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CHURCH

100 YEARS

A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ August 30, 2020

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional/Blended (Facebook Live)

11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship



Ministers and Ministry Directors

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor

Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor

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Julia Brooks, Director

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Cindy Johnson, Director

Child Development Ministry

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D. Scott Ferguson, Pianist/Organist

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."

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

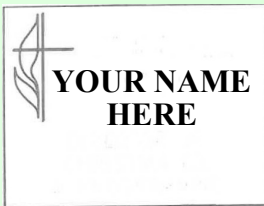
WORSHIP GUIDELINES in effect until further notice

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**



The next time you attend worship, please **find your new nametag on the board at the front door or see Jennifer Hupko**. Please wear your nametag in worship then return it to the board as you exit. Each Sunday, all nametags will be arranged alphabetically on this magnetic board for pick up. Please **do not** take nametags home.



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.

First Church is forming a community **Grief Group** to start **September 9th at 7PM via Zoom** in conjunction with Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center with a licensed counselor facilitating discussion on experiencing the loss of a loved one. **Please RSVP** to Rev. Meredith Dark at mmdark@umcsc.org.



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"I surround myself with people who have faith."

~ Maria Shriver, journalist

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Aug 31	Psalm 7:1-10
Sep 1	Acts 7:59—8:3
Sep 2	Acts 9:1-6; 22:4-5; 26:9-11
Sep 3	Acts 9:7-9; 26:12-18
Sep 4	Acts 9:10-20; 22:12-16
Sep 5	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Sep 6	Romans 1:1-6

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

* Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Acts 9:1-20;
22:3-18; 26-9-18
"Seeing Jesus"

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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 **Judy Madison** and family on the death of her son, Travis Madison, on August 19, 2020 in Myrtle Beach SC.



Myrtle Beach Lions Club is sponsoring a Drive-thru FOOD DRIVE FOR HELP4KIDS
Thursday, September 24th from 2PM till 5PM
FUMC Thrift Store parking lot (behind the church)
506 9th Ave N, Myrtle Beach



Drive up to have food donations unloaded

Food Needs: Flavored Instant Oatmeal—Fruit cups—Canned Pasta—Vienna Sausage—Pudding Cups—Peanut Butter Crackers—Ramen Noodles

Clothes Needs: Kids' sizes 6-14 — Pants, shirts, underwear, socks, pajamas, coats, hats scarves, mittens, gloves

Cash donations will also be accepted, checks payable to **Myrtle Beach Lions Club**.

Ladies Lunch & Devotion
Wednesday, September 9th
11:30AM at Magnolia's
Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion



"Plan Ahead"

Mark 14:15: *He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."*

Real Solutions for Caring for Your Elderly Parent. Children of aging parents should know that the time to "plan for the future" is now. Tough decisions about health and mental abilities, alternative living arrangements, faith, and end of life must be managed at a time when all parties are aware of the ultimate outcome. Oftentimes, these discussions will encompass daily personal care, one's personal relationship with another, and care at the end. The time to talk is now, not later. Parents' decisions about their care, regardless of current health, should be communicated to their family member(s) so that all alternatives are decided ahead of time.

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!



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.

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. Epworth Children's

Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 13th we will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. Please give generously to the children who call Epworth home. For more information, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



Thanks
for Your
Support!



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.



Gifts as of 8/23/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 17,852
Giving YTD:	\$ 812,465
Expenses YTD:	\$ 956,792
Difference YTD:	- \$ 144,327
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	- \$ 13,392

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 8/23/2020

◆ Worship:	126
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	1,120
◆ All Social Media:	5,717
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online

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

Become a Fan: www.facebook.com/FUMCMB Follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/fumcmb

Request Emailed Steeple: thesteeple@fumcmb.org Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, August 30, 2020

**NO Nursery, Communion
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 31

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

TUESDAY, September 1

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



HEALING THE SICK

During Christ's short ministry on earth, we read of His great healing powers, not only spiritually and mentally, but physically as well. The passage in John 4:46-54 speaks to the story of a nobleman's son who was sick at Capernaum and the miracle Jesus performed. His words, "Thy son liveth," were far reaching, not only in distance, but also in the healing of the boy himself. The blind, the lame, the dumb, the

lepers—all crossed His path. The blind were made to see, the dumb could speak, withered hands and bodies were made whole. (John 5: 1-9, Matthew 8:1-4, Luke 5:18-25) "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." (Matthew 9:35)

The burning torch with the crutches signifies the witnessing of Christians through the ministry of healing. In Matthew 5:16, we read, "Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

