



A United Methodist Congregation

# The Steeple ■ September 3, 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

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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** "I'm Gonna Let It Shine" arr. Bober  
*(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** "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545 vs. 1,2,5

\* **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

\* **Scripture Reading** Psalm 128 Sharri Hammond  
*Pew Bible OT pg. #541*

**Anthem** "Ain't A That Good News" arr. Lloyd  
Joy Taylor, *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.*

*(Following the prayers, 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** "Count Your Blessings" arr. Pethel

\* **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>	“This Little Light of Mine”	UMH #585
* <b>Sermon Text</b>	Matthew 5:13-16	<i>Pew Bible NT pg.4</i>
<b>Sermon</b>	“Essentials of Life”	Rev. Louk
<b>Service of Word and Table</b>		UMH #12
<b>Communion Reflection</b>		Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i>
	<i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. Your communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit Epworth Children’s Home.</i>	
* <b>Closing Hymn</b>	“We Are Called”	TFWS #2172 vs. 1
* <b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Louk
<b>Postlude</b>	“Toccata”	Young

(\*) 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 <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> Classes are available for children ages 3 through adult every Sunday from 9:00-9:50AM. Nursery is available.</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 <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).</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 to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary on September 1st of Clemson Sweethearts, Jane and Stan Greenawalt.

Worship Flowers are needed for Nov 5, 12; Dec. 10, 17, 24, 30. 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](mailto: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** Drew Kelly

**CRUCIFER** Michael Kelly

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:** Lesa & Geoff Jones, Rev. Dr. C. Norman Bennett, Jr., Brenda Bennett, Phyllis & Carl Townsend

**VIDEO** Jim Lewis

**AUDIO** Melinda Morgan

### *Serving in Contemporary Worship*

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

**Slides** Jonathan Kittle

**Lights** Jackson Uphold

**Ushers** TBD

**Little Church** Meghan Nesmith, Cait Neptune



# Monthly Mission Impact—SEPTEMBER

Epworth Children's Home was established in 1895 as Epworth Orphanage by the Methodist people of South Carolina. To this day, the South Carolina UMC remains dedicated to Epworth's mission. Epworth does not receive direct funding from the denomination. Each year, **Mother's Day (May) and Work Day (September)**, are designated as **Epworth Children's Home Sundays** when special offerings may be made. **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.



## Church Council Meeting

**Monday, September 11th at 6:00PM, Chapel**  
to present the proposal of the affiliation process.  
All leadership chairs are urged to attend.  
The meeting is open to everyone.

**Next Sunday, September 10th, Bishop Jonathan L. Holston** will be our guest preacher. We will have a **combined worship service at 10AM in the Sanctuary**. We are blessed that Bishop Holston has included First Church in his local schedule with Africa University.



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

**Week 36** (9/3/23) reading schedule (one chapter per day):

**Book of Philippians, chapters 2-3; Book of Colossians, chapters 1-2**

**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)



## Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Just give yourself credit for even the simplest steps."

~ Tig Nataro, entertainer

## First Church Weekly Readings:\*

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

Sept 4 Acts 6:1-3; 11:27-30  
Sept 5 Matthew 15:21-28  
Sept 6 Luke 15:11-32  
Sept 7 2 Kings 6:8-23  
Sept 8 Ezekiel 36:16-36  
Sept 9 Romans 8:31-39  
Sept 10 1 Kings 19:1-12

\*Uniform Series International Lesson Series  
"Being the Messenger of God"  
1 Kings 17:8-16; 19:1-12

## 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



Grief Support Group will meet weekly on  
Wednesdays starting September 6th  
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)



This fall, **First Church will begin a process to prepare for discernment with regard to our affiliation** with 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 on affiliation status.

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

## **VOLUNTEERS** In the Spotlight

### **"BULLETIN BABES"**

For more years than can be recalled, we have had dedicated groups of women and men to help fold **The Steeple** every week.

"Bulletin Babes" was the name coined by Big Tom many years ago and it has remained unchanged to this day. The current regular group includes **Jayne Smith, Sylvia Harmon, Darlene Rebeck, Cecelia Shaw, Michelle Bowers, Dabney Joyner, Betty Wood, Peggy Ecker, and Preston Bowers** (summer intern). They provide an invaluable service to the church while building strong relationships and connections among the volunteers. Thanks a million!



## **The Sunshiners**

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

**First Mondays:** Nursing Home Visitations—Meet at church and carpool to visitation sites. **(No visitation on September 4th)**

Contact: Mike Foster, 404-641-4589 or Sandy Springs, 843-446-7745

**Second Mondays:** Cooking Casseroles—Meet in the Wesley kitchen.

September's cassarole: Chicken and Rice

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's fellowship at Sandy Springs' home. Bingo and bagged lunch.

