



**FIRST CHURCH**  
MYRTLE BEACH

A United Methodist Congregation

# The Steeple ■ September 11, 2022

8:30AM\* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11:00AM\* Contemporary Worship, Wesley Worship Ctr

\*Facebook Live-stream

## WELCOME

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday!  
**Our mission is to Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others.**

## Order of Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

*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** "Asleep in Jesus" arr. E.L. Ashford  
*(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)*

**Welcome & Passing of the Peace** Rev. Michelle D. Louk

\* **Chiming of the Hour**

\* **Opening Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545

\* **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** Hebrews 10:22-25 Bill Kuczerpa **8:30**  
Carol Anne Felts **11:00**

**Anthem** "Almighty Medley" arr. Coates

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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.*

**11:00 Children's Message** Kate Horsley

*(Children 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** "Come, We That Love the Lord" arr. D.S. Ferguson

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

\* **Offertory Prayer**

*(Continued on the next page.)*

<b>* Hymn of Preparation</b>	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	UMH #133
<b>Sermon Text</b>	Acts 2:42-47	Rev. Louk
<b>Sermon</b>	“Family of Believers”	Rev. Louk
<b>* Closing Hymn</b>	“Spirit Song”	UMH #347
<b>* Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“O God, Thou Faithful God” “O Word of God Incarnate”	arr. Johann G. Walther

(\* *Stand as you are able.*)

**Attendance**

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

**Sunday School**

Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM.

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

**Children**

First Church invites families to worship together. We offer “Little Church” to children **ages 3 through 1st grade** after the 11AM Children’s Time. Little Church is a child-friendly “mini” worship service in room 201 of the Wesley Building (upstairs). Parents, please pick up your children immediately after worship.

We welcome our guests 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 USANG Lt. Col. Billy J. Clontz, Retired, on the first anniversary of his death given with love by his daughter, Danna Clontz McKnight.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Oct 2; Nov 13; Dec 11. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Melinda Morgan in the church office, 843-448-7164 or melinda@fumcmb.org.

Traditional Worship at 8:30AM and Contemporary Worship at 11AM are Livestreamed on Facebook. Worship videos are also available on the website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app, or on WFXB (FOX TV7) delayed broadcast, Sundays at 10AM.

**Serving in Worship**

**GREETERS—September**

<b>8:30 Front</b> Mabel & Red Waldorf	<b>11:00 Front</b> Leigh & David Meese
<b>8:30 Office</b> Linda Gates	<b>11:00 Office</b> Deborah & Ruell Hicks
	<b>11:00 Brezeway</b> Joanne Herring

**USHERS—September**

**8:30 Tom Winn:** Arne Pedersen, Gene Singleton, Winn Singleton, Judy Winn  
**11:00 Preston Bowers:** Jackson Bowers, Neal Bowers, Dudley Robinson, Mark Sturzenbecker

<b>VIDEO</b> Jim Lewis	<b>AUDIO 8:30</b> Melinda Morgan
	<b>11:00</b> Scott Bowen

**Serving in Contemporary Worship**

**LIVESTREAM** Jason Gildner      **SLIDES** Ben Gildner or Jonathan Kittle  
**USHERS** Don Myers, Daniel Shuler, and/or Mary Margaret Kittle



# Monthly Mission Impact—SEPTEMBER

**Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach** 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. [www.helpinghandmb.org](http://www.helpinghandmb.org)



**Please consider normal-sized items; unopened or expired not accepted. All non-perishable food items are welcome. Current needs:**

Peanut butter/jelly, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, spaghetti noodles or pasta, spaghetti sauce, Grits/Oatmeal (box/individual packets), pork and beans, rice, canned carrots & mixed vegetables, Juice (bottles/pouches), Kool-Aid, milk (can/instant), coffee (bricks/jars instant), tea (bags/instant), hot chocolate (packets)

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Richard W. Stoutamyer**  
**August 14, 1959—September 3, 2022**

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

### September 11th—Bring a Friend Sunday

**TODAY**, you and your friend(s) are welcome to stay after worship for a time of fellowship and treats. **Following the 8:30 service**, bring your friend to the **Parlor for light breakfast treats** or stay **after the 11AM service** in the **Wesley Worship Center** to enjoy the **Ice Cream Sundae Bar**, complete with all the add-ons. **Members with a guest** may each choose a free gift from the **Gift Table**.



**Wesley Chancel Choir and Adult Hand Bell Choir have resumed rehearsals!** If you enjoy singing and/or ringing, we welcome you. Days and times follow: **Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Music Suite** you will find the Wesley Chancel Choir. On **Mondays at 5:30PM and Wednesdays at 1:00PM in the Wesley Building** you will find the Adult Hand Bells.

