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CHURCH

100 YEARS

A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ April 19, 2020

VIRTUAL WORSHIP ONLY

**8:30AM & 11:00AM | Traditional
Posted on Facebook**



Ministers and Ministry Directors

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor

Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor

Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

Norman McQueen, Director - Music Ministry

D. Scott Ferguson, Pianist/Organist

Jennifer Hupko, Director - Christian Education Ministry and Programming

Julia Brooks, Director - Children's Ministry

Chad Mullinix, Director - Youth Ministry

Grant Nesmith, Melody Gildner, Co-Directors - Youth Ministry

Cindy Johnson, Director - Child Development 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

Easter Blessings!



Even though First Church has been closed due to Coronavirus, we have taken the opportunity to make some improvements using the Parsonage Fund, which can only be used for capital improvements. At our North Campus Child Development Center, we are installing new flooring and painting doors. In the Wesley Building, Main Campus, three classrooms and library on the bottom floor will be cleaned and painted; also, new flooring will be installed, new paint, new ceilings and updated restrooms. Even though we are not all present now, we look forward to returning to our improved facilities.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"As I grow older, I discover new ways to serve God." ~ Jenny Calvert (The Upper Room)

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

April 20	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
April 21	Malachi 3:1-4
April 22	Isaiah 40:3-8
April 23	Luke 1:67, 76-80
April 24	Mark 1:1-8
April 25	John 1:19-28
April 26	Acts 19:1-7

Sunday School Classes

**ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

* Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Mark 1:1-8; John 1:19-28
"John Prepares the Way for Christ"



Monthly Mission in Motion—APRIL

“Reach Out & Read Myrtle Beach” 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 hold all donated books at home until the church office reopens to visitors.

Monetary donations are welcome to allow the purchase of books in bulk at a significant discount. Please mail checks, payable to *First UMC*, and reference “*Reach Out & Read*”.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Michael “Mike” Staton Wheeler
October 15, 1940—April 8, 2020

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

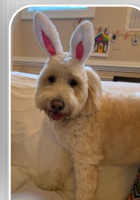
IN REMEMBRANCE

Robert C. “Bob” Ropp
June 25, 1954—April 14, 2020

“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 **Debbie Conner** and family on the death of her step-father, John Earle Barker, on April 11, 2020 in Clearwater FL; to **Susan Guinn** and family on the death of her mother, Martha V. Hewell, in Elberton GA; and to the family and friends of former member, Pat McAfee Ward Palucki, Myrtle Beach SC.





UM Youth Fellowship News:
Youth activities...

Coming Up:

NO YOUTH meetings until further notice
NO BREAKFAST & DEVO until further notice

Virtual Schedule—ONLINE ONLY

Sundays & Wednesdays at 7:00PM
Online Devo via "Google Meets"
Watch for a link in email



Thank You

Anonymous Thank You (on behalf of the FUMC Family): *We want to express our thanks and gratitude for our ministers, music directors, technicians, staff and all volunteers for all that is being done to keep us connected to our church family during these trying times. Our prayer is that very soon these restrictions will be lifted and we will again be able to meet and fellowship together. In the meantime, the sermons, devotions, music and prayers are such an inspiration to us and we look forward each day to hearing words of comfort and encouragement. The Easter service was especially meaningful. Also, appreciation for the teams who are generously cooking and delivering daily meals to our homebound, at-risk members. For all who have a part in these efforts, please know what it means to the church family to feel the love and concern expressed daily.*



Sisters in Service UMW Circle annual HIBISCUS FUNDRAISER

supports Local Missions. Please contact any circle member or call **843-602-9413** to purchase a beautiful **3-gallon Hibiscus** for a **\$16 donation**. Plants will be available to pick up at Evergreen Nursery during the month of April. Thank you for your support!

Financials and Attendance



Gifts as of 4/12/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 33,772
Giving YTD:	\$ 379,978
Expenses YTD:	\$ 409,135
Difference YTD:	- \$ 29,157

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 4/12/2020 (no on-site activities)

- ◆ All Worship-FaceBook/Web views: **2,378**
- ◆ All Other Social Media Views: **13,948**
- ◆ Sunday School: Meeting online

First Church Thrift Store Hours: Mondays 9AM-12PM; Thursdays 1:00-4:00PM. Donations accepted during these times.

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Happening This Week

SUNDAY, April 19, 2020

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES UPDATES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

8:30AM **VIRTUAL Blended Worship**
11:00AM FACEBOOK (fumcmb)
WEBSITE: www.fumcmb.org

MONDAY, April 20

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN NO WALK-IN VISITORS

TUESDAY, April 21

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

Weekday Devotions on Facebook

8:00AM—**Morning Joy** (M-Sat)
11:00AM—**Moment with Ministers**
1:00PM—**Julia's Storytime** 

Social distancing goes on, church activities are cancelled, but God's work continues. **Online Giving** is available by clicking the 'Give' link at the top of our **website** page. Giving may be set up in any way you choose. Giving may also be sent via **US Mail** to PO Box 1367, MB SC 29578. Thank you for your prayerful giving.



In the past, **FUMC's Child Development Ministry** has depended upon the Easter Lily fundraiser to benefit improvements at CDM. As you are able, please consider a one-time donation in the month of April. Proceeds will benefit CDM to replace the 24 year-old carpet. Donations may be designated "in memory or in honor of a loved one". Please mail your check payable to First UMC. Thank you for your prayerful support.