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; notecards; small devotionals or journals; tissue paper; ribbon; 8"x8" disposable baking pans. Or, you may make a monetary donation to FUMC, attn: The Sunshiners.





**September 10th at 6PM  
 2023 Fall Youth Kickoff  
 Anderson Home**

**Parents & Students are invited  
 to meet & participate**



The second workday at Habitat's Hope House was last Saturday. Volunteers were Steve Louk, Cam McCarl, Penny Hale, Greg Rogers, Paul Behrendsen, Ron Painchaud, Stephanie Warren, and Scott Bowen. Rod Adelstone supervised the group. Carol Ann and Ronnie Felts provided a wonderful lunch for the volunteers. The house is expected to be completed in October. If you wish to schedule a work day, register online <https://habitatmb.volunteerhub.com/>.



**Financials and Attendance**

**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**

**As of 8/27/2023 (includes online giving):**

Contributions week of:	<b>\$ 16,753</b>
Total Revenue YTD:	<b>\$ 1,024,921</b>
Total Expenses YTD:	<b>\$ 1,093,445</b>
Difference YTD:	<b>- \$ 68,524</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>\$ 64,193</b>

**Presence 8/20/2023**

◆ Worship in person:	<b>356</b>
◆ Fox TV & promos (July wkl est):	<b>24,200</b>
◆ Worship online:	<b>500</b>
◆ Social Media:	<b>4,208</b>
◆ Sunday School:	<b>101</b>

**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)  
 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**



**Bibles for  
3rd graders  
and 3-yr-olds  
September 17th**  
10AM worship, both services  
Please **verify your child's full  
name** with Rhonda at  
**843-448-7164** or  
volunteers@fumcmb.org  
**by September 10th.**

**American Guild of Organists  
Worship Celebration in Music  
Sunday, September 10th at 4:00PM**



First Church Sanctuary  
Choir and 3 organists  
Free, open to the public.

First Church is preparing for  
the vote in early 2024  
regarding the  
affiliation status of our  
church. As a  
reminder, **you must be a  
professing member of First  
UMC Myrtle Beach.**



Uncertain? **Verify your  
membership status by  
contacting Trisha** in the  
church office,  
trisha@fumcmb.org as soon  
as possible. Thank you for  
your immediate attention.



**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.



## Happening This Week

### Holy Communion

**SUNDAY, September 3, 2023**

- 8:45AM--
- 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, Sept. 4**

**Church Office CLOSED**  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

**TUESDAY, Sept. 5**

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLR
- 10:00AM **UWF Exec Board** PARLOR
- 5:30PM **Evangelism Cmtee** PARLOR
- 6:00PM **Worship Cmtee** OFC-2nd FLR

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 6**

- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 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. 7**

- 10:30AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR
- 5:15PM **Lay Advisory Committee**  
OFC-2nd FLOOR
- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

### What's Coming!



- 9/10 **Bishop Jonathan Holston,**  
**Guest Preacher**  
**10AM COMBINED service**  
**Sanctuary**
- 9/10 **6PM Youth Kickoff!**
- 9/17 **10AM Children's Bibles**
- 9/17 **11:15AM Affiliation Discernment**  
**Meeting, Sanctuary**
- 9/24 **10AM Bring A Friend Sunday**  
**picnic on the lawn and**  
**inflatables for the children**
- 10/1 **10AM World Communion**  
**Sunday**
- 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



**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS  
FOR AUGUST 2023 BULLETIN**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**David Altman**

Sandra Springs (TV Ministry)  
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)  
Judy & Roger Hall (Summer Camp Endowment)  
Annette & Ed Willett (Pastors Discretionary Fund)

**Doug Baxter**

Susan Baxter (Help 4 Kids)

**Dulcie Bunn**

Jim & Lynn Wood (General Funds)

**Robert Allen Keyser**

Tom & Judy Winn (Snowbirds\Seagulls Fund)  
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Robert Sturgess**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**John “Jake” Waugh**

Open Fellowship Class (Pastor’s Discretionary Fund)  
Intercessory Prayer Group (Pastor’s Discretionary Fund)  
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)  
Judy & Roger Hall (Summer Camp Endowment)  
Annette & Ed Willett (Pastors Discretionary Fund)

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Derek Price & Family**

Rachel Platt (Memorial Fund)

**Heather Whitley**

Rachel Platt (Memorial Fund)