



The Steeple ■ April 18, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*

10:00AM Contemporary Worship, North Campus*

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 4/14/2021:

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
- **Enter the Sanctuary allowed via all 3 access doors (front, side, office)**
- **Ushers** will assist dismissing guests
- **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 Wiggle Bags**


We are so excited to be able to begin Sunday School this Sunday, April 18th. Many of you have missed the fellowship! Below are guidelines for all classes to adhere to as we welcome each other back to class.




***Guidelines for returning to Sunday School:**

1. Masks **MUST** be worn
2. Appropriate spacing/distancing
3. Classes may **NOT** brew coffee/tea or bring in homemade goodies. You may bring personal coffee/tea from home. Food snacks must be store bought and individually wrapped.
4. Sanitize hands before entering the classroom; hand sanitizer will be supplied to each classroom.

As these are unprecedented times, all is being done to make sure we are all safe. Some may opt out of Sunday School for now, but you may return when you are ready. For questions or concerns, feel free to contact your "class leader" or Jennifer Hupko, hupko@fumcmb.org.



SELFIES PLEASE—As an ongoing project, please take a **selfie photo of yourself and/or your family** and email the picture(s) and all names to melinda@fumcmb.org. We need pictures from everyone for our membership database. Thank you.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"It's not about reaching the top of the mountain. It is the impact you make along the way."
~ Alison Levine, sportswoman/leadership consultant

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Apr 19	Psalms 29:1-11
Apr 20	Psalms 103:6-14
Apr 21	Judges 7:1-22
Apr 22	Daniel 10:8-18
Apr 23	Isaiah 40:28-31
Apr 24	Jeremiah 18:1-6
Apr 25	2 Corinthians 4:7-18

**Uniform Series*

*Int'l Lesson Series: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
"Vessels for the Lord"*



***GUIDELINES ALL CLASSES:
Masks, Distance, Hand Sanitizer,
See above* regarding drinks or food***

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes

0-2 year-olds	Nursery
3 and 4 year-old preschool	Wesley 102
Kindergarten/First Grade	Wesley 201
2nd and 3rd Grades	Wesley 201
4th and 5th Grades	Wesley 201

Youth Classes

6th - 12th Grades	Sonshine House
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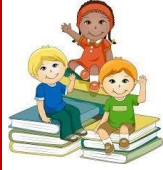
Adult Classes

Ark	The 925 Chapel
Brittain Fellowship	Asbury 203
Faith Foundations	Wesley 105
M.D. Moore*	via Zoom
New Horizons	Wesley 103
New Ventures	Wesley 104
Open Doors*	Music Center 101
Open Fellowship*	

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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**.



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”**.



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.

First Church—a drop-off location for “Case for Smiles”; pillowcases will be sent to McLeod Hospital, Florence and Prisma Health, Columbia. For those interested, a pillowcase pattern may be obtained from the church office.



Monetary donations are welcome payable to Case For Smiles Myrtle Beach. For more information, please contact Linda Dunn at 803-687-7096.

“Ryan’s Case for Smiles” brings comfort and support to young patients and their families in hospitals giving children an emotional boost and remind them that they are not defined by their illness.



Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center
Instilling hope and healing

Living Well in the Long Run

People generally want to live a long life, provided they are healthy, have a clear mind, are connected to loved ones, and are not a burden to anyone. Because you reap what you sow, course corrections made today will benefit you going forward, no matter what age we are right now. If you are in the latter season of your life, this is your time to celebrate and create a legacy. If you are a caretaker of an elderly person, it is important for you to know what your loved one needs in his/her later stage of life. **Living Well in the Long Run** is a 2-part seminar that addresses 10 keys to successful aging. It will inspire and equip you with ideas on how to face the future with confidence while living meaningfully in the here and now.

When: April 28 & May 5 at 3:30PM (and Facebook live) **Where:** First Church Sanctuary
Who: Dr. Gina Barker, Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center



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

Children’s Recovery Center Open House

Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 22, 2021 — 3:00PM to 6:00PM
1801 Legion Street, Myrtle Beach (18th Ave N & Legion Street)



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Youth activities...

Apr 18: NO YOUTH (end of spring break)
Apr 21: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB
Apr 25: 1-5PM Foot Golf, meet at 12:45PM
 at North Campus to ride buses;
 return by 5:30PM



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**.

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 Senior 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; gnesmith90@gmail.com.



Children's Sunday School resumes on April 18th. **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 or 843-448-7164 x212.



First Church Prayer Chain

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



Evangelism

Evangelism is sharing the good news of Jesus' love, grace and mercy. It's wonderful news for every person, and we are commissioned to let as many people as we can know about this God of grace. God believes that you are capable of sharing that good news and has given you the gifts and graces to go into the world, and do just that.



New Members

We welcome **Marianne Romano and Daniel Scherrer** who joined First Church by Transfer of Membership at 11AM worship on April 11, 2021.



Holy Baptism



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to **Angelina Grace Romano**, daughter of Marianne Romano and Daniel Scherrer, on April 11, 2021 in the Sanctuary by Rev. Dr. George K. Howle.



Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 4/11/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 4/11/21:	\$ 28,293
Giving YTD:	\$ 388,355
Expenses YTD:	\$ 488,548
Difference YTD:	- \$ 100,193

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 4/11/2021

◆ Worship:	231
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	695
◆ All Social Media:	2,619
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online

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

Become a Fan: www.facebook.com/FUMCMB

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

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, April 18, 2021

No Nursery at 8:30AM

8:30AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE

9:45AM **Confirmation Class**
SONSHINE HOUSE

9:45AM **Pre-K Sunday School** ZOOM

10:10AM **K-5th Grades Sunday School**
VIA ZOOM

10:00AM **Contemporary Worship**
NORTH CAMPUS

11:00AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY

5:15PM **Youth @ North Campus**

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN M-Th
Mask & Social Distancing please

MONDAY, April 19

8-5:00PM **CHURCH OFFICE OPEN**

5:30PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

6:30PM **Festive Brass** THE 925

TUESDAY, April 20

9:00AM **Staff Meeting**
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

WEDNESDAY, April 21

7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES

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

1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

Coming Soon!

May 9—Mother's Day

May 14-16—Confirmation Retreat

May 23—Confirmation

May 24—"Good Grief" Widows Lunch
Magnolia's upstairs

Jun 13—Youth/Sr Recognition

Community Calendar

April 24—Keep Myrtle Beach Clean
City-wide Cleanup Day, 8-11AM

May 6—National Day of Prayer 6-7:30PM
Chapin Park

June 18—Black History Celebration
Mary C. Canty Rec Center

June 19—Juneteenth Celebration
Charlie's Place