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A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ April 5, 2020

VIRTUAL WORSHIP ONLY

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

PALM SUNDAY



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



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!



PICTURES FOR PALM SUNDAY! See your church friends in **The Steeple** next week by sharing a “Palm Picture” of your quarantined family unit. With your mobile phone or other digital media, you may take a family **“Palm Picture”** with palm branches affixed to your front door or just hold or wave them. Palms may be real, faux, or crafted—nothing fancy! **Email your picture by Tuesday, April 7th** to Melinda Morgan in the church office, melinda@fumcmb.org.

As we continue to deal with implications from Coronavirus, difficult decisions about church activities are being made, 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 for weekly, monthly, yearly or any way you choose. Your giving may also be sent via **US Mail** to PO Box 1367, MB SC 29578. Thank you for prayerfully considering your giving.



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th (new)**
MANDATORY Safe Sanctuary and Active Shooter Training

Wesley Worship Center from **10AM to 2PM** — Lunch provided

Training is REQUIRED for all volunteers

who work with our children or youth AT ANY TIME

(VBS, cooks, chaperones, youth counselors, children/youth Sunday School teachers, Children and Youth Council members).

Ushers MUST also plan to attend this training.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Hupko at hupko@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.



Big Tom's “A Quote”

“In these stressful times, ‘There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.’ ”
 ~ Big Tom

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

April 5	John 19:31-37
April 6	Psalm 118:1-9
April 7	Matthew 27:57-61
April 8	Matthew 27:62-66
April 9	Matthew 28:1-10
April 10	Matthew 28:11-15
April 11	John 20:19-23

* Indicates: Uniform Series

International Lesson Series: Matthew 27:57-28:15
 “Jesus’ Resurrection”

Sunday School Classes

ALL 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. 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 Myrtle Beach*”.

IN REMEMBRANCE
Deborah T. Champion
October 5, 1953—March 19, 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 **Tracy Gunter** and family on the death of her mother, Martha Przeklasa White, on March 31, 2020 in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

 **Weekday Devotions** will post on Facebook to help center our hearts and minds.

8:00AM—**Morning Joy** (M-Sat) with Jennifer Hupko
11:00AM—**Moment with the Ministers** (M-F) with Pastors George & Meredith
1:00PM—**Julia’s Storytime** (M-F) for the children with Julia Brooks

STAY TUNED! Ways to STAY CONNECTED while we are observing social distancing. With electronic devices, be sure to keep current with FUMC via one of these formats:

 **Follow us on Facebook:** [fumcmb](https://www.facebook.com/fumcmb)
Worship on Sundays may be viewed on our Facebook page at 8:30AM and 11:00AM.

Online, go to our **website: www.fumcmb.org**,
click on “Sermons” to view
previously recorded services. 

 **On Mobile devices**, download the **First Church app**,
select “Sermons” or other available options.

OR

Tune to **FOX TV Channel 7 (cable)**
or Channel 43-1 (antenna) at 10AM every Sunday! 



UM Youth Fellowship News: Youth activities...

Coming Up:

NO YOUTH meetings until further notice

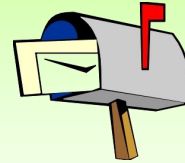
NO BREAKFAST & DEVO until further notice

Virtual Schedule—**ONLINE ONLY**

Sundays & Wednesdays at 7:00PM

Online Devo via "Zoom" or "Google Meets"
Watch for a link in email

Know of anyone in our membership who does not have access to a computer or mobile electronic device? Please provide their name and address to Melinda Morgan in the church office, 843-448-7164 or melinda@fumcmb.org, so that we ensure everyone receives church updates.



CALLING ALL SENIORS HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

If your child is a **High School or College Senior**, please contact Jennifer Hupko. **Youth Sunday** will be **May 17th** tentatively and we want to recognize this great achievement in the life of your child. Please contact Jennifer at hupko@fumcmb.org.



Due to our worship experiences being "virtual" for the ensuing days, and **in lieu of a lily for Easter**, please consider making a **direct donation** to our **Child**

Development Ministry. Proceeds will benefit CDM to replace the 24 year-old carpet.

Monetary donations will be accepted through April and may be designated "in memory/honor of" a loved one. A donation form is attached in this **Steeple**. Please remit your check payable to First UMC. Thank you for your continued support.

Prior Lily orders—please call the church office, 843-448-7164, to arrange pick-up.

EASTER MORNING EGG HUNT for Children!

CANCELLED



Thanks Caleb!



And to all those preparing & delivering meals to our Home-bound members—**Thank you!**

Financials and Attendance



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Gifts as of 3/29/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 24,712
Giving YTD:	\$ 322,986
Expenses YTD:	\$ 357,667
Difference YTD:	- \$ 34,681

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 3/29/2020 (no on-site activities)

♦ All Worship-FaceBook views:	2,855
♦ All Other Social Media Views:	9,039
♦ Sunday School:	0

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

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

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Request Emailed Steeple: thesteeple@fumcmb.org Traditional Worship televised Sunday mornings, 10:00AM, FOX Channel 7

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, April 5, 2020

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
UPDATES AVAILABLE
VIA EMAIL**

8:30AM **VIRTUAL Traditional Worship**
11:00AM **FACEBOOK (FUMCMB)**

MONDAY, April 6

**CHURCH OFFICE
OPEN Monday-Thursday
No walk-in visitors, please**

TUESDAY, April 7

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

THURSDAY, April 9

10:00AM **VIRTUAL Maundy Thursday**
Devotional
FACEBOOK—fumcmb



FRIDAY, April 10

10:00AM **VIRTUAL Good Friday**
Devotional
FACEBOOK—fumcmb



SUNDAY, April 12 EASTER

8:30AM **VIRTUAL Easter Worship**
11:00AM **Traditional/Blended**
FACEBOOK—fumcmb



Easter 1959

CDM Donation Form

In lieu of a Lily purchase, please consider making a donation to FUMC's Child Development Ministry to benefit needed improvements. You may designate "in honor/memory" of a loved one. Please complete the form below and return to the church office along with your check payable to First UMC. Donations may be made throughout the month of April. **Prior Lily orders may be picked up on April 6th in the church office.**

CDM Donation

IN MEMORY OF _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my () check () cash in the amount of _____

IN HONOR OF _____

Given by _____

Enclosed is my () check () cash in the amount of _____

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS
FOR MARCH 2020 BULLETIN**

IN MEMORY OF:

Deborah Champion

Roger & Judy Hall (General Funds)

Joan Gunter (Jan Gunter's Grandmother)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Barney LaRue Harmon

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Gene Herron (Kay Roensch's Brother)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Marguerite Hollen

Lib Iseman (Hope House)

Julian Hunsucker (Sharon DuRant's Father)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Karen Guillaume (Kathy Render's Sister)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Mavis Joyce

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Judy Winn (TV Ministry)

Open Fellowship Class (General Funds)

Tennessee Collier Circle (General Funds)

Alice Lee

John & Rosemary Galvin (Memorial Funds)

Mildred Perkins (Pam Howle's Aunt)

Tom & Judy Winn (General Funds)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Myra Sells

Janice Cardell (TV Ministry)

Walter Standish

Sandra Springs (TV Ministry)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Joseph Edward Thomas (Ray Thomas' Brother)

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

IN HONOR OF:

Tom Brittain

Dixie Dugan (General Funds)

Caroline Leigh Carpenter

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)