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CHURCH  
100 YEARS  
A Church with a Heart  
in the Heart  
of Myrtle Beach

**The Steeple ■ April 26, 2020**

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**VIRTUAL WORSHIP ONLY**

**8:30AM & 11:00AM | Traditional/Blended  
Posted on Facebook and Website**



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### ***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

**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

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### **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**

# More Easter Blessings!



**Capital Improvements**—While 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"

"There is some good in this world, and it is worth fighting for." ~ J.R.R. Tolkien, writer

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

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

April 27	Psalm 36:5-10
April 28	Psalm 46:1-11
April 29	Ezekiel 47:1-12
April 30	Revelation 21:9-14
May 1	Revelation 21:15-21
May 2	Revelation 21:22-27
May 3	Revelation 22:1-5

\* Indicates: Uniform Series  
International Lesson Series: Revelation 21:9-22:5  
"The River of Life-giving Water"



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



## 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. **Books are needed 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 Myrtle Beach*”.

### EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Last year Epworth Children’s Home gave 196 children a safe and loving place to call home.

Each of these children had this opportunity because of United Methodist churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry in support of the children and families in our state.

**TRANSFORM A CHILD’S FUTURE.** Epworth Children’s Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss.

Epworth’s care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives. First Church will participate in the **annual Mother’s Day Offering on Sunday, May 10, 2020**, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our **opportunity to support this vital ministry.** Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).



### CLASS OF 2020—IN 3 WORDS!

CELEBRATE  
CLASS of  
2020

If you have a **senior graduating this year** (or know a graduating senior) and would like to **recognize them** in an upcoming issue of **The Steeple**, simply send in their name and picture with your **3-word accolades**, along with your name (or family group) to [melinda@fumcmb.org](mailto:melinda@fumcmb.org). Do it now while it is fresh on your mind! One example might be: “You did it!” or “God bless you”.



### Weekday Devotions on Facebook (fumcmb)

8:00AM—**Morning Joy** (M-Sat) with Jennifer Hupko

11:00AM—**Moment with the Ministers** with Rev. George & Rev. Meredith

1:00PM—**Julia’s Storytime** for the children, Julia Brooks

Social distancing goes on, church activities are cancelled until further notice, 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. Your gifts may also be sent via **US Mail** to PO Box 1367, MB SC 29578. Thank you for your prayerful offerings.





# 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



# STAY TUNED FOR UPDATED INFO!



## TENTATIVE 2020 Summer Camp June 7-12, 2020

## RECENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES!



### Home-bound Scavenger Hunt



### Help 4 Kids Food Drive



## Financials and Attendance



### Gifts as of 4/19/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 12,132
Giving YTD:	\$ 392,189
Expenses YTD:	\$ 421,254
Difference YTD:	- \$ 29,065

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### Presence 4/19/2020 (no on-site activities)

- ◆ All Worship-FaceBook/Web: 2,319
- ◆ All Other Social Media: 13,002
- ◆ Sunday School: Meeting online

*First Church Thrift Store Hours: CLOSED during Coronavirus. No donations accepted at this time.*

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*Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, April 26, 2020**

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES  
UPDATES AVAILABLE  
VIA EMAIL**

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

**MONDAY, April 27**

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
NO WALK-IN VISITORS**

**TUESDAY, April 28**

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