### Big Tom's "A Quote"

“No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else.”  
 ~ Charles Dickens, writer/novelist

**Worship Guidelines:** Please join us for worship as your health permits. We respect personal discretion on Masks. Please silence cell phones.

### First Church Weekly Readings:\*

First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don't already have one.

Sep 12	Isaiah 12:1-6
Sep 13	2 Peter 2:17-19
Sep 14	Isaiah 43:1-7
Sep 15	Jeremiah 42:19-22
Sep 16	Revelation 22:12-17
Sep 17	Exodus 16:9-26
Sep 18	Exodus 17:1-16

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series:  
 “The Redeemer’s Provision”  
 Exodus 17:1-16

### Sunday School Classes

**Children's Classes** (Wesley Bldg)

0-2 year-olds	W-101
3 & 4 year-olds pre-K	W-102
Kindergarten/First Gr	W-205
2nd & 3rd Grades	W-203
4th & 5th Grades	W-204

**Youth Classes**

6th-12th Grades	Sonshine House
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**Adult Classes**

Ark	The 925
Brittain Fellowship	Asbury 101
Faith Foundations	Asbury 103
MD Moore	Wesley 105
New Horizons	Asbury 201
Open Doors*	Wesley 103
Open Fellowship*	Music Center 101

Whether this is your first visit with us or you've been attending for some time, we invite you to our next session of **Membership Classes** to discover a little more about our core beliefs as Methodists, First Church's mission and ministries, a place for you in the family of believers, and what faithful membership looks like. Please join us on **September 18th, 25th and October 2nd, 9th from 9:40AM to 10:40AM in the Wesley Resource Library (Room W-104)**. For more information and to register, please contact **Pastor Michelle at 843-448-7164 or email mdlouk@umcsc.org**.



**ATTENTION FIRST CHURCH LADIES  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!  
Ladies Luncheon Devotion at Magnolia's  
THIS WEDNESDAY, September 14, at 11:30AM**

**Rev. Pam Muise** will be our guest and present the devotion. A native of Myrtle Beach, Pam is a graduate of Socastee High School, USC-Coastal Carolina, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Pam has served several churches in the area and is currently pastor at Remnants Church here in Myrtle Beach.

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS HER WIT, WISDOM, AND TALENT!!!  
See you this week at Magnolia's!**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



Please volunteer and support our church by giving your time to one of our local mission organizations. **FUMC** provides volunteers at Community Kitchen in Myrtle Beach four weeks per year. Our next week to provide service is **Monday thru Friday, October 17th-21st**. Two volunteers are needed for each shift per day.

**Breakfast: 7:00AM-10:00AM | Lunch: 10:00AM-1:30PM  
Please contact Michelle Bowers 843-655-2253 to volunteer.**



**The Tennessee Collier Circle PRESENTS  
"FALL FUN at FIRST"  
Sunday, October 30th 3-6PM**



**Music, skits, games, artists and Treasured Prizes!  
Enjoy the show — Stay for the meal  
Tickets: \$10/ea or \$25/family**

**Proceeds** benefit Help4Kids, Helping Hand, Community Kitchen

**NOW HIRING**

The church is hiring for the full-time position of **Administrative Assistant** supporting the ministers and including a variety of office and church tasks. Interested candidates may submit their resumé to Rev. Joel McMakin, [jwcmakin@umcsc.org](mailto:jwcmakin@umcsc.org).

**MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT SCHOOL**

**In-person | Oct 16 & 23 | 2:30PM-8PM  
Macedonia UMC-Mullins | 402 N Main St, Mullins SC  
Fee: \$30 due at online registration (deadline Sept 17)  
[bit.ly/MarionLSM](http://bit.ly/MarionLSM)**



**Choose from:** Lay Servant Basic Course—Lead in Stewardship—Conflict Resolution—UM Polity—Spiritual Gifts—Connectional Giving—Call to Preach

**Zoom Class:** Teaching Adults

Oct 15, 9AM-Noon | Oct 16, 2-5PM | Oct 22, 9AM-Noon | Oct 23, 2-5PM

**Questions:** Contact Gerrie Watson, 843-424-9965

Information posted near worship entrances and in the church office.



## Youth Schedule...

**Sept 11: Noon** Serve at Ice Cream Sundae Bar

**Sept 11: 5:00PM** Youth Group @ North Campus

**Sept 14: 7:15AM** Youth Prayer Breakfast

Chick Fil-a, Mr. Joe White Ave.

Transportation via Church Bus to MB schools

**Sept 17: 8:45AM** Beach Sweep, Church parking lot

**Sept 18: 5:15PM** Youth Group @ North Campus

### Looking ahead for the Youth, ages 15-18:

A **Chrysalis flight is a three-day weekend retreat** focused on spiritual renewal and formation for teenagers. This nondenominational program is centered on New Testament Christianity.

