

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*

11:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

***Facebook Live-streamed**



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Ministers and Ministry Directors

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor

Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor

Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

Bishop Gary Rivas, Evangelism Pastor
North Campus

Jennifer Hupko, Director

Christian Education/Programming

Julia Brooks, Director, Children's Ministry

Cindy Johnson, Director

Child Development Ministry

Norman McQueen, Director
Music Ministry

D. Scott Ferguson, Pianist/Organist

Jayne Smith, Director, Hand Bells

Eve Harris, Director, Children's Choirs

Chad Mullinix, Director, Youth Ministry

Grant Nesmith, Melody Gildner

Co-Directors, Youth Ministry

Philip Keilen, Director,

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center

Welcome

Thank you for being with us in worship this Sunday! Our mission at First Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can."

Church Office Regular Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00AM - 5:00PM; CLOSED FRIDAY

Main Campus, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 29577 ■ 843-448-7164

North Campus, Thomas N Brittain Center (TNBC), 905 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC 29572

WORSHIP GUIDELINES in effect until further notice, updates as of 4/6/2021:

Join us for worship on Sunday, as your health permits. We continue to request that everyone **please follow these guidelines** to ensure everyone's health and safety. **Capacity is 150 per service with distancing of 6 feet per CDC guidelines.**

8:30AM & 11:00AM Worship-Traditional/Blended, Sanctuary; **Facebook Live @ 8:30AM**

*****Please register your attendance (name, address, phone#) and for contact tracing.**

Ushers will provide pen/paper to complete; return to the specific containers upon exit.***

- **Sanitization** weekly and between services
- **Face mask required** and **social distance (6 feet)** during worship
- Access via the **Front Door**, center aisle (if rain, use breezeway side door)
- **Ushers** will assist seating & dismissing guests
- **Families** may sit together in one pew without distancing
- **Offering plates** are situated at the doors upon exit; please **move outside** to visit
- **Narthex restrooms** only available; **Children under 12**, parent must accompany
- **NO Nursery, NO Children's Church, NO Wiggle Bags — Virtual Sunday School**

Plans to resume Sunday School:

Progress is being made in the Wesley building for classes to return. **TENTATIVELY**, the **goal** to have usable space is Sunday School **April 18th**. Time is needed to completely finish and clean the Wesley Building space in order to have **ALL** classes meeting at the same time, if they so choose. This past year has been tough and a challenge for many of us as we rely on the support and fellowship of our Sunday School classmates. Continue to be patient at this time. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at hupko@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.



PHOTOS PLEASE—As an ongoing project, please take a **selfie of yourself and/or your family** and email the picture(s) and all names to melinda@fumcmb.org. Since our last pictorial directory in 2018, we have new staff and new members. We would appreciate pictures from everyone to include in our membership database (no new Directory at this time). Thank you for your help.



First Church Prayer Chain—Anyone wishing to be added to the Prayer Chain email master list may contact Pastor Meredith at mmdark@umcsc.org.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"His destiny was the Cross . . . His purpose was Love . . . His reason is Us . . .
Thank God—HE LIVES!"

~ The Open Fellowship Class

First Church Weekly Readings: *

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

Apr 12	Zechariah 8:14-23
Apr 13	Ezekiel 11:13-21
Apr 14	Romans 6:1-8
Apr 15	Romans 7:1-6
Apr 16	Ephesians 4:17-20
Apr 17	Ephesians 4:21-28
Apr 18	Ephesians 4:29-32

ALL IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

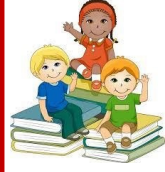
Virtual Classes available

**Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Ephesians 4:17-32
"Clothed With the New Person"*

Monthly Mission in Motion—APRIL

"Reach Out & Read" prepares our youngest children to succeed in school by **partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together**. We need books for children **ages birth to age 5 years**. The children are given books at the following age well-check visits: **6-12 mo, 12-18 mo, 18-24 mo, 24-36 mo, and 3-5 yrs.**

Reach
Out
& Read®



Please bring donated books to First Church and place them in the bins in the church office. **Monetary donations** are welcome to allow the purchase of books in bulk at a significant discount. Please make checks payable to **First UMC** and note **"Reach Out & Read Myrtle Beach"**.

Condolences

The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Donna Guinn** and family on the death of her grandmother, **Edith Parnell West Anderson**, age 94, on April 5, 2021, in Fayetteville, NC.



Sisters in Service UMW Circle annual HIBISCUS FUNDRAISER supports Local Missions. Please contact any circle member, Harriet Clark at 843-360-0017, or Linda Shields at 843-602-9413, to purchase a beautiful **3 gallon Hibiscus** for a **\$15 donation** each. Purchase vouchers are also available at the church office reception desk. Plants will be available to pick up during the month of April from Evergreen Nursery, 1697 Mr. Joe White Ave. Thank you.



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Thursday, April 15, 2021
7PM @ First United Methodist Church
with Myrtle Beach Out of the Darkness Walk

Learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe.

TALK SAVES LIVES™

COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED! Asbury Hills is actively looking for summer staff.

This year, more than ever, **Asbury Hills** needs help with summer staffing for camp. The concern is not with getting campers registered... it is getting enough staff to run their programs.

