



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

The Steeple ■ August 23, 2020

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional/Blended (Facebook Live)

11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship



Ministers and Ministry Directors

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Co-Directors - Youth Ministry
Philip Keilen, Director
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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

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 remains at 150 per service.

8:30AM and 11:00AM Worship-Traditional/Blended in the Sanctuary
Facebook Live @ 8:30AM

*****Please register your attendance ([name, address, phone#](#)). Ushers will provide pen/paper then place pen/paper in the specific containers as you exit.*****

- **Sanitization** continues weekly and manually between services
- Please wear a **face covering** during worship—maintain **social distance**
- Access only through the **Front Door** center aisle (if rain, use breezeway side door)
- **Ushers will seat & dismiss guests ([please do not insist on your regular seat](#))**
- **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, NO Sunday School**



Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19,
SAFE SANCTUARY AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING previously
scheduled for September 19th is cancelled until a future date TBD.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of **congregation members**—called **Stephen Ministers**—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.



If you are interested in finding out more about **Stephen Minister training**, please contact Gerrie Watson at info@gerriewatsonccim.com or 843-424-9965.



Special Worship on September 6th to honor our local frontline **first responders**: medical personnel, police/firemen/EMS. We want to celebrate those in our church and local community and to thank them for their service. **Please forward names of our members who serve in these fields** to Jennifer Hupko, hupko@fumcmb.org.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"The PURPOSE of PRAYER is not to receive what you ask for, but to STRENGTHEN your relationship with GOD!"
~ Daily Words

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Aug 24	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Aug 25	Isaiah 65:1-5
Aug 26	Zechariah 9:9-12
Aug 27	Luke 10:17-24
Aug 28	Mark 1:21-28
Aug 29	Mark 5:1-13
Aug 30	Mark 5:14-20

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

* Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Mark 5:1-20
"Great Mercy"



Monthly Mission in Motion for AUGUST

Happy Wheels Children's Ministry



A non-profit Christian program of the **Medical University of South Carolina Children's Hospital**. The goal of Happy Wheels is to brighten the days of **hospitalized children ranging from infants to age 17**. The Happy Wheels gift cart visits approximately **80 children each week**. During a child's hospital stay, a child **may choose a book, puzzle, or hand-held toy from the cart**. The value of each gift usually ranges from \$8-\$16.

Donation bins are located in the church office. Gifts will be delivered to MUSC Children's Hospital at the end of the month. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Condolences

The pastor, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Joy Cribb** and family on the death of her brother, Charles Henry Bolick, Jr., on August 14, 2020 in Conover, NC.



Earlier this year (just prior to COVID-19), distinctive **new magnetic nametags** were ordered for all current First Church members. You may have seen some staff members already using theirs. Now that we are back to in-person worship, we would like to see everyone wearing their nametag. The next time you attend worship, please **see Jennifer Hupko to obtain your nametag**. Each week, please wear your nametag in worship and return it to a designated basket as you leave. The following Sunday, all nametags will be arranged alphabetically and placed on a table to pick up as you enter through the front doors then return your tag to the basket as you leave. Please **do not** take nametags home.



Help4Kids SUMMER MISSION!

Sandwiches continue to be needed for area children now **through SEPT 2nd** on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. Individually wrapped sandwiches may be delivered directly to Help 4 Kids by 9AM (MWF), 2523 Forestbrook Rd **OR** bring sandwiches to the **church office by 8:30AM (Wednesdays only)** for delivery.

"Unconditional Love"

1 John 4:8: *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

Both positive and negative changes occur in the heart and mind as a person ages (as noted in the book, **Real Solutions for Caring for Your Elderly Parent**). A grandparent who enjoys time with grandchildren is likely more available and less pressured by constraints and demands (positive). Older adults may be less concerned about appearance, or become bitter, stubborn and withdrawn (negative). Positive and negative neurological changes are common and may be debilitating. A caregiver (whether related or not) should pay attention to the first signs of personality changes (forgetfulness or recognition) and seek the help of a physician. Listening to and sharing old stories, photographs, or past memories is a good exercise. Understanding and unconditional love will go a long way in one's care. The caregiver must also take care of self as well in order to care for another.

