



A United Methodist Congregation

The Steeple ■ June 18, 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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

The liturgical color is red remembering the Holy Spirit coming to the Church.

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

Prelude "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" arr. Shackley
(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** "All Who Hunger" TFWS #2126

* **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** Genesis 17:1-8 Carol Anne Felts
Pew Bible OT pg. #12

Anthem "All Good Gifts" arr. Barret

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 Kate Horsley
(Children, ages 3 years old 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 "I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Fischer

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

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Louk

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* Preparatory Hymn	“I Love to Tell the Story”	UMH #156
* Sermon Text	John 6:25-40	<i>Pew Bible NT pg. #92</i>
Sermon	“Running on Empty?”	Rev. Louk
* Closing Hymn	“Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy”	UMH #340
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
Postlude	“Rondo in G”	Bull

(* Please and as you are able.

<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance</p> <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. ***Please ask the ushers for children's Wiggle Bags, hearing devices or large print hymnals***</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Children</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). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.</p>
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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 Marie Gates and Larry Gates by Linda Gates.

Worship Flowers are needed for July 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20; Sept 17, 24. 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—JUNE

Front Entrance Deborah & Ray Floyd **Office Entrance** Teresa Crocker

USHERS—JUNE

Greg Clemmons: Ashley Booth, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Sylvia Harmon, Steve Louk

ACOLYTE Will Sturzenbecker
CRUCIFER Wes Sturzenbecker

BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melissa Sadin

Serving in Contemporary Worship

Camera/Livestream Jason Gildner, Dorothy Hamrick **Slides** Rosie Swain
Lighting Jackson Uphold **Ushers** Lisa and Rusty Watson
Children’s Moment Michelle Sturzenbecker
Little Church Kate Horsley, Elizabeth Brittain



Monthly Mission Impact—JUNE



Racepath Community Center is looking for **Sponsors for Youth Summer Camp**. It costs **\$340 per child** to participate in camp. If a Circle or Sunday School class is interested in sponsoring a child, please contact Carolyn Hemingway, 843-286-3159.

You can also **help by donating items** for their daily needs:

Light breakfast items such as individual box cereal, pastries, snack items, and microwaveable breakfast items (breakfast on a stick). They also need board games for the ages 4-6 and 7-12, and interlocking floor mats.

Racepath Center is part of Phoenix Renaissance

(www.phoenixrenaissancemb.com/), a 501c(3) focused on providing basic food and emergency support, as well as a safe and welcoming place to help nurture children in the Myrtle Beach and surrounding community.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Larry Edward Gates

October 3, 1948—June 12, 2023

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

AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION—A Patriotic Concert

Choir | Handbells | Brass

July 1st, 4PM, at Surfside UMC, 800 13th Ave N, Surfside Beach

July 2nd, 4PM, First Church Myrtle Beach

Reception immediately following each concert.

BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

Week 25 (6/18/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

Book of Romans, chapters 4-8.

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"

"God's Word is a lamp—but not a flood lamp. It's like a flashlight showing one step—that's all we need to know."
~ Tracy Wilde-Pace, pastor

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

June 19 Psalm 42
June 20 Psalm 22:1-31; Matthew 27:46
June 21 1 Samuel 2:1-10
June 22 Habakkuk 3:17-19
June 23 Ephesians 5:17-20
June 24 Psalm 51
June 25 Colossians 3:16-17

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
"Sing to God!"
Colossians 3:12-17

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 2 year-olds W-101
3 year-olds to 1st Grade W-202
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* Music Ctr
The Seekers A-207

After almost 20 years in missions serving the Myrtle Beach community and beyond, the **Thrift Store of First United Methodist Church** will **close its doors on June 24th at 2:00PM.**



GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE
1/2 OFF ALL ITEMS (CASH ONLY)
Monday thru Saturday, June 24th, 10AM to 2PM
NO FURTHER DONATIONS ACCEPTED
Shop for the deals of a lifetime!

VBS
3-years
to 5th grade
6PM-8PM

CALLLED TOGETHER TO SERVE GOD!

JULY 17-20th
Brittain Center, N Campus

VBS
Countdown
29 days

Mission: Love Jesus. Share Him with VBS Kids.
Available vacancies:

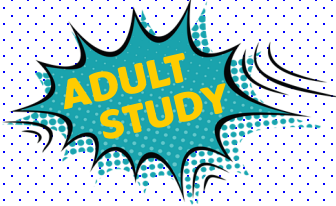
GATHER DIVISION:
PRAISE LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS

GROW DIVISION:
Nursery Room "Tenders"
Snack Squad

GIVE DIVISION:
Set-Up Team
Decorating Team
Break-Down Team

Apply Today !

