



FIRST CHURCH  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ January 28, 2024

MISSION IMPACT SUNDAY

10:00AM\* Combined Worship

Traditional & Contemporary, Sanctuary

\*Facebook livestreamed

WELCOME

We are blessed to have you with us in worship this day!

Our mission: "Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others!"

Gather—Grow—Give—Go!

Order of Worship

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

The liturgical color is green symbolizing the time when we remember discipleship.

We lift up prayers for the nation, our community, our church family, staff, ministers,  
and for the work of Christ in the world.

Prelude "I Love You, Lord" arr. Kim  
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Joel McMakin

\* Chiming of the Trinity

\* Opening Hymn "O How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

\* Affirmation of Faith Rev. Michelle Louk | UMH #881  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* The Gloria Patri UMH #70

\* Children's Message Pastor Donna  
(Following, children ages 4 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Little Church. Parents may pick up children after worship in room 201, Wesley Bldg.)

Anthem "Because We Believe" arr. Rouse  
Wesley Chancel Choir and Praise Band

Scripture Reading James 2:14-26 Rev. Louk  
Pew Bible NT pg. 216

Mission Message James H. Salley  
President/CEO, Africa University

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.

The Lord's Prayer  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings  
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory "Goodness of God" Praise Band

\* The Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

(Continued on the next page.)

- \* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel
- Mission Message** Rev. Faith Fowler  
Executive Director, Cass Community Social Services
- \* **Closing Hymn** “Honey In the Rock” Praise Band *(see insert)*  
*(As directed, please bring Faith Promise cards forward.)*
- \* **Prayer of the Promises and Benediction** Rev. McMakin
- \* **Postlude** “Allegretto” Bach

(\*) Please stand as you are able.

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**Attendance**

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to **register your attendance. Members have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.**

**Sunday School** for all ages—3 through adult—9:00 to 9:50AM.  
Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship.

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**Children**

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children **ages 4 yrs to 1st grade** after the Children’s Message in worship. **Toddlers, ages 2 & 3, will be provided childcare** in the Wesley **toddler room #106**. Little Church is a child-friendly time to worship and learn about God’s Word in room 201, Wesley Building. Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

\*\*\*Please ask the ushers for hearing devices, large print hymnals, or children’s Wiggle Bags.\*\*\*

We are blessed to welcome everyone in our presence today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ together in worship.

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in memory of Dad, Bobby Jones, on his birthday, January 27th and Grandfather, C.R. Jones, by Michelle and Ed Suchonic and Bart.

Worship flowers are needed for Mar. 3, 24, 31; Apr 7, 14, 21, 28. To reserve one of these dates or a future date to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Trisha Tuite in the church office, [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164 x207.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website ([www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)), on the mobile app (fumc mb), or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7), and now on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

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### *Serving in Worship*

**GREETERS—JANUARY**

**Front Entrance** Kathi & Cam McCarl  
**Atrium Entrance** Sherrill Allen

**Office Entrance** Darlene Rebeck

**USHERS—JANUARY**

**Annette Willett:** Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Carol Ann Felts, Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

**ACOLYTE** TBD

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Melinda Morgan

**LITTLE CHURCH** Amanda Sturgeon, Pastor Donna



## MISSION IMPACT SUNDAY

Join FUMC of Myrtle Beach  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th**

for combined **8:45AM youth and adult Sunday school** in Wesley Hall and 10AM worship, Sanctuary, followed by a catered BBQ lunch, Wesley Hall

We are excited to share updates and to hear from several of our local, regional & global Mission organizations!

**If you stay for Lunch with your children**, please contact Trisha in the Church Office, 843-448-7164, to **register the number of children** and age of each child. **Childcare is available** for ages infants to 3 years.

Pastor Donna Cassity will host a **Special Mission Project** for children, **ages 4 through 5th Grade. A separate children's lunch will be provided.**

**Congratulations to Rikki and Austin Waldorf** on the birth of their son, **Kieran James Waldorf**, on January 19, 2024. Proud grandparents are **Janet and Jimmy Waldorf, and Scarlet and Andy Fowler**. Great-grandparents are **Mabel and Red Waldorf**. A Cradle Cross and flower are placed on the altar in honor of this new life.



For the last several months, First Church spent much time discerning our relationship with The United Methodist Church over issues such as Theological Differences, Scriptural Authority, and the Identity of Christ. On Sunday, January 21, 2024, during a called Church Conference with over 414 in attendance, our congregation voted 92% to separate from the UMC and become an independent Methodist church pending approval at The S.C. Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to be held June 9-12, 2024. The official date of separation will be the end of June, 2024. Please continue to be in prayer as First Church moves forward in this direction guided by the Holy Spirit.