Asbury Hills currently has over 70 campers on waiting lists and the need now is for enough staff to operate at their current 50% capacity. Any college-aged students (18 years to early 20's age range) looking for summer jobs may reach out by calling Asbury Hills' office (864.836.3711), emailing Sarah Moseley (summercamp@asburyhills.org) or applying online <https://asburyhills.org/summer-staff/>.



UM YF Youth activities...

Apr 11: NO YOUTH (end of spring break)

Apr 14: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
Southern House of Pancakes, MB

Apr 18: 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus

Apr 9-12: Chrysalis (girls)

Apr 16-19: Chrysalis (boys)

Please contact the Chad, Grant or Melody for more information (<https://www.ccchrysalis.com/>)



Evangelism

Can We Chat?
Bishop Gary Rivas

"Jesus did not say that the whole world should go to church, but He did say that the whole church should go to the world." ~ Greg Laurie

It's undeniable that Jesus sends us out, not to bring people to church, but to bring people to Jesus. We do that in many ways, but the two most outstanding ways are by the way we love and by the way we serve.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

All graduating seniors are invited to **apply for a college scholarship** through FUMCMB. **Contact Jennifer Hupko, hupko@fumcmb.org**, for the Application. Application packages must be submitted to Jennifer Hupko in the church office **no later April 29, 2021**.



Bring your lawn chair and come out for a fun afternoon of community and music, featuring Socastee HS Jazz Band and others. Sponsored by the City of Myrtle Beach.

SENIOR RECOGNITION!



HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

If your child is a **High School or College Senior**, please let Chad, Melody or Grant know. **Youth and Sr Recognition**

Sunday will be June 13th. We want to recognize this great achievement in the life of your child. **Let us know as soon as possible:** melodyrgildner@yahoo.com; chadmullinix@icloud.com; or gnesmith90@gmail.com.



Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Wednesday
April 14th @ 11:30AM
at **Magnolia's**, upstairs
Fellowship, Lunch,
and Devotion



Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 4/4/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 4/4/21:	\$ 28,079
Giving YTD:	\$ 360,335
Expenses YTD:	\$ 439,876
Difference YTD:	- \$ 79,541

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 4/4/2021

◆ Maundy Thursday	85
◆ Good Friday	70
◆ Easter Sunrise	200
◆ Easter (Traditional)	461
◆ Easter (Contemporary)	125
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	2,686
◆ All Social Media:	5,869
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online

In anticipation of children's Sunday School resuming in the near future (TBD), **volunteers are needed** for the **nursery and 1&2 yr-old classrooms** during the **Sunday School hour and both worship services at 8:30AM and 11AM**. For more information, please contact Julia Brooks, jbrooks@fumcmb.org.



First Church Thrift Store—CLOSED during COVID-19

Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach SC 29578-1367

Phone: 843-448-7164 Email: office@fumcmb.org Website: www.fumcmb.org

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Request emailed **Steeple: thesteeple@fumcmb.org** Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, April 11, 2021

NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School

- 8:30AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 9:45AM **Confirmation Class** The 925
- 9:45AM **Pre-K Sunday School** ZOOM
- 10:10AM **K-5th Grades Sunday School**
VIA ZOOM
- 11:00AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN M-Th
Mask & Social Distancing please

MONDAY, April 12

- 8-5:00PM **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**
- 5:30PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY
- 5:30PM **Missions Committee** CHAPEL
- 6:30PM **Festive Brass** THE 925

TUESDAY, April 13

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting**
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR
- 11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**
PARLOR
- 3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**
PARLOR
- 4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**
CHAPEL
- 6:00PM **Cloister Circle** VIA ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, April 14

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devo**
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26th, UPSTAIRS
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, April 15

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group**
VIA ZOOM
- 7:00PM **Talk Saves Lives**
Suicide Awareness
SANCTUARY

Coming Soon!

May 9—Mother's Day
May 14-16—Confirmation Retreat
May 23—Confirmation
Jun 13—Youth/Sr Recognition

*MEMORIALS
FOR MARCH 2021 BULLETIN*

IN MEMORY OF:

Lois Andrews

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Roger & Judy Hall (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Barbara Avery

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Mike & Jean Hussey (Archives Funds)
Sam & Marlene Davis (Music Fund)

Gerry Clemmons

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Harold Clemmons

Randy & Ernestine Gravely (V Ministry)

Hilda Crocker

Randy & Ernestine Gravely (TV Ministry)
Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Mary Virginia DuBose

Bubba & Bleeker Cannon (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Lynn Durant

Randy & Ernestine Gravely (TV Ministry)

Peg Elliott

Open Fellowship Class (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Charlene Jones

Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Buddy Lowe

Roger & Judy Hall (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Randy & Ernestine Gravely (TV Ministry)
Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Doris Pierce

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Bob Poston

Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Peggy Sansbury

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Bubba & Bleeker Cannon (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Martha Stanton (Music Ministry)

Pat Sears

James & Helen Shaffer (TV Ministry)

Bobby Lou Snipes

Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

(Memorials continued)

Nancy Venable

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Mike Wheeler

Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Needham Williamson

Joyce & Douglas Rawls (Flower Fund)

Valerie Yates

Jean Clemmons (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

IN HONOR OF:

Kaye Allen

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Meredith Dark

John & Pamela Turner (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Finnon Keith Donahue

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

George Howle

John & Pamela Turner (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Ava Hussey

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Dawn Snyder

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Emerson James Stewart

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

John Wasserman

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Mary Marshall Wasserman

Marilyn Mason (Child Development Ministry)

Annette Willett

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)