



## The Steeple ■ April 4, 2021

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### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

- 6:45AM Sunrise Worship, Plyler Park**
  - 8:30AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\***
  - 9:45AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\***
  - 10:00AM Contemporary Worship, North Campus\***
  - 11:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\***
- \*Facebook Live-streamed



### Ministers and Ministry Directors

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**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."*

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**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

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. **Our current capacity is adjusted to 200 per service due to distancing change of 3 feet.**

**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 (3 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**

I am aware that many of you are eager to be together again in Sunday School on Sunday mornings. I am doing all that I can to make that happen as quickly as possible. After conversations with Pastor George and our District Superintendent, Rev. Tim Rogers, this is where we are:



Given the state of the Wesley building at this time, and the fact that classes meet in that facility, **TENTATIVELY** our goal is to have usable space for Sunday School by **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Time is needed to finish the Wesley Building space, then we will be able 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 and, to the best of my ability, I will make sure we stay on schedule for this date. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at [hupko@fumcmb.org](mailto:hupko@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164.



**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.

### **Big Tom's "A Quote"**

"God is real. God loves you. God wants the best for you. Believe that? I do."

~ Chris Pratt, actor

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

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

Apr 5	Romans 14:7-9
Apr 6	2 Corinthians 10:1-6
Apr 7	2 Corinthians 11:16-31
Apr 8	2 Corinthians 5:11-17
Apr 9	2 Corinthians 5:18-21
Apr 10	2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Apr 11	2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1

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

**Virtual Classes available**

*\* Indicates: Uniform Series  
International Lesson Series:  
2 Corinthians 5:11-21  
"Living by New Standards"*

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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 receptacles 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

**Peggy Dow Elliott**

**July 13, 1932—March 23, 2021**

“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 **Chad Mullinix** and family on the death of his grandmother, **Gertrude Russell Mullinix**, on March 21, 2021, in Myrtle Beach, SC; and to the family of **Mary Virginia DuBose**, daughter of former FUMC pastor, the late Rev. Dr. Robert N. and Mrs. Ree DuBose.



**The Living Cross**  
Please **bring fresh flowers on Easter morning** to place on the cross on the front lawn at the Main Campus or on the cross at the North Campus.




**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™**



**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](mailto:melinda@fumcmb.org). Since our last pictorial

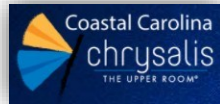
directory in 2018, we have new staff and new members. We would appreciate pictures from everyone to include in our membership database (no new Directory at this time). Thank you for your help.



## UM YF Youth activities...

**Apr 4: NO YOUTH—Happy Easter!**  
**Apr 11: NO YOUTH (end of spring break)**  
**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/>



Can We Chat?  
Bishop Gary Rivas

### Evangelism

Evangelism is urgent! If we live our lives 'as if Christ died yesterday, rose today and is coming tomorrow', then we have no time to waste. For the sake of our families, our friends, our colleagues, our neighbors, we must start evangelizing immediately. 'How?', you may ask. I say 'by loving God, our neighbor and ourselves'.

**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.

**Thank you** to the **volunteers** who served at the **Community Kitchen** last week. Your efforts and presence are appreciated!  
~ Lesa Jones

Our **next opportunity** to serve will be the week of **June 7-11, 2021**. Sign up now!  
[LJones6430@gmail.com](mailto:LJones6430@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:melodyrgildner@yahoo.com);  
[chadmullinix@icloud.com](mailto:chadmullinix@icloud.com); or  
[gnesmith90@gmail.com](mailto:gnesmith90@gmail.com).

### Ladies Lunch & Devotion

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

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](mailto:jbrooks@fumcmb.org).



### Financials and Attendance

**Gifts as of 3/28/2021 (includes online giving):**

Giving Week of 3/28/21:	\$ 20,503
Giving YTD:	\$ 332,236
Expenses YTD:	\$ 413,873
Difference YTD:	- \$ 81,637

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

**Presence 3/28/2021**

◆ Worship:	276
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	852
◆ All Social Media:	3,646
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online

## *Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, April 4, 2021**

*EASTER*

**NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School**

6:45AM **Sunrise Worship** PLYLER PARK

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

9:45AM **Traditional Worship**  
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10:00AM **Contemporary Worship**  
NORTH CAMPUS | FACEBOOK

11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN Tu-Th**  
**Mask & Social Distancing please**

**MONDAY, April 5**  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, April 6**  
9:00AM **Staff Meeting**  
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

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

**THURSDAY, April 8**  
10:00AM **Caregivers Group**  
VIA ZOOM

**FRIDAY, April 9**  
10:30AM **Anne Herbert Circle**  
PARLOR

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**Coming Soon!**

**Apr 15—Talk Saves Lives**  
7PM, Sanctuary

**May 14-16—Confirmation Retreat**

**May 23—Confirmation**

**Jun 13—Youth/Sr Recognition**

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