



A United Methodist Congregation

# The Steeple ■ July 30, 2023

10:00AM\* Traditional, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

\*Facebook livestreamed

^YouTube 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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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

"He Leadeth Me"

arr. Bober

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

### Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jim Creel, Jr.

### \* Chiming of the Trinity

### \* Opening Hymn

"How Firm A Foundation"

UMH #529

### \* Affirmation of Faith

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

Psalm 105:1-11

Buddy Styers

*Pew Bible OT pg. #525*

### Anthem

"How Can I Keep from Singing Your Praise"

arr. Kingsmore

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Creel

### 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. Creel

*(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

"Adagio"

Mozart

### \* The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*(Continued on the next page.)*

* <b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Rev. Creel
* <b>Preparatory Hymn</b> “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”		UMH #128
* <b>Sermon Text</b>	James 5:7-11	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.217</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“Power in Patience”	Rev. Creel
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“Take Time to the Holy”	UMH #395
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Creel
<b>Postlude</b>	“How Firm A Foundation”	arr. Berry

(\* Please and as you are able.

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Children</b>
Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to <b>register your attendance. Members have the option to check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.</b>	First Church invites families to worship together. We also offer “Little Church” to children <b>ages 3 to 1st grade</b> after the Children’s Message in worship. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201, Wesley Building (upstairs).
<b>Sunday School</b> Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. ***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***	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 Doug Baxter on what would have been our 35th wedding anniversary by Susan Baxter.

Worship Flowers are needed for Oct 29; Nov 5, 12. 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 (fumc mb), or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7), and now on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

### *Serving in Worship*

**GREETERS—JULY**

**Front Entrance** Debbie Rose

**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** Malley McMillan  
**CRUCIFER** Gracyn Galloway

**BIBLE BEARER** Hudson Galloway

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Scott Bowen

### *Serving in Contemporary Worship*

**Camera/Livestream** Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

**Slides** Jonathan Kittle    **Lighting** Jackson Uphold

**Ushers** Mary Margaret Kittle

**Children’s Message** Rev. McMakin

**Little Church** Cait Neptune



# 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](http://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.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Jean G. (Hurtt) Davis

September 20, 1932—July 18, 2023

“I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live.”

**Condolences**—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Suzanne Haar** and family on the passing of her mother, **Dulcie G. Bunn**, on July 23, 2023.

**BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!**  
**Week 31** (7/30/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):  
**Book of 2 Corinthians, chapters 2-6**

**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](mailto:mdlouk@umcsc.org)



## Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Someone being patient with you is one of the purest forms of love."  
 ~ Instagram

### First Church Weekly Readings:\*

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

July 31	Genesis 27:41-46
Aug 1	Exodus 1:15-21
Aug 2	Exodus 2:1-4
Aug 3	Exodus 2:5-10
Aug 4	2 Kings 11:1-3
Aug 5	Esther 5:1-8; 6:14-7:10
Aug 6	Joshua 2:1-14

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series  
 "Rahab's Plausible 'Truth'"  
 Joshua 2:1-24

### 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 Sunshine 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



FUMC Habitat for Humanity July 29th Volunteer Day  
**HAS BEEN POSTPONED**  
**DUE TO UNFORESEEN SCHEDULE DELAYS**  
 Updates will be provided as available.

**VOLUNTEERS  
 NEEDED!**



**First Church** needs volunteers at the **Community Kitchen** in Myrtle Beach the week of **August 14-18, 2023, Monday thru Friday**.  
**Two volunteers are needed for each shift each day.**  
**Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM**  
 Please contact **Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253** to volunteer.

**Ladies AUGUST Lunch & Devotion**

**DATE CHANGE**

**TUESDAY, August 1st at 11:30AM**, Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. **Carlin Creel** will share a devotion of her missions experience in the Czech Republic one last time before she returns to Clemson. Invite a friend!