The **Wednesday Bible study** meets **at 1:30PM in The 925** continuing in the New Testament in the Book of Revelation, chapters 4, 5, and 6 [mdlouk@umcsc.org](mailto:mdlouk@umcsc.org)



### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"With Jesus, little changes bring BIG results." ~ Dianne Mathews

### *First Church Weekly Readings:\**

**First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture lesson reading plan.**

Jan 29 Psalm 105:1-6  
 Jan 30 Psalm 22  
 Jan 31 Psalm 77  
 Feb 1 Psalm 34  
 Feb 2 Psalm 40  
 Feb 3 Psalm 71  
 Feb 4 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

*\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series  
 "Steadfast Prayer"*

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-24; Luke 11:5-8; 18:1-8*

### *Sunday School Classes*

**Children's Classes** (Wesley Bldg)  
 Infants to 18 months W-101  
 2 & 3 yr olds W-106  
 K & 1st grades W-202  
 2nd & 3rd grades W-204  
 4th & 5th grades W-203  
**Youth Classes**  
 6th-12th Grades Sonshine House

**Adult Classes** (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)  
 Ark The 925  
 Brittain Fellowship A-101  
 New Creation A-203  
 MD Moore\* W-105  
 Open Doors\* W-103  
 Open Fellowship\* A-104  
 Seekers A-207



## Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a **weekly program** held from **January through March** for **local and snowbird seniors**. **Information packets and applications are available on the church website or in the church office**. This week's schedule is shown below. For more info, please contact **Scott Bowen, 843-236-1823**.

**Jan. 30th — Arcadian Shores Golf Course**

**Feb. 1st — 11:15AM Wesley Hall**

**Program** — Ed Piotrowski, Meteorologist; **Meal** — Mrs. Fish

**Jan. 23rd Whispering Pines Golf Scores**—30 participants

**1st place Score 67:** Don Shillingburg, Bob Edwards, Jeff Harshbarger, Roger Davis

**2nd place Score 71:** Tommy Moore, Curt Dumbleton, Jack Rebeck, Bob Gingras



**"BIG TOM & FRIENDS"** first Friday men's lunch will be **February 2, 2024, 11:30AM, Magnolia's@26th, downstairs**. **All men** of the church are **cordially invited**.



Shrove  
Tuesday

### SHROVE TUESDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

**February 13th, 5:30PM to 7:00PM**

**Donations benefit First Church Youth**

Buffet includes pancakes, waffles, egg/cheese casserole, French toast, bacon, sausage, grits, hash browns, biscuits, stewed apples, fruit, King cake, beverages. A delectable delight!



### 2024 Bible Reading Plan!

We are reading the scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary, a **3-year cycle of weekly readings** following the Church year. **Copies of the reading plan are located at worship entrances, in the Church Office, and [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)**. **Week 4 (1/28/24):** Matthew 25, Deuteronomy 18, Psalm 111, Proverbs 3, 1 Corinthians 8

**Opportunities to Fellowship and Serve**  
**Mondays, 10:30AM—12 Noon**

*The Sunshiners*

It is a New Year and the **Sonshiners** are back to work **every Monday**. **On the first Monday**, a group visits nursing homes (Myrtle Beach Manor at present) to connect with residents sharing hymns, stories, and Christian love.

**On the second Monday**, a group meets in the Wesley kitchen to cook casseroles. These are then frozen and kept in the kitchen freezer for any church member to distribute to the homebound, recovering from surgery, new parents, or those who would benefit of a meal from our church.

**The third Monday** finds a group in the 925 room making gifts for seniors, first responders, new members, etc. to share God's love and caring.

**Week four** is a gathering time for games and Christian fellowship.

**All persons are invited to join** wherever their interests in service lie. Please refer to the **Steeple** for times.



**1/28 8:45AM Youth & Adult Sunday School combined in Wesley Hall**

**1/28 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus**

**1/31 7:15AM Youth prayer breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St.**

**2/4 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus**

**2/11 Confirmation classes** begin for interested students, grade 7 and above in the Sunshine House. Contact Derek to sign up or for more information.

**2/13 5:15PM Help serve at Shrove Tuesday Breakfast**

[derek@fumcmb.org](mailto:derek@fumcmb.org)



Calling all **children, youth, and adults** interested in serving in traditional worship to bring in the light of Christ on Sunday mornings are asked to **email Rhonda Singleton, [volunteers@fumcmb.org](mailto:volunteers@fumcmb.org)**.



**CDM Annual BBQ Fundraiser  
Friday, February 2nd, from 11AM to 2PM**

**Cost:** \$10/plate prepared by Kenny's Barbeque

BBQ, rice/gravy, sweet potato soufflé, cole slaw, bread

**Pick up only** from the CDM Youth Center, 904 65th Ave N, MB

**Local delivery** for orders of 20 plates or more

**Purchase tickets** from any CDM parent or call CDM, 843-692-9272



**CHURCH YARD SALE | AUGUST 10, 2024**

Sponsored by the Methodist Women  
Brittain Center, North Campus, 905 65th Ave N  
Start saving yard sale treasures to donate.

Details forthcoming. Questions?

Contact Janice Myers, 843-455-4373.



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

**Give electronically** with a cell phone. **Scan the QR** code below with your phone's camera, then tap the link at the top of the screen to open VENMO to give.