Visit: [www.ccchrysalis.com](http://www.ccchrysalis.com)



**Girls Flight:** Friday, **October 28** thru October 30

**Boys Flight:** Friday, **November 4** thru November 6

Those interested may **contact Pastor Chad**, 843-458-5446.

### BEACH SWEEP SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 9AM TO NOON



Join the **First Church team** for the annual Beach Sweep—South Carolina's largest one-day volunteer cleanup event of its kind.

Meet at the **8th Ave N Beach Access** parking lot.

**Bags and gloves will be provided.**

Come to help **keep God's creation beautiful!**



**Children Development Ministry of First Church  
Book Fair, October 3-7  
8AM-10AM or 2PM-6PM  
904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach  
Come One, Come All!**



### Financials and Attendance

#### Gifts as of 9/4/2022 (includes online giving):

Giving week of: **\$ 18,789**

Giving YTD 2022: **\$1,006,635**

Expenses YTD 2022: **\$ 1,168,252**

Difference YTD 2022: **- \$ 161,517**

*Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.*

**Missions Faith Promise: \$ 101,000**

**Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 98,069**

**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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#### Presence 9/4/2022

- ◆ Worship: **368**
- ◆ Fox TV (July wkly est) **1,400**
- ◆ Worship Facebook/Web: **507**
- ◆ All Social Media: **2,071**
- ◆ Sunday School: **176**

**First Church Thrift Store—Mondays: 9AM-1PM and Thursdays: 1-4PM**  
**Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578**  
 Phone: 843-448-7164 Email: [office@fumcmb.org](mailto:office@fumcmb.org) Website: [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)  
 Follow on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FUMCMB](http://www.facebook.com/FUMCMB) Instagram: [firstchurchmb](https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchmb)  
 Request emailed **Steeple: thesteeple@fumcmb.org**  
**Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7**

**Contemporary Worship**  
**Sunday, 11AM**  
**Wesley Worship Center**

Join us for an upbeat, casual, time to commune with God and to worship in song. Enjoy a cup of coffee before worship, visit, and get to know us and First Church!

**Pastor Joel will bring the message from Acts 2:42-47.**



If you are caring for a loved one with dementia, consider joining **Compassionate**

**Caregivers**, a small group that offers encouragement and information. We meet monthly on the **first and third Thursdays, 10-11:30AM in the church Parlor**. Alzheimers offers a service will provide a sitter, if needed. For additional information, **contact Sherrill Allen at [sachillesshs@aol.com](mailto:sachillesshs@aol.com) or 843-251-1163.**



**GOOD MORNING, Members!** Thank you for **wearing your name tag!**

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS and Church News**

for *The Steeple* (weekly newsletter) Please email [melinda@fumcmb.org](mailto:melinda@fumcmb.org) no later than Mondays by Noon.

**FRIDAY, Sept 16**

6-9PM **Strategic Leadership Team**  
THE 925

**SATURDAY, Sept 17**

9A- **Strategic Leadership Team**  
4PM THE 925  
9A- **Beach Sweep** (all welcome)  
Noon 8:45AM CHURCH PARKING LOT

*Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, September 11, 2022**

8:30-NOON **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR  
8:30AM **Traditional Worship\***  
SANCTUARY / LIVE-STREAMED\*  
9:45AM **Sunday School—All Ages**  
9:45AM **Confirmation Class**  
CHURCH OFFICE-UPPER ROOM  
11:00AM **Contemporary Worship\***  
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER  
11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY  
4:15PM **Children's Choirs**  
WESLEY CENTER  
5:00PM **UMYF Youth Group**  
TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS

**MONDAY, Sept 12**

9A-Noon **Thrift Store OPEN**  
9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR  
5:30PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER—UPSTAIRS

**TUESDAY, Sept 13**

11:00PM **Tennessee Collier Circle**  
COVENANT TOWERS  
3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**  
PARLOR  
3:00PM **UWF (UMW) Exec Board Mtg**  
CHAPEL  
4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**  
CHAPEL  
4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**  
OFC-2nd FLOOR  
6:00PM **Cloister Circle**  
McMILLAN-SMALL

**WEDNESDAY, Sept 14**

7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK FIL-A, SEABOARD  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devotional**  
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th—UPSTAIRS  
1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER  
6:30PM **Wesley Choir Rehearsal**  
MUSIC CENTER

**THURSDAY, Sept 15**

9A-12PM **Library (staffed)**  
10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR  
1-4PM **Thrift Store Open**  
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL  
6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

**Ministers**

**Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Chad W. Mullinix, Youth Director**

**Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus**