**"BIG TOM & FRIENDS" first Friday men's lunch will be August 4th, 11:30AM, at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs.** Big Tom will bring a devotion of humorous and serious stores of his 72 years in the ministry.  
**All men of the church are cordially invited.**

**EPWORTH FOSTER CARE Program Information Session**  
 sponsored by **FUMC Missions**  
**Monday August 7th, 6-7:30PM**

FUMC Wesley Hall, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach  
 No registration needed  
 For information, call 843-609-0335

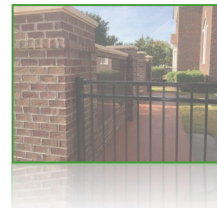


The **FUMC Flower Ministry**, organized by the United Women in Faith, is a wonderful outreach ministry. Each week, worship flowers are



assembled into smaller arrangements and delivered to members who are sick, or are given as an expression of "sorrow" or in times of "special happiness". **Currently, we are in need of medium-sized flower vases.** If anyone has one or a few of this size vase, please consider donating them to this ministry. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

The **First Church Columbarium** gracing the front lawn beside the Chapel was built and dedicated in the fall of 2015, providing a final resting place for the inurnment of cremated remains. The niches within the Columbarium walls are available for purchase for one's burial planning. Also available is a Memorial Wall on which may be placed a plaque of dedication to memorialize a deceased loved one buried elsewhere. For information on cost and burial information for planning purposes, please feel free to **email Greg Clemmons, administrator@fumcmb.org** or call **843-448-7164 x205**.





**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](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org)).

**Other helpful tools** in the app include registering your attendance (or "**check in**") for worship and Sunday school each week, and options for **giving online, volunteer interests** including reading scripture, serving communion, and other worship-related serving opportunities. "Try it! You'll like it!"



**COLLEGE STUDENTS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS**

"Love Packages" are sent to college students at special times throughout the school year. To sign up your student, please go to [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org), click on **Grow/Adult/College-Young Adult/College Ministry Registration**. Email the registration form to [office@fumcmb.org](mailto:office@fumcmb.org).



This is a church **mission project**; students **DO NOT have to be a member of First Church**. **Items needed:** Individual tissue pkgs, Tide Stix, highlighters, pens, mechanical pencils, Post-it Notes, mini-note pads, mini-lint rollers. Labeled donation bins may be found in the Wesley Worship Center and the Church Office.

**Monetary donations** are also appreciated (note: College Ministry). Thank you for your support!

**VBS Super Meer reports** that the average VBS student attendance the week of 7/17-20 was 51 (or 67 with adult students). Many Super Heroes donated a total of 1,507 items for missions. Thank you to the many Heroes who helped make VBS a huge success!



**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.



**venmo**

**Financials and Attendance**

**As of 7/23/2023 (includes online giving):**

Contributions week of:	<b>\$ 26,559</b>
Total Revenue YTD:	<b>\$ 883,642</b>
Total Expenses YTD:	<b>\$ 922,214</b>
Difference YTD:	<b>- \$ 38,572</b>

*Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.*

**MISSION IMPACT 2023**

<b>Faith Promise:</b>	<b>\$ 111,160</b>
<b>Faith Promise Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 55,986</b>

**Presence 7/23/2023**

♦ Worship in person:	<b>380</b>
♦ Fox TV (June wkly est):	<b>2,050</b>
♦ Worship online:	<b>791</b>
♦ Social Media:	<b>6,106</b>
♦ Sunday School:	<b>141</b>

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 Facebook.com/FUMCMB Instagram.com/firstchurchmb YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363  
**Request The Steeple via email: [thesteeple@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeple@fumcmb.org)**  
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

**I'm moving!** Please remember to notify FUMC whenever you have a **change of address, phone number, or email**. It is important to update the church's contact information. Please **provide updates to Trisha Tuite** in the church office at 843-448-7164 or [trisha@fumcmb.org](mailto:trisha@fumcmb.org).

