



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ July 9, 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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

The liturgical color is white celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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

Prelude "My Lord, What A Morning!" arr. Berry
(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** "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Jim Creel, Jr. | 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

Thrift Store Recognition Rev. McMakin

* **Scripture Reading** Matthew 25:31-40 Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr.
Pew Bible NT pg. #27

Anthem "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Larson
Heather Whitley, soloist

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, 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 "Air" Handel

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

(Continued on the next page.)

* Offertory Prayer		Rev. Creel
* Preparatory Hymn	“Here I Am, Lord”	UMH #593
* Sermon Text	Exodus 1:8-2:19; Psalm 27	<i>Pew Bible OT pg. 47; 476</i>
Sermon	“Taking Hold of Courage”	Rev. McMakin
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Communion Reflection		Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i>
	<i>Pease feel free to pray at the altar. Communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit Helping Hand.</i>	
* Closing Hymn	“We Are Called”	TFWS #2172 v. 1,3
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“Allegro”	Handel

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

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Children</i>
<p>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.</p> <p>Sunday School Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM.</p> <p><i>***Please ask the ushers for children’s Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</i></p>	<p>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).</p> <p>Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.</p>

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 memory of her mother, Aelise Harcum, by Tracy Broome

Worship Flowers are needed for July 30; Aug 6, 13, 20; Sept 24; Oct 1, 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 (fumc 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

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr., Brenda Bennett, Reagan McQueen, Donna McQueen, Michelle and Mark Sturzenbecker

ACOLYTE Hudson Galloway

CRUCIFER Gracyn Galloway

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melissa Sadin

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick

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

Ushers Daniel Shuler, Don Myers

Children’s Message Erin Perry

Little Church Yvonne Brittain, Meghan Nesmith



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.



CALLING ALL SUPER HEROES!

JULY 17-20th | 6pm—8pm

VBS—3-1/2 years to 5th grade

Brittain Center, N Campus, 904 65th Ave N, MB

Mission: Love Jesus. Share Him with VBS



Register Today




REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://onrealm.org/fumcmb/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MzliNjhhMzctMWYzMWYyOONjNiLTg0OWItYWZhZDAXNGQzMGJj>

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 28 (7/9/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):
Book of 1 Corinthians, chapters 3-7

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"

"If plan "A" doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters. Keep going."
~ Barbara Hinske, novelist/author

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The **Ladies Devotion and Fellowship Lunch** is on the calendar for **Wednesday, July 12th, 11:30AM at Magnolia's@26th**. Please plan to join us for lunch and invite a friend. Don't miss our guest speaker, **Greg Rowles**, entertainer and TV personality, known throughout the Grand Strand for his volunteerism and philanthropic involvement with organizations like The Champion Autism Network, he will share his **testimony in word and music**.

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



Today, we recognize the FUMC Thrift Store and the volunteers who have made such a tremendous impact on the community through their mission. Please find the Thrift Store history in today's **bulletin insert**.
Thank you, Volunteers!

Ellie Albright, Azalee Allen, Ann Anderson, Anne Andrews, Ashley Booth, Imogene Booth, Myla Butler, Harold Clemmons, Jean Clemmons, Sally Connolly, Mary Cribb, Naomi D'Antignac, Marlene Davis, Sam Davis, Peg Elliott, Linda Evans, Gayle Floyd, Mike Foster, Barbara Gebman, Arlene Goldbold, Carole Hanson, Jane Hodges, Jo Holmes, Jana Houghton, Tara Howser, Sandy Johnson, Mavis Joyce, Dick Kraus, Joan Kraus, Carl Lenart, Christine Lenart, Lala Lewis, Donna Marzolf, Pat Morgan, Gresta Newton, Martha Peterson, Eileen Quattrocchi, Louis Quattrocchi, Wanda Randolph, Darlene Rebeck, Jack Rebeck, Gae Riddleberger, Carole Scarpa, Mary Jo Seymore, Steve Seymore, Sandy Springs, Martha Stanton, Carole Sturgess, Carol Taylor, Arminia Thomas, Donnie Todd, Phyllis Townsend, Ann Truex, Toby Ward, Martha Wagner, Yotta Werthman, Phyllis White.

FUMC Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Days

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.

Habitat Work Day on the Faith Build House was on Saturday July 1st. Those helping from FUMC were Ken Houghton, Rod Adelstone, Scott Bowen and others working with Mandy and Allen Ford who will receive the house upon completion. **FUMC's next work day is Saturday, July 29.** See above to register.



****Check out the Missions Impact link on the website for project updates.****



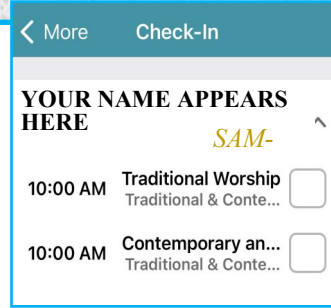
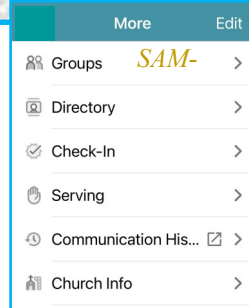
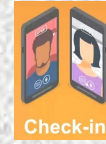
Realm Connect -
For Our Church

REALM CONNECT is a secure program (mobile app) that gives members a way to look up member phone numbers, email addresses and other common contact info in lieu of a printed directory. **Contact Trisha** in the church office to **request a member invite**, 843-448-7164 or trisha@fumcmb.org).