To read further, find this book in your local library or go to www.amazon.com. Please forward your thoughts or questions on this book to Rev. Meredith Dark, mmdark@umcsc.org.



UM Youth Fellowship: Summer Youth activities...

~Sunday Youth Group @ North Campus
6:30-7:30PM—Devotion and outdoor games only.

~Wednesday Workouts & Devotion
7PM @ 66th Ave North Beach Access (weather permitting). Feel free to come workout and/or hang out on the beach!

Spend the day at the  U.S. NATIONAL WHITewater CENTER
Whitewater Center! We

will leave from North Campus around **6:30AM on Saturday, Aug 29, returning around Midnight. Cost is \$70/person**—includes one Whitewater rafting trip and all other activities (kayaking, paddle boarding, ropes course, zip lines, rock climb walls, etc). The church will supply a meal; bring extra money for snacks. If interested, **please contact Chad Mullinix by Aug 26th, chadmullinix@yahoo.com.**

Thank you to the Youth and Adults for working in the heat and rain last Saturday morning trimming bushes, cutting grass, pressure washing the building and general clean up of the North Campus. The results of your labor are beautiful and so appreciated!

Thank you!

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!

Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? What about when a mother is struggling with addiction and is neglecting her children? Currently, over 80 children call Epworth home. Each of these **children have found refuge in the ministry we share** as United Methodists in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 124 years through the generous support of churches like ours! The **Annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 13th**, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Gifts as of 8/16/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 21,205
Giving YTD:	\$ 794,473
Expenses YTD:	\$ 931,045
Difference YTD:	- \$ 136,571
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	- \$ 5,636

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 8/16/2020

◆ Worship:	105
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	1,228
◆ All Social Media:	6,590
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th @ 4:00PM

Bring your backpack, wear your mask, social distance, and meet on the front lawn of the church to bless student backpacks.

Students will receive Bag Tags.

We will also recognize
**TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATORS,
AND
SCHOOL STAFF!**

All are welcome.



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 Website: www.fumcmb.org

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Happening This Week

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or Sunday School**

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

11:00AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY

IN PERSON

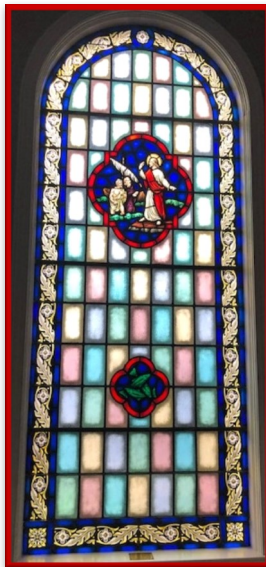
MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, August 24

8:00-5PM **CHURCH OFFICE OPEN DAILY**
PLEASE OBSERVE DISTANCING

TUESDAY, August 25

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



THE CALLING OF THE FIRST TWO APOSTLES

Christ is beckoning the two fishermen and pointing toward the shore where they could become fishers of men. (Matthew 4:18) The two men, having left their boat, are walking out of the water toward Jesus. Jesus is robed in white, symbolic of innocence of soul, of purity and of holiness of life.

The fish is attributed to Peter and Andrew, being fishermen. The

fish was frequently used as a symbol for Christ; the 5 Greek letters forming the word fish are from the initial letters of the 5 words, "Jesus Christ Son of God Savior." Three is a significant number in the Bible—the number of completion, expressive of a beginning, a middle and an end. The number 3 suggests the Trinity and also the 3 days Christ spent in the tomb. Green is the color of vegetation and symbolizes the triumph of spring over winter, or life over death. To believe in Christ in the early centuries was dangerous. Therefore, Christians agreed on the fish as a sign to identify one another.