**Evangelism committee  
Tuesday, August 1st,  
5PM | Parlor**



**Worship committee  
Tuesday, August 1st,  
6PM | Office-2nd floor**

 If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, please consider joining **Compassionate Caregivers**, a small group that offers encouragement, support, and information. We meet monthly on the **first and third Thursdays at 10AM in the church Parlor**. The local Alzheimer's unit offers a service to provide a sitter, if needed. For information, **contact Sherrill Allen at 843-251-1163 or [sachillesshs@aol.com](mailto:sachillesshs@aol.com)**.

**Happening This Week**



**SUNDAY, July 30, 2023**

- 8:45A--
- 11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship<sup>^</sup>**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER ^YouTube
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship\***  
SANCTUARY \*Facebook

**MONDAY, July 31**

8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**

**TUESDAY, August 1**

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 10:00AM **UWF Exec Committee Mtg**  
PARLOR
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devotional**  
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs
- 5:00PM **Evangelism Committee Mtg**  
PARLOR
- 6:00PM **Worship Committee Mtg**  
OFFICE—2nd Floor

**WEDNESDAY, August 2**

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

**THURSDAY, August 3**

- 10:30AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

**FRIDAY, August 4**

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



**Upcoming Happenings!**

- 7/30 Two regular services, 10AM
- 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**

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





**Epworth  
Foster Care Program**



## **Foster Care Information Session**

Want to make a difference in life of a child while enriching your own? Learn more about becoming a foster parent!

**Monday, August 7th  
6 - 7:30 PM**

**Myrtle Beach  
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
901 N Kings Highway  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577**

*No registration required. For information, call (843) 609-0335.*

**Missions Committee Funds Distribution Report To-Date  
July 11, 2023**

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”  
(Matt. 25:40).*

With your support, First United Methodist Church is fulfilling Christ Jesus' call to help those less fortunate. Below are the distributions of funds to-date, accomplished from funds carried over from 2022 combined with the 2023 Faith Promise receipts:

**Africa University \$6,000** – 1st year tuition for Gabriela Tinga (Paid in full for 2023).

**Agape Love Box Ministry \$1,000** – Gift boxes reminding those in spiritual need that Jesus sees them, knows them, is always with them, and most important, loves them.

**Cass Community Social Services \$6,375** – Support United Methodists in Detroit, MI providing for homeless men, women, and children.

**Epworth Children's Home \$2,625** – Serving children, youth, and families in SC.

**Gideons International \$3,750** – Making the word of God available to everyone.

**Habitat for Humanity \$22,625** – Providing individuals a decent place to live (\$19,735 from Missions Memorial fund towards Faith Build Home – FUMC is helping to sponsor).

**Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach \$9,750** – Providing assistance in short-term crisis intervention.

**New Directions \$10,500** – Provider of shelter in Horry County.

**Project Agape \$8,000** – Supporting Christians in Armenia.



**Racepath Community (Phoenix Renaissance) \$5,676**

Providing after school & summer programs for neighborhood children.

**Zoe Empowers \$6,750** – Equipping orphaned children with skills for long-term success in Africa.

**Other Organizations/Activities \$937** – Support Bunk Bed Ministry, Carlin Creel's Mission Trip, etc.

**Total Distribution to-date of \$83,988** covers the first three quarters of Missions funded by First United Methodist Church.

Following is a breakdown of our Missions Impact Balance:

Local	\$54,238
Regional	\$ 2,625
National	\$ 6,375
Global	\$20,750

Through your Faith Promise receipts, we are making a difference and helping others. If you have met your Faith Promise, we thank you. If you are meeting your Faith Promise, please know your continued support means doing God's Work!

If you wish to contribute to Missions Fund, please ask an usher for a Faith Promise card and return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate. You may also go online, [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org) to give to Missions – Faith Promise.

Sincerely,  
Scott Bowen  
Penny Hale  
Co-Chairs, Missions Committee

***Our Mission is to Know Jesus and to Share Him with Others.***