



The Steeple ■ July 16, 2023

10:00AM* Traditional, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

*Facebook livestreamed

^YouTube livestreamed

A United Methodist Congregation

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

The liturgical color is green symbolizing a focus on our Christian growth.

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

Prelude

"We Three Kings"

arr. Taylor

(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Rev. Michelle Louk

* Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

UMH #327

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. 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

* Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Denise Daniels

Pew Bible NT pg. #187

Anthem

"Sanctuary / God's Holy Temple"

arr. Larson

Congregation join on last refrain

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Louk

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.

Children's Message

Rev. Louk

*(Children, ages **3 years to 1st grade**, may be dismissed at this time to Little Church. Parents may pick up children after worship, room 201, Wesley Bldg.)*

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings

(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory

"Gavotte"

Bach

* The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

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| * Offertory Prayer | | Rev. Louk |
| * Preparatory Hymn | “We Three Kings” | |
| * Sermon Text | Matthew 2:1-12 | <i>Pew Bible NT pg. 1</i> |
| Sermon | “The Wise Still Seek Him” | Rev. Jim Creel, Jr. |
| * Closing Hymn | “Open Our Eyes, Lord” | TFWS #2086 |
| * Benediction | | Rev. Creel |
| Postlude | “Noel, Noel” | Bach |

(* *Please and as you are able.*)

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| <i>Attendance</i> | <i>Children</i> |
| 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. <i>Sunday School</i> Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. <i>***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</i> | First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children ages 3 to 1st grade after the Children’s Message in worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201, Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship. |

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

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Harmon on the occasion of her birthday, June 25th, by Rick Harmon and the children.

Worship Flowers are needed for Aug 6, 13, 20; Sept 24; Oct 22, 29. 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 or 843-448-7164 x207.

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

Serving in Worship

GREETERS—JULY

Front Entrance Deborah & Ruell Hicks ***Office Entrance*** Imogene & Ashley Booth

USHERS—JULY

Tom Winn: Anne & Ron Andrews, Jerry Champion, Bob Gallagher, Clayllene Gore, Jack Rebeck, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Judy Winn

ACOLYTE Meredith Bowers

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

Slides Ethan Gildner/Jonathan Kittle ***Lighting*** Jackson Uphold

Ushers James Sturgeon, Mary Margaret Kittle

Children’s Message Missi McMakin and Super Mere

Little Church Michelle Sturzenbecker, Wendi Huberty



Monthly Mission Impact—JULY



Helping Hand is a short-term crisis and referral agency and full time pantry seeking to address the needs of our community not met by existing institutions, assisting individuals and families with immediate needs. Food is one of the most requested services of those in need.

The agency is dependent on donations from the community to be able to meet the needs of those who are hungry. www.helpinghandmb.org

Following is a list of food items that are always needed (normal-size, unopened items, no expired items): Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned tuna/chicken/spam, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, canned fruit, grits (box/individual pkts), oatmeal (boxes/pkts), rice, pork & beans, juice (bottles/pouches), ramen noodles, cheese/peanut butter crackers.

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Faith Dodd** and family on the passing of her mother, **Effie Gladys Johnson**, age 94, on July 3, 2023, in Byesville, Ohio.

Congratulations to **Suiter and Bradley Wasserman** on the birth of their daughter, **Emily Suiter Wasserman**, on July 7, 2023, little sister of Mary Marshall. Proud grandparents are **Leslie and Scott Wasserman**, and equally proud great-grandmother, **EmilyAnn Skews**. A Cradle Cross and flower are placed on the altar in Traditional worship to honor this new life.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!
Week 29 (7/16/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):
Book of 1 Corinthians, chapters 8-12

Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's@26th, 2nd floor, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited to grab lunch downstairs and join us upstairs for fellowship and study. mdlouk@umcsc.org



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"HE was the SON of the MOST HIGH, but born in a stable. HE was the noblest of KINGS, but served others with humility."
 ~ Claire McGarry, author

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

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| July 17 | Genesis 12:1-4 |
| July 18 | Matthew 4:19-22 |
| July 19 | 2 Peter 1:3-11 |
| July 20 | Proverbs 19:20-23 |
| July 21 | 2 Timothy 1:8-10 |
| July 22 | 1 Peter 2:9-10 |
| July 23 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-25 |

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "RSVP"
 1 Corinthians 1:10-31

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)
 Infants to 2 years W-101
 3 years to 1st Grade W-102
 2nd grade to 5th Grade W-203

Youth Classes
 6th-12th Grades Sonshine House

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



CALLING ALL SUPER HEROES!

The time is here! Many hands are needed to DECORATE! We need people to cut tape, hang banners, arrange tables, pin posters, arrange welcome table supplies, set chairs, and so much more! Super Meer needs you to join the team. Meet us to decorate:

- Brittain Center **Saturday, July 15, 10 AM – 2 PM**
- Brittain Center **Sunday, July 16, 2 PM – 5 PM**

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://onrealm.org/fumcmb/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MzliNjhkMzctMWY5MMy00NjNiLTg0OWItYWZhZDAxNGOzMGJj>



Last Day to Register



ADULT BIBLE STUDY @ VBS

July 17-20, Monday-Thursday | 6-7:30PM

Brittain Center, North Campus
Tommy Brittain will lead the study.
"Heroes of the Bible"



PLEASE REGISTER with Rhonda: volunteers@fumcmb.org

HEROES ARE CALLED TO HELP OTHERS

This year's Bible School is all about being heroes on earth, being the hands and feet of Jesus. We are called to FOLLOW JESUS, HELP OTHERS, WORK TOGETHER, LISTEN TO GOD, and SHOW GRACE. That is a tall order, but we can begin by helping others. We will collect an offering each evening to help Racepath Community Center, one of our First Church missions. Rather than making monetary offerings, we want to collect specific items. We are requesting the following (individual servings):



- Monday:** Juice boxes
- Tuesday:** Nutri-Grain Bars
- Wednesday:** Potato Chips
- Thursday:** Jell-O Pudding Cups



Hero Verse: So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up. *Romans 14:19*

VBS RECAP CELEBRATION

YOU'RE INVITED! We will have a **combined service on Sunday, July 23rd** celebrating the lessons of our week of Bible School. The children will sport their capes and sing VBS songs during the service. **Afterward**, all are invited to the **front lawn for a cookout, fellowship, and fun!**

There will be **INFLATABLES FOR THE CHILDREN**. Make plans now to be there!



