



**The Steeple ■ April 25, 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

**Jennifer Hupko**, Director

Christian Education/Programming

**Julia Brooks**, Director, Children's Ministry

**Cindy Johnson**, Director

Child Development Ministry

**Philip Keilen**, Director, Coastal Samaritan

**Norman McQueen**, Director  
Music Ministry

**D. Scott Ferguson**, Pianist/Organist

**Grant Nesmith**, Contemporary Music

**Jayne Smith**, Director, Hand Bells

**Eve Harris**, Director, Children's Choirs

**Chad Mullinix**, Director, Youth Ministry

**Grant Nesmith, Melody Gildner**

Co-Directors, Youth Ministry

**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 4/18/2021:**

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
- **Restrooms available**; **Children under 12**, parent must accompany
- **No Wiggle Bags**

**In-person Sunday School has resumed!** As these are unprecedented times, all is being done to ensure safety for all. Some may opt out of Sunday School for now, but may return at a future time. Anyone with questions or concerns, feel free to contact your "class leader" or Jennifer Hupko, [hupko@fumcmb.org](mailto:hupko@fumcmb.org).



Following are guidelines to which **all classes must adhere** for each other's health and safety.

**\*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.



**2021-22 School Year Kindergarten Enrollment**

**Our Program—Curriculum & Instruction:**

A daily Bible-centered lesson and weekly Chapel are major pillars of the school. Through Christian-centered education, students will learn about His word and will become closer to God.

The elementary curriculum includes: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Christian Education.

**Why FUMA?**

Our Christian-centered programming features smaller class sizes and high-quality curriculum, giving your child the best learning experience!

**To Register, please contact: Melody Gildner, 585-770-4183, [mgildner@fumamb.org](mailto:mgildner@fumamb.org) or visit our website at [www.fumamb.org](http://www.fumamb.org).**

***First Church Weekly Readings:\****

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

Apr 26	Psalm 18:1-6
Apr 27	Romans 9:6-16
Apr 28	Exodus 3:13-20
Apr 29	Exodus 33:1-6
Apr 30	Exodus 33:12-16
May 1	Exodus 33:17-23
May 2	Exodus 34:5-8

*\*Uniform Series*

*Int'l Lesson Series: Exodus 33:1-6, 12-23; 34:5-8  
"God Declares Who God Is"*



**\*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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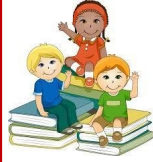
**Adult Classes**

<b>Ark</b>	<b>The 925 Chapel</b>
<b>Brittain Fellowship</b>	<b>Asbury 203</b>
Faith Foundations	Wesley 105
M.D. Moore*	<b>via Zoom</b>
<b>New Horizons</b>	<b>Wesley 103</b>
<b>New Ventures</b>	<b>Wesley 104</b>
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”**.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

**William Bruce Harris, Jr.**

**July 12, 1955—April 16, 2021**

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



**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. Plants will be available to **pick up during the month of April from Evergreen Nursery, 1697 Mr. Joe White Ave.**



It's tomato sandwich time again. Do you have your tomato knife? The **Lautrelle Merchant Circle** is selling RADA Cutlery. Catalogs and order forms are available at the church office receptionist's desk. All proceeds **benefit UMW missions**. For questions, please call Willa Wrenn at 843-497-2967.



### 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. 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. This **2-part seminar** addresses 10 keys to successful aging to 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 and May 5 at 3:30PM (and Facebook live)**      **Where: First Church Sanctuary**

**Who: Dr. Gina Barker, Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center**

**Support Group for First Responders' Spouses/Partners**  
**May 2021, weekly meetings** on Tuesdays or Thursdays  
**5:30-7:30PM @ Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center**  
**901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach**



For information, please contact Anna Dickinson, [adickinson1@liberty.edu](mailto:adickinson1@liberty.edu) or 843-561-9539

**First Church is 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 ([www/caseforsmiles.org/](http://www.caseforsmiles.org/)).



## UM YF Youth activities...

**Apr 25: 1-5PM Foot Golf, meet at 12:45PM**  
at North Campus to ride buses;  
return by 5:30PM

**Apr 28: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)  
Southern House of Pancakes, MB

**May 2: 5:30-7:30 Run/Bike/Walk**  
National Mental Health Fundraiser

**May 9: NO YOUTH** (Mother's Day)

**May 14-16:** Confirmation Retreat

**May 23:** Confirmation Sunday



### 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 THAN 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; or gnesmith90@gmail.com.



**SELFIES PLEASE**—Please take a **selfie photo of yourself and/or your family** and email the picture(s) and all names to [melinda@fumcmb.org](mailto:melinda@fumcmb.org). We need pictures from everyone to update our membership database. Thank you.

### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Joy is a choice before it becomes a feeling."  
~ Faith Broussard Cade  
Mental health therapist



### Evangelism

Mark Denver (pastor, author, theologian) said, 'Every believer should evangelize. I know some Christians think that evangelism is only for people with special gifts for it, but I don't believe the New Testament teaches that. While Paul does say that some believers have the call to be evangelists, all of us have the responsibility of evangelism'. In reality, the modern-day church is suffering from the 'someone else will do it' syndrome. Evangelism is the responsibility of every believer.



### First Church Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to be added to the Prayer Chain email master list may contact Pastor Meredith at [mmdark@umcsc.org](mailto:mmdark@umcsc.org).

**Children's Sunday School has resumed. 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](mailto:jbrooks@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164 x212.

## Financials and Attendance

### Gifts as of 4/18/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 4/18/21:	\$ 24,553
Giving YTD:	\$ 412,972
Expenses YTD:	\$ 496,053
Difference YTD:	<b>- \$ 83,081</b>

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### Presence 4/18/2021

◆ Worship:	345
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	1,170
◆ All Social Media:	5,607
◆ Sunday School:	143

**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](mailto:office@fumcmb.org) Website: [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)

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

## *Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, April 25, 2021**

**No Nursery at 8:30AM**

- 8:30AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 9:45AM **Confirmation Class**  
SONSHINE HOUSE
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship**  
NORTH CAMPUS | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY
- 1-5PM **Youth Footgolf**

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN M-Th**

**8:00AM—5:00PM**

**Mask & Social Distancing please**

**MONDAY, April 26**

- 5:30PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY
- 6:30PM **Festive Brass** THE 925

**TUESDAY, April 27**

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting**  
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR
- 2:30PM **Congregational Care Mtg**  
PARLOR

**WEDNESDAY, April 28**

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)  
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY
- 3:30PM **Living Well** SANCTUARY  
FACEBOOK LIVE

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**Coming Soon!**

**May 9**—Mother's Day

**May 14-16**—Confirmation Retreat

**May 23**—Confirmation Sunday

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

**Jun 13**—Youth/Sr Recognition

**Jun 20**—Father's Day

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### **Community Calendar**

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