Did you use the Realm app last week to **“check in” attendance** for your worship and Sunday school group? Here's how:

From your Profile, click on “More” in the tool bar, on the next screen scroll down to the group to check-in your attendance.

Church attendance is a helpful tool for reviewing ministries in the life of the church. Please help us to streamline and automate this process by using the mobile **Realm** app.



Scott Bowen, co-chair of **Missions Committee** on behalf of FUMC, presents a **check in the amount of \$1,235 to Agape Love Box Ministry**. With the support of FUMC members, we are able to assist this Christ-driven ministry to gather and assemble items into decorative boxes to be given as gifts to uplift those who need the love of Jesus.



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 7/2/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 23,042
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 775,863
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 839,857
Difference YTD:	- \$ 63,994

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 64,063

Presence 7/2/2023

♦ Worship in person:	325
♦ Fox TV (June wkly est):	2,050
♦ Worship online:	709
♦ Social Media:	6,734
♦ Sunday School:	109

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Email: office@fumcmb.org

Website: www.fumcmb.org

Facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram.com/firstchurchmb

YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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

Welcome!

We are excited to welcome **Debra Sturkey**, received into First Church membership on June 25, 2023 in Traditional worship by letter of transfer from Shady Grove UMC, Connelly Springs NC.



Welcome also to **Jewel and Brad Whitehead**, received into membership on June 25, 2023 in Traditional worship by letter of transfer from Central UMC, Concord NC.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGES for the JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE as we manage the calendar:

July 9

Traditional worship will observe **Holy Communion** and **Thrift Store** recognition

July 23

Combined worship (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.

BIG THANKS TO ALL of our United Women of Faith. When called, you stepped up—**BIG TIME**. You helped to provide a beautiful spread for the Patriotic reception on Sunday. With help and cooperation from all the Circle ladies, we more than met the needs for the **AWESOME** Patriotic concert. Thank you is not enough; please know that all efforts were enjoyed and greatly appreciated.

In His Service, Judy Winn

Happening This Week



SUNDAY, July 9, 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
11:15AM **Children's Council Meeting**
WESLEY CENTER

MONDAY, July 10

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**
5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

TUESDAY, July 11

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
COVENANT TOWERS
4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**
OFC-2nd FLR
5:30PM **Evangelism Committee**
PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, July 12

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devotional**
MAGNOLIAS@26th, Upstairs
1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge**
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs

THURSDAY, July 13

- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

Summer Happenings!

- 7/9 Traditional worship, 10AM
Holy Communion
7/15 Salkehatchie
7/17-20 VBS-Brittain Ctr
N Campus
7/23 Combined Worship
VBS Children will sing!
Church-wide Lunch on the
Lawn with inflatables



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





THE FUMC THRIFT STORE

The “birth” of the Myrtle Beach First United Methodist Church Clothes Ministry began October 4, 2004 as a resource for providing free clothing to the homeless and needy in the community. The founding members were Jean Clemmons, Imogene Booth, Mary Lee Jones, Gresta Newton, Martha Peterson and Donna Marzolf. Soon after the Clothes Closet was in operation, it was decided that men were needed. Harold Clemmons and Ashley Booth were recruited. It was noted that more help was needed and volunteers from the congregation stepped up to the plate; some having now served over a span of several years.

In 2012, the volunteers were introduced to Bob Lupton’s book **Toxic Charity – How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help**. The book reinforced thoughts that it was time to make some changes in the way the store operated to best help the needy in our community. He states that an unhealthy pattern of giving without proper accountabilities results in:

Give once and you elicit appreciation

Give twice and you create anticipation

Give three times and you create expectation

Give four times and it becomes entitlement

Give five times and you establish dependency

This pattern describes what the clothes closet had become—we had established dependency and we were enablers for many who had been users of the system for years. The consensus of the group was that the “free giving” was hurting the people that the mission set out to help and encouraging ever-growing handout lines diminishing the dignity of the poor.

As a result of the evaluation, the clothes closet closed in September 2012, in order to revamp and then reopened November 5, 2012 as the FUMC Thrift Store. The new mission statement read as follows:

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The FUMC Thrift Store is an outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church committed to helping make a difference in the lives of families and individuals in need within our community by providing high quality, new and gently used clothing, shoes and house-wares at extremely low prices.

The new mission served as a means to uphold and affirm the poor's dignity—reaching out to those people who were really struggling and needed help—but who were reluctant to accept charity.

The proceeds received from sales have helped thousands of people over the years. One hundred thousand plus dollars (\$100,000+) have been distributed to various needs within our community and beyond. It is with heavy hearts that after nineteen (19) years the time has come for this outreach ministry to end.

The building contents must be removed by July 1, 2023 for pending planned demolition. A suitable site on campus is not available at this time to continue operation. The Thrift Store will close its doors June 24, 2023.

Thanks to all who have been so supportive in making this such a successful ministry and to the dedicated volunteers who are so heartbroken having put their hearts and souls into this ministry for so many years.

~ Jean Clemmons