REGISTER ONLINE:
<https://onrealm.org/fumcmb/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MzliNjhkMzctMWY5My00NjNiLTg0OWItYWZhZDAxNGQzMGIJ>



ADULT BIBLE STUDY @ VBS
July 17-20, Monday-Thursday | 6-7:30PM
Brittain Center, North Campus
Tommy Brittain will lead a study on
Heroes of the Bible

Sunday School teacher substitutes for children and youth classes are still needed to fill summer dates. This is a simple way to show our appreciation to the dedicated teachers.



Find the insert in this bulletin to sign up for a date to serve and place it in the offering plate.

Please prayerfully consider where you might serve to lead Sunday School. **For questions, please contact Rhonda,** volunteers@fumcmb.org.



**2023 South Carolina
Annual Conference
June 4-7
Florence, S.C.**



Lay and Clergy delegates from 955 United Methodist Churches across the State of South Carolina met for the first time in person since 2019 at the 2023 South Carolina Annual

Conference on June 4-7, 2023 in Florence, SC. Following is a short synopsis of the business shared:

- 12 ministers ordained as full elders, 1 minister transferred to the UMC from another denomination
- 1 person ordained as a full deacon, 5 people commissioned as provisional elders
- About 30 local pastors licensed, including Rev. Jim Creel, who officially starts part time at FUMC on July 1st
- 37 ministers retired
- A memorial service to remember the ministers who passed away since last year's annual conference
- 113 churches across the state disaffiliated, including 5 of the largest SC churches
- 2 churches closed
- Annual conference made resolutions concerning the death penalty and gun violence—read more about these resolutions at www.umcsc.org
- The Council on Finance and Administration presented a budget reduced by 15% over last year anticipating the reduction in apportionments from the disaffiliating churches
- 2024 Annual Conference will be held in Greenville, SC, June 9-12
- Lastly, Pastor Joel and Pastor Michelle reappointed to First Church for another year! And again, Jim Creel will officially join our staff on July 1 as a part time Local Pastor for Spiritual Formation

**FUMC Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Days
Saturday, July 1st and Saturday, July 29th
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.



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 6/11/2023 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of:	\$ 27,924
Total Revenue YTD:	\$ 703,471
Total Expenses YTD:	\$ 740,160
Difference YTD:	- \$ 36,689

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSION IMPACT 2023

Faith Promise:	\$ 111,160
Faith Promise Receipts:	\$ 61,768

Presence 6/11/2023

♦ Worship in person:	302
♦ Fox TV (April wkly est):	1,470
♦ Worship online:	409
♦ Social Media:	4,899
♦ Sunday School:	132

First Church Thrift Store Hours | Monday thru Saturday 10AM-2PM until 6/24/2023

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: thesteeple@fumcmb.org

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



FUMC in the house for Asbury Hills. Preston, Meredith, Gracyn, Hudson and Aubrey had a great week at camp!



Local celebrity, **Greg Rowles**, will join the **Ladies Devotion and Fellowship Lunch on Wednesday, July 12th**, 11:30AM at Magnolia's to share his **testimony and vocal talents**.

"I have been humbled to be present for multiple men's fellowship opportunities in recent years and look forward to now serving alongside these incredible ladies." Greg Rowles

Mark your calendars as you don't want to miss this opportunity.

Summer Happenings!

6/25 Look-Up Lodge

7/15 Salkehatchie

7/17-20 VBS-Brittain Ctr N Campus

7/23 COMBINED WORSHIP-VBS Lunch on the Lawn and inflatables



Happening This Week



SUNDAY, June 18, 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*** SANCTUARY *Facebook

MONDAY, June 19

- 8:30A-5PM **Church Office Hours**
- 10A-2PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY CTR

TUESDAY, June 20

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 10A-2PM **Thrift Store OPEN**

WEDNESDAY, June 21

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group** PRAYER ROOM
- 10A-2PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge** MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir** MUSIC SUITE

THURSDAY, June 22

- 10A-2PM **Thrift Store OPEN**
- 2:00PM **VBS Volunteer Mtg** PARLOR
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL
- 5:30PM **Lions Club** THE 925
- 6:00PM **VBS Volunteer Mtg** PARLOR

FRIDAY, June 23

- 10A-2PM **Thrift Store OPEN**

SATURDAY, June 24

- 10A-2PM **Thrift Store OPEN-FINAL DAY**

Ministers

Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor **Rev. Michelle D. Louk**, Associate Pastor
Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