Agape Love Box Ministry

Agape Love Box is Ministry is holding a fundraiser of gently used good sneakers. The Ministry has partnered with "Got Sneakers" to recycle pre-loved sneakers (size 4.5" and larger from heel to toe) to keep them out of the landfill and prevent toxic chemicals from being released into the air and soil. Sneakers will be recirculated to secondary markets at affordable prices. Damaged footwear is recycled to reuse materials or to convert waste into new energy. **All sneaker donations may be taken directly to the Grand Strand Community Church, 3820 Holmestown Rd, on Mondays or Wednesdays from 9AM to Noon. Please tie matching pairs together with existing shoelaces.** Thank you.

Agape Love Box Ministry is a FUMC 2023 Mission Impact designee.

FUMC Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day

Saturday, July 29th from 8AM-3:30PM

Lunch provided by Missions Committee

Must be 18+ or 16 with guardian

To sign up: <https://www.habitatmb.org/>. Select: Volunteer / Construction Volunteers / "Start Now" Scroll to one of the dates and register.





Realm Connect -
For Our Church

REALM CONNECT, a mobile app, is an avenue for members to look up other members' phone numbers, email addresses and other common contact info in lieu of a printed directory. There is no cost to access the app. Please **contact Trisha** in the church office to **request a member "invite" to get started**, 843-448-7164 or trisha@fumcmb.org). Currently, 214 members have chosen to use the app. Won't you?

Other helpful tools provided in the app include **checking in** your worship and Sunday school **attendance** each week, and the option to **input volunteer interests** including reading scripture, serving communion, and other worship-related needs.



Look Up Lodge!
2023

13 FUMC YOUTH
& ADULTS

13 youth & adults spent a week at Look Up Lodge, a Christian summer camp and year-round retreat program where guests, "Seek to learn from God's Word, the function of the Church, the meaning of discipleship, and the role of the lay persons in the world through Bible study, discussion, testimonies, sharing, and prayer."



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 7/9/2023 (includes online giving):

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| Contributions week of: | \$ 30,058 |
| Total Revenue YTD: | \$ 811,157 |
| Total Expenses YTD: | \$ 848,885 |
| Difference YTD: | - \$ 37,728 |

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

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| Faith Promise: | \$ 111,160 |
| Faith Promise Receipts: | \$ 67,263 |

Presence 7/9/2023

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| ♦ Worship in person: | 380 |
| ♦ Fox TV (June wkly est): | 2,050 |
| ♦ Worship online: | 749 |
| ♦ Social Media: | 6,659 |
| ♦ Sunday School: | 128 |

Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Phone: 843-448-7164

Email: office@fumcmb.org

Website: www.fumcmb.org

Facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram.com/firstchurchmb

YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

Request The Steeple via email: thesteeples@fumcmb.org

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES:
JULY 23rd (4th Sunday)
Combined Worship, Sanctuary
 (contemporary & traditional)
 will host the **VBS children in song**; after worship, stay for a **church-wide lunch** on the front lawn including inflatables for the children.

JULY 30th
 Regular 10AM worship, 2 services



UPDATE

Summer is in full swing at CDM!
 We currently have 160 students enrolled. We are having fun with **water play activities, field trips, and just wrapped our God Bless America Parade.** Children decorate their bikes, scooters, and wagons and "parade" down the front of our building to music with cheers from our CDM parents and families. It is one of our favorite holiday traditions.

Are you interested in becoming a part of our CDM family? We are currently looking for a full-time secretary, a floater, and a snack person. Please call us directly if you are interested at 843-692-9272.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of the participants in the recent patriotic tribute, "An American Celebration". The Wesley Chancel Choir, Adult Hand Bell Choir, orchestra, pianist, organist, and color guard all helped make the program a delight for those in attendance. Thank you to all the ladies who provided refreshments following the program. The concerts at both Surfside UMC and First church were well received by everyone.

~ In Christ, Norman McQueen

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, July 16, 2023

- 8:45A--
- 11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER ^YouTube
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship***
HOLY COMMUNION
SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 2-5PM **VBS Prep** BRITAIN CTR N CAMPUS
- 5:00PM **Lay Advisory Team Mtg**
THE 925
- Sun-Sat **Salkehatchie Mission Trip #2**

MONDAY, July 17

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**
- 5:45PM **VBS** NORTH CAMPUS

TUESDAY, July 18

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 5:45PM **VBS** NORTH CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY, July 19

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs
- 5:45PM **VBS** NORTH CAMPUS

THURSDAY, July 20

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 5:45PM **VBS** NORTH CAMPUS

Summer Happenings!

7/17-20 VBS | Brittain Ctr N Campus 

7/23 **Combined Worship**
 VBS Children will sing!
 Church-wide lunch on the lawn with inflatables

8/20 **Backpack Blessing**

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

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Church Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8AM-5PM—CLOSED FRIDAYS
North Campus: Thomas N Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC

