



A United Methodist Congregation

## The Steeple ■ September 17, 2023

10:00AM\* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship,  
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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 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** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Kelsey  
*(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** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

\* **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

**Reception of New Member** Donna Guinn UMH #34

\* **Scripture Reading** Psalm 149 Donna Guinn  
*Pew Bible OT pg. #550*

**Anthem** "Many Gifts, One Spirit" arr. Pote

**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

*(Following, children ages 3 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed 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** "Variations on "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Hopson

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

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| * <b>Offertory Prayer</b> |   | Rev. Louk                    |
| * <b>Preparatory Hymn</b> | “How Great Thou Art”                                      | UMH #77                      |
| <b>Scripture</b>          | Psalm 51:1-12   | <i>Pew Bible OT pg. #492</i> |
| <b>Sermon</b>             | “When You Believe in God<br>but Are Ashamed of Your Past” | Rev. Louk                    |
| * <b>Closing Hymn</b>     | “We Are the Church”                                       | UMH #557 v. 1,2              |
| * <b>Benediction</b>      |   | Rev. Louk                    |
| * <b>Postlude</b>         | “Trumpet Tune”  | Young                        |

(\* Please and as you are able.)

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

We are blessed to welcome all in our presence today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ together in worship.

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Blair Brown’s birthday from Mom, Daddy, and Haze.

Worship Flowers are needed for Nov 5, 12; Dec. 10, 17. 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—SEPTEMBER**

**Front Entrance** Carol Ann & Ronnie Felts

**Office Entrance** Brenda and Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr.

**USHERS—SEPTEMBER**

**Annette Willett:** Carol Ann Felts, Ronnie Felts, Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Bob Gallagher, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

**ACOLYTE** Max McMakin

**CRUCIFER** Sully Merchant

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Melissa Sadin

### *Serving in Contemporary Worship*

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

**Slides** Jackson Uphold

**Lights** Jonathan Kittle

**Ushers** Daniel Shuler, Don Myers

**Children’s Moment** Ayla Clayton

**Little Church** Michelle Sturzenbecker, Tracey Gunter



# Monthly Mission Impact—SEPTEMBER

Epworth Children's Home was established in 1895 as Epworth Orphanage by the Methodist people of South Carolina. The South Carolina UMC remains dedicated to Epworth's mission. Epworth does not receive direct funding from the denomination. **Mother's Day (May) and Work Day (September) each year are designated as Epworth Children's Home Sundays** when special offerings are received. **For more info, please visit: [epworthchildrenshome.org](http://epworthchildrenshome.org).**



**Epworth is located in Columbia, SC.** Please utilize the links below to order items on their wish lists which will be delivered directly to Epworth.

**Amazon Wish List:** [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y8A4WEGNPX18/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex?viewType=grid](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y8A4WEGNPX18/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?viewType=grid)

**Walmart Registry:** <https://www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=8766965e-0a2e-4eab-8138-64b481c72c37>

**Monetary donations are welcome**—checks payable to FUMC, note "Epworth".  
Place in the offering plate or bring to Kay in the church office.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**William F. "Bill" Bellamy**

**December 28, 1939—September 12, 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 **Kathy Rodwell** and family on the death of her aunt, **Caroline Lark**, in Easley, SC on September 9, 2023.

**Congratulations** to **Pastor Michelle and Steve Louk** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Chloe Michelle Stone**, on September 8, 2023 in Myrtle Beach SC. Proud parents are **Laura Hall and Thomas Stone**.

**Congratulations** to **Rusty and Lisa Watson** on the birth of their grandson, **Noah Dex Sawicki**, in Burlington, Mass. on August 28, 2023. The proud parents are **Sabrina and Spencer Sawicki**.

*Cradle Crosses and flowers for each are placed on the altars in traditional and contemporary worship to honor these new lives.*

## BIBLE CHALLENGE—Read the New Testament in one year!

**Week 38** (9/17/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

**Book of 1 Thessalonians, chapters 4-5; and 2 Thessalonians, chapters 1-3**

**Weekly Bible Study for all, Wednesdays, 1:15PM, Magnolia's@26th, 2nd floor**, led by Pastor Michelle. All are invited. [mdlouk@umcsc.org](mailto:mdlouk@umcsc.org)



## First Church Weekly Readings:\*

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

Sept 18 Luke 5:27-39  
 Sept 19 Luke 7:36-50  
 Sept 20 Luke 11:37-52  
 Sept 21 Luke 19:1-10  
 Sept 22 Luke 22:14-38  
 Sept 23 Luke 24:13-36  
 Sept 24 Luke 14:7-15

*\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series  
 "How to Host a Dinner Party"  
 Luke 14:1-34*

## 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 Creation A-203  
 MD Moore\* W-105  
 Open Doors\* W-103  
**Open Fellowship\* A-104**  
 The Seekers A-207



This fall, **First Church will begin a process to prepare for discernment with regard to** the United Methodist Church. The process will **begin on September 17th in the sanctuary following worship** as one of four meetings to provide information to the congregation. A Church Conference will be set after the first of the year in conjunction with the District Superintendent for our church membership vote.

- **September 17th: Background & Overview**
- **October 8th: Theological & Denominational Concerns**
- **October 22nd: Financial & Legal Considerations**
- **November 19th: Other Methodist Discernment Options**

### Grief Support Group

Wednesdays from 6-7:30PM in the Church Parlor

For more information, please contact:

Pastor Michelle [mdlouk@umcsc.org](mailto:mdlouk@umcsc.org)

Rosie Swain [rosie.swain@outlook.com](mailto:rosie.swain@outlook.com)



### CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Do you like to sing? The **Wesley Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday nights from 6:30PM to 8:00PM in the Chapel**. Anyone wanting to “make a joyful noise” is welcome—no previous experience necessary. The Wesley Chancel Choir provides music for our traditional service each week. **For more information**, please contact **Norman McQueen at 843-602-5582**.



### MARION DISTRICT MEN IN MINISTRY EVENT

**A Day of Growing in the Spirit**

**Saturday, September 30th, 9AM to 3PM**

**Surfside UMC, 800 13th Ave N, Surfside Beach SC**

*Light Lunch served*

*Clergy (including our own, Pastor Joel)*

*and Lay Speakers presenting:*

*“6 Characteristics that Lead to Spiritual Maturity and Effective Discipleship”*

**Keynote speaker**

**Rev. Steven Lee Brown, District Superintendent**

**For more information or to register: 843-246-8398**

### Big Tom's “A Quote”

“What wings are to a bird and sails are to a ship, so is PRAYER to the soul.”  
~ Corrie Ten Boom. Dutch watchmaker/writer/speaker

**Nara Melkonyan with Project Agape will speak to the combined Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday October 8th in the chapel at 9AM.**



Project Agape in Armenia is an international organization which is supported by FUMC along with the North Carolina Conference.

**Compassionate Caregivers**, a support group offering encouragement, support, and information, meets on the **first and third Thursdays at 10AM in the church parlor**. Contact **Sherrill Allen**, 843-251-1163 or [sachilleshs@aol.com](mailto:sachilleshs@aol.com).





Derek Price, Director of Youth Ministries | [derek@fumcmb.org](mailto:derek@fumcmb.org)

FUMC Youth, grades 6-12, are welcome to join us for fellowship, food, and study on Sunday evenings at the North Campus, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach. See the schedule below. **Childcare available for adult volunteers.**

- 9/17 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus
- 9/20 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-Fil-a, Seaboard St
- 9/22 5:30PM Tailgate at MBHS Doug Shaw Stadium
- 9/25 5:15PM Youth Group, Brittain Center, North Campus

## The Sunshiners

New opportunities to fellowship and serve begin in September on Mondays from 10:30AM—12 Noon.

**First Mondays:** Nursing Home Visitations—Meet at church and carpool to visitation sites. Contact: Mike Foster, 404-641-4589 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745

**Second Mondays:** Cooking Casseroles—Meet in the Wesley kitchen. September: Chicken and Rice.

**NOTE:** Casseroles are prepared and frozen for later distribution within the church family to supplement programs already in place (i.e. Circles, Sunday Schools). Startup costs are funded from Thrift Store proceeds.

Contact: Darlene Rebeck, 412-608-2709 or Phyllis Townsend, 540-834-3020

**Third Mondays:** \*Sonshine Gifts—Meet in the 925

Contact: Linda Evans, 843-234-0173 or Ann Truex, 843-222-3106

**Fourth Mondays:** Fellowship

September: Bag lunch & bingo fellowship at Sandy Springs' home.

Contact: Jean Clemmons, 843-283-7473 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745

**\*We need your help!** We're accepting donations of medium-size boxes; small baskets; coffee mugs; tea bags; chapstick; small candles; small containers of hand lotions, shampoos; nail polish; small jars of jams or jellies; small trinkets; note-cards; small devotionals or journals; tissue paper; ribbon; 8"x8" disposable baking pans. **Monetary donations for Sonshine gifts by check may be made to FUMC, attn: The Sunshiners.**



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 9/10/2023 (includes online giving):

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Contributions week of: | \$ 24,863    |
| Total Revenue YTD:     | \$ 1,079,873 |
| Total Expenses YTD:    | \$ 1,154,680 |
| Difference YTD:        | - \$ 74,807  |

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

### MISSION IMPACT 2023

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Faith Promise:          | \$ 111,160 |
| Faith Promise Receipts: | \$ 65,193  |

### Presence 9/10/2023

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| ◆ Worship in person:               | 312    |
| ◆ Fox TV & promos (July wkly est): | 24,200 |
| ◆ Worship online:                  | 371    |
| ◆ Social Media:                    | 2,799  |
| ◆ Sunday School:                   | 173    |

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Website: [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)

Facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram.com/firstchurchmb

YouTube.com/@firstchurch6363

Request The Steeple via email: [thesteeples@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeples@fumcmb.org)

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

**TELL A FRIEND**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24th  
BRING A FRIEND!**

Let's return to our routine of **Sunday Christian Education** for all ages at **9AM** and **worship at 10AM**, both services. **Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member** to worship with us. **Following worship, enjoy a time of fellowship, and picnic** on the front lawn **with inflatables** for the children.



 **Child Development Ministry**  
of First United Methodist Church

The **2023-2024 CDM school year** kicked off for our 3 & 4-yr-olds. Students have taken their first **field trip** to Chapin Library. New school age fitness playground equipment has been installed, and we anxiously await new preschool age playground equipment.

**CDM  
SCHOLASTIC  
BOOK FAIR**

**October 2nd—4th**  
**SHOP 8-10:30AM**  
**or 3:30PM—5:30PM**



Brittain Fellowship Hall  
904 65th Ave N, MB

**SAVE THE DATE—Trunk or Treat**

**Mark your calendar** for this church wide event! We are looking for families, small groups or even Sunday School classes to **decorate trunks or golf carts**.

**When:** Monday, Oct 30th  
**Time:** Dinner at 4:45PM.  
Trunk or Treat 5:45PM  
**Where:** CDM, 904 65th Ave N.  
Call Cindy or Robin at CDM with questions. 843-692-9272.

*Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, September 17, 2023**

8:45AM--  
11:15AM **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR  
9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES  
10:00AM **Traditional Worship\***  
SANCTUARY \*Facebook  
10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR ^YouTube  
11:15AM **Discernment Mtg** SANCTUARY  
5:15PM **Youth Group** NORTH CAMPUS

**MONDAY, Sept. 18**

8:30A-5PM **Church Office Open M-Th**  
10:30AM **The Sonshiners** THE 925  
5:00PM **Wesley Handbell Choir**  
WESLEY BLDG-upstairs

**TUESDAY, Sept. 19**

9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20**

7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
1:00PM **Adult Handbell Choir**  
WESLEY BLDG-upstairs  
1:15PM **Bible Study-Reading Challenge**  
MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs  
6-7:30PM **Grief Support Group** PARLOR  
6:30-8PM **Wesley Chancel Choir**  
CHAPEL

**THURSDAY, Sept. 21**

10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR  
5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL



**What's Coming!**

9/17 11:15AM Discernment Mtg  
Sanctuary

9/24 10 AM Bring A Friend  
Children's Bibles; picnic on  
the lawn & inflatables

10/1 10 AM World Communion

10/8 9:45AM Combined Adult SS,  
Chapel, Project Agape guest

**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