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**Financials and Attendance**

**As of 1/21/2024 (includes online giving):**

Contributions week of: **\$20,958**

Total Revenue YTD: **\$67,931**

Total Expenses YTD: **\$95,128**

Difference YTD: **- \$ 27,197**

*Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.*

**MISSIONS IMPACT 2024**

**Faith Promise: TBD**

**Faith Promise Receipts: TBD**

**Presence 1/21/2024**

◆ Worship in person: **405**

◆ Worship online: **1,208**

◆ Fox TV & promos (Nov. mo. est): **24,640**

◆ Social Media impressions: **6,522**

◆ Sunday School: **133**

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**Request The Steeple via email: [thesteeple@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeple@fumcmb.org)**

**Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7**

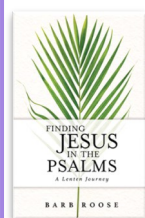
Thank you to my church family for all your support, care, and help during John's illness. It means so much to both of us.  
~ Susan Guinn

Thank you!

Thank you to all who assisted last Sunday in setting up the sanctuary, registering members, passing out the ballots, collecting ballots, driving our shut-ins to and from the meeting and handling all the other "little" details necessary to conduct the voting event. Your willingness to help is a blessing and greatly appreciated. Thanks again for making the day run smoothly and effectively.  
~ Rhonda Singleton  
Volunteer Coordinator



Ash Wednesday falls on **February 14th** this year. We will observe the **imposition of ashes** in the **Chapel** from **4:00PM to 6:00PM**. Please enter in prayer, receive the ashes, and remain as you desire for reflection and meditation.



**Lenten Study (6 weeks)** led by Rev. Jim Creel, Jr. Tuesdays beginning February 20th at Noon in The 925.  
**Finding Jesus in the Psalms, A Lenten Journey**  
All are invited.

## Happening This Week

### MISSION IMPACT SUNDAY January 28, 2024

- 8:30AM--  
11:15AM **Nursery/Toddlers** WESLEY CTR  
**Sunday School** WESLEY HALL  
8:45AM COMBINED ADULTS & YOUTH  
9:00AM CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL-WESLEY  
10:00AM **COMBINED WORSHIP\***  
SANCTUARY \*Facebook  
11:15AM **Catered Lunch** Adults & Youth  
Childcare-Nursery to 3 yrs  
Children's Lunch/Project WESLEY  
4 yrs to 5th grade  
5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

### MONDAY, Jan. 29

- 3:00PM **Grief Support** ASBURY #104  
5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG

### TUESDAY, Jan. 30

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-upstairs

### WEDNESDAY, Jan. 31

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
1:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG  
1:30PM **Bible Study** THE 925  
6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
CHAPEL

### THURSDAY, Feb. 1

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR  
11:15AM **Snowbirds/Seagulls Lunch**  
WESLEY HALL  
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

### FRIDAY, Feb. 2

- 11:30AM **Big Tom & Friends Men's Lunch** MAGNOLIA'S@26TH

### Looking Ahead!

- 2/11 Confirmation classes begin  
2/13 Shrove Tuesday meal  
2/14 Ash Wednesday, 4-6PM  
3/24 Palm Sunday, 2 services  
3/28 Maundy Thursday  
3/31 Easter, 2 services  
5/19 Graduation Sunday  
6/2 Confirmation

### Ministers

**Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor**    **Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Jim Creel, Jr., Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation**  
**Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus**

First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC  
**Church Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8AM-5PM—CLOSED FRIDAYS**  
North Campus: Thomas N. Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC



## **“HONEY IN THE ROCK”**

*Brandon Lake*

**There's Honey in the Rock, Water in the stone  
Manna on the ground, No matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know  
Everything I need You've got, There's Honey in the rock**

Praying for a miracle, Thirsty for the living well  
Only You can satisfy  
Sweetness at the mercy seat, Now I've tasted, it's not hard to see  
Only You can satisfy

There's Honey in the Rock, There's Honey in the Rock  
There's Honey in the Rock, There's Honey in the Rock

Freedom where the Spirit is, Bounty in the wilderness  
You will always satisfy

**There's Honey in the Rock, Water in the stone  
Manna on the ground, No matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know  
Everything I need You've got**

**There's Honey in the Rock, Purpose in Your plan  
Power in the blood, Healing in Your hands  
Started flowing when You said it is done  
Everything You did's enough**

I keep looking, I keep finding, You keep giving, keep providing  
I have all that I need, You are all that I need  
I keep praying, You keep moving, I keep praising, You keep proving  
I have all that I need, You are all that I need (*2 times*)  
I have all that I need, You are all that I need

**There's Honey in the Rock, Water in the stone  
Manna on the ground, No matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know  
Everything I need You've got**

**There's Honey in the Rock, Purpose in Your plan  
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Everything You did's enough**

There's Honey in the Rock, There's Honey in the Rock  
There's Honey in the Rock, There's Honey in the Rock

Oh, how sweet, How sweet it is, To trust in You, Jesus (*3 times*)

## MISSIONS IMPACT FAITH PROMISE

In response to God's call to help those in need, my faith promise for 2024 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to remain anonymous.

When paying by check, please make payable to:  
First Church with a note, "Faith Promise"

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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