peace



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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: **Advent Wreath**

The Advent Candle Wreath has five candles in a bed of greenery. The wreath is round in shape and symbolizes God's never ending love. The purple or blue candle represents royalty and is the traditional color of Advent. Three candles in the wreath are usually purple symbolizing a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice while the pink candle symbolizes joy. The white candle placed in the middle of the wreath is the Christ Candle and is white representing the purity of Christ.

The first candle lit is the Prophecy Candle representing "**Hope**" reminding us of God's promise that He is our hope, redeemer and savior.

The second candle lit is the Angel's Candle symbolizing "**Peace**" proclaiming the love and peace of Heaven that is ours through Jesus Christ as we prepare our hearts for his coming.

The third candle lit is the Shepherd's Candle and is pink representing "**Joy**" that our hearts may be forever filled with the joy and praise for God's gift of a Savior.

The fourth candle lit is the Bethlehem Candle representing "**Love**", announcing the coming King and greatness of God's love through the Christ Child.

The Christ Candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and represents the life of Christ.



Please remember to **return commitment cards** for our Stewardship program **as soon as possible**. Anyone who does not have a card may **request one** from Kay in the church office (kay@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164).



We are "**TURNING IT UP IN 2020**" with **Monday Night Worship starting January 13th at 6PM in the Chapel**. Stay tuned for more details coming very soon.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Nothing is better than knowing your conscience is clean, before God, as you go to sleep."
~ James Smith

First Church Weekly Reading:

December 2	Psalm 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: Hebrews 11:1, 6-16
"Faith and Hope"*

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.

Congratulations on the birth of **Charley Jane Rich**, born November 26, 2019, daughter of Pamela and Zak Rich, granddaughter of Jean and Mike Hussey, and little sister to big sister Kennedy. The **Dutch Cradle Cross** is placed on the altar in honor of her birth.

The **Children's Christmas program** will be presented **TODAY, Sunday, December 8th** in the **Sanctuary at 10AM (during Sunday School hour)**. Come and enjoy hearing our children.



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

Ladies Lunch & Devotion—Magnolia's (upstairs) at **11:30AM**
Wednesday, Dec 11th | Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion



LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP with those who mourn, also known as "Blue Christmas". If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one and finding it difficult to celebrate the love and joy at Christmastime, please join us on **Thursday, December 19th**, at **5:00PM in the Chapel** for a service of reflection, accepting who we are, holding out healing and hope.



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.



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.



UM Youth Fellowship
News:
Youth activities...

Coming Up:

- 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
- Dec 15th:** Shepherd's Child Celebration
- Dec 15th:** Youth Christmas Party @ The 925

Make sure to **sign up** for **Revolution!** Cost is **\$63 PLUS 3 meals.** **RSVP by Dec 18th.** Trip dates are **Jan 24-26.** We will also need 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.



thank you! With a lot of help, we packed and mailed **61 boxes to our college students.** As a result of your generosity, we sent brownies, fudge, cookies, toasted pecans, trail mix and much more. Many thanks for helping make wonderful Christmas boxes packed with love and enough goodies to share with roommates and friends. No wonder we are known as "The Church with a Heart"! We asked and You responded—you never fail to amaze!
~ The College Ministry Team



Children's Ministry
Christmas Caroling
3 yr-olds—5th Graders
TODAY—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.



Please include First Church in year-end planned giving. All receipts post-marked by 12/31 will be credited to the 2019 fiscal year. Thank you.

Financials and Attendance



Gifts (includes online giving)

Week of December 1, 2019:	\$ 34,869
Giving to-date:	\$ 1,121,405
Expenses to-date:	\$ 1,261,890
Difference:	- \$ 140,485

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence—December 1, 2019

◆ Worship	402
◆ Social Media Views	327
◆ Sunday School	207

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 8, 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
10:00AM **Children's Christmas Program**
SANCTUARY
11:00AM **Traditional Worship** SANCTUARY
11:00AM **Anew Contemporary**
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
1:30PM **Children's Caroling**
CDM-NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAY, December 9

- 9:00AM **Thrift Store** MAIN CAMPUS
5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** OFFICE/2nd Flr
5:30PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
HANDBELL ROOM
6:30PM **Festive Brass Rehearsal**
TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS

TUESDAY, December 10

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFFICE/2nd FLR
11:00AM **Advent Study "Faithful"**
CHAPEL
12:30PM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
COVENANT TOWERS
3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**
PARLOR
5:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**
CAROLING & DINNER

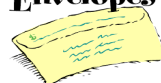
WEDNESDAY, December 11

- 7:15AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
7:30AM **Men's Prayer Group** LIBRARY
11:30AM **Women's Lunch Devotion**
MAGNOLIA'S RESTAURANT
6:00PM **Cloister Circle**
CHRISTMAS DINNER
5:30PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**
SANCTUARY
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**
SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, December 12

- 5:30AM **F3 Bible Study**
TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS
NOON **Ann Herbert Circle**
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
1:00PM **Thrift Store** MAIN CAMPUS

2020 Offering Envelopes will be available later this month to pick up in the office. If you **need weekly envelopes**, please **notify Kay** in the church office, kay@fumcmb.org or 843-488-7164.



**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS
FOR NOVEMBER 2019 BULLETIN**

-----IN MEMORY OF-----

Angela Brown

James Kendrick (Pastor's Discretionary)

Kevin Clontz

Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)

Rosalyn Clontz

Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)

George Crews

Pete & Jo Pearce (Memorial Fund)

Ann Crutchfield

Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)

Mike & Jean Hussey (TV)

Thomas Dugan

James Kendrick (Pastor's Discretionary)

Sandy Frey

Open Fellowship Class (Pastor's Discretionary)

Lyn Gardner

Jan & Rowan Crews (TV)

Milton Harcum

Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)

Sisters in Service (Pastor's Discretionary)

Carrie Inabinet, John & Carolyn Streeter, and Mary

Catherine & Steve Mattox (Pastors Discretionary)

Frank & Harriet Clark (General Fund)

Ron Mason

James Kendrick (Pastor's Discretionary)

Billie McClain

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Doug McCormick

Mike & Jean Hussey (TV)

Margaret Reinhardt

Mike & Jean Hussey (TV)

Carrie Inabinet, John & Carolyn Streeter, and Mary

Catherine & Steve Mattox (Pastors Discretionary)

Jim & Helen Clemmons (Memorial Fund)

-----IN MEMORY OF (*continued*)-----

Wilson Springs

James Kendrick (Pastor's Discretionary)

Anthony Trask

Mark Pugh, Julie & Hartley Trask (General Fund)

Jewel Wrenn

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

-----IN HONOR OF-----

**Children's and Adult Choirs, Meredith Dark,
Melody Gildner and Decoration Team, Stewardship
Promotion Speakers, Wyatt James Wicker**

Tom Brittain (Billboard Advertising)

Tommy & Kathy Brittain (Billboard Advertising)

**Tom Brittain, George Howle, Meredith Dark,
Regi Thackston**

Neil & Susan McCoy (General Fund)

Tom Brittain

Robert & Shirley Schmidt (Summer Camp Endowment)