



## The Steeple ■ December 12, 2021

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30AM\* Traditional, Sanctuary

11:00AM\* Contemporary, Wesley Worship Center

11:00AM Traditional, Sanctuary

\*also Facebook Live-stream

*MONDAY WORSHIP /No Meal*

*5:45PM Contemporary, North Campus*



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### Ministers

**Rev. Dr. George K. Howle**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Meredith M. Dark**, Nurture Pastor

**Rev. Thomas Brittain**, Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Jennifer Donkle**, Minister,  
Christian Education/Programming

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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."*

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*First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach*

*Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:00AM-5:00PM—CLOSED FRIDAY*

*Main Campus (office), 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*



# Welcome Snowbirds & Seagulls!

Snowbirds & Seagulls ministry is a weekly program that starts in January and continues through March. This ministry is geared for the local and snowbird seniors. Weekly programs are held on Thursday mornings, and weekly golf outings take place on Tuesday mornings. Information packets and applications are available online or in the church office. For additional information, please contact Scott Bowen 843-448-7164. Weekly programs and Tournament Winners will be shown below. **All meals are \$5.00 per person.**



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



**First Church scheduled to serve at Community Kitchen  
Christmas Week — December 20-25th**

**Breakfast Shift | 7AM-10AM      Lunch Shift | 10AM-1PM**

Masks and social distancing are in effect; gloves provided.

**To Volunteer, please contact Lesa Jones, 704-796-7280 or LJones6430@gmail.com**

**Christmas Eve Worship**

**Holy Communion & Candlelight**

|            |  |
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| 12:00 NOON | Traditional, Sanctuary                     |
| 5:00 PM    | Contemporary/Family, Wesley Worship Center |
| 7:00 PM    | Traditional, Sanctuary                     |
| 11:00 PM   | Traditional, Chapel                        |

**ONE Combined worship service on Sunday Dec. 26th at 10AM in the Sanctuary.**

Children may come to church in their PJ's. No Sunday School that day.

## Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Compassion is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see!" ~ Mark Twain

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

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

|        |                       |
|--------|-----------------------|
| Dec 13 | 2 Corinthians 4:16-17 |
| Dec 14 | Isaiah 46:3-4         |
| Dec 15 | Psalm 92:12-14        |
| Dec 16 | Proverbs 13:9-12      |
| Dec 17 | Psalm 71:18-19        |
| Dec 18 | Luke 12:35-40         |
| Dec 19 | Luke 2:25-38          |

*\*Uniform Series — International Lesson Series:*

*Luke 2*

*"Waiting for Prophecy to Be Fulfilled"*

### *Sunday School Classes*

#### Children's Classes

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 0-2 year-olds              | Nursery    |
| 3 and 4 year-old preschool | Wesley 102 |
| Kindergarten/First Grade   | Wesley 205 |
| 2nd and 3rd Grades         | Wesley 203 |
| 4th and 5th Grades         | Wesley 204 |

#### Youth Classes

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| 6th - 12th Grades | Sonshine House |
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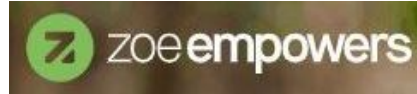
#### Adult Classes

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Ark                 | The 925          |
| Brittain Fellowship | Asbury 101       |
| Faith Foundations   | Asbury 203       |
| M.D. Moore*         | Wesley 105       |
| New Horizons        | Asbury 201       |
| Open Doors*         | Wesley 103       |
| Open Fellowship*    | Music Center 101 |

**WORSHIP GUIDELINES:** Join us for worship as your health permits. Please use personal discretion for Masks and Distancing; however, **masking is recommended.**

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## Monthly Mission in Motion for DECEMBER



www.zoeempowers.org

The journey out of poverty all starts with hope—Zoe equips orphans in Kenya with tools and training to overcome life-threatening poverty for good.

**Monetary donations** may be made **payable to First UMC, note "Zoe"**, and may be placed in the offering plate or dropped by the church office.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

Phyllis Jordan Marlette

May 31, 1952—December 1, 2021

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

### Longest Night Service—December 21st—5PM—Wesley Worship Center

We recognize the Christmas season can be filled with different emotions and experiences. Come as you are and join us for a service of healing, hope, and community. Assistance with Elevator for access will be provided.

The **Good Grief Group** for ladies who are widows meet for lunch on **Wednesday, December 15th, 11:30AM at the home of Janice McKenzie**. Call the church office for address. **Please RSVP** to Suzie Wheeler, **843-424-6323**.

**Good  
Grief**



**Compassionate Caregivers** offers information and support for anyone caring for a family member suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia. We meet in the First Church **Parlor** on the **first and third Thursdays** each month from 10AM-11:30AM. For more information, please **contact Sherrill Allen** and leave a message, 843-251-1163.

Effective immediately, weekly **Monday Night Meals are discontinued** until further notice. Monday Night Worship will continue as scheduled. Updates in The **Steeple**.

### ANGEL TREES for our OUREACH MINISTRY



The Congregational Care Committee decorated **two Angel Trees** for the Sanctuary Narthex and the Contemporary worship area. The angels on the trees have names and contact info of our outreach members. The Sanctuary tree angels have all been selected. More angels remain on the tree in the Wesley Center. You may **select an "angel" and one of the stockings** containing a list inside of stocking stuffer suggestions! Contact info on the back of each angel will assist you to **deliver before Christmas**. During this Advent season, let us reflect on our many blessings, and "Be an ANGEL to one of our own!"



**UMW Annual Oak Tree Lighting**. Please donate a **string of lights for \$20** to the 7th Annual "Tree Lighting Memorial Fund"—"**in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One**" Proceeds will benefit UMW missions. Forms are available in the Narthex, Wesley Center or church office thru **Dec 31**.



## Youth Schedule...

**Dec 12: 11:45AM Youth & Shepherd's Child**  
**Dec 15: 7:00AM Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
 Southern House of Pancakes (\$7)  
**Dec 19: NO YOUTH (Merry Christmas!)**  
**Dec 26: NO YOUTH (Merry Christmas!)**

## REVOLUTION

**January 29**—Township Center, Columbia SC from mid-morning to 9PM. Registration fee **\$60/per person** includes admission and T-shirt. Please **register by 12/30/21** with one of the youth leaders—Chad Mullinix, Melody Gildner, Grant Nesmith. More details to follow.



**Sunday, December 12th**  
**10:00AM** in the Sanctuary  
 (during Sunday School hour)  
 All are welcome!



**Happening TODAY, Sunday, Dec 12**



### Shepherd's Child | Dec 12th

Shepherd's Child was born out of the need to bring the **love of Christmas to children** in need through financial assistance, a meal, gift giving, and sharing the Christmas Story. The day's activities are planned in advance by First Church adults and youth, and your **financial help** is needed. All monetary **donations will go towards Shepherd's Child**.

Please make checks payable to FUMC and note, "Shepherd's Child", and place in the offering plate during worship or mail to the church office. Thank you.



**Sunday, Dec 12th at 2PM**  
 Meet at FUMC Wesley Building to ride the Church Bus around town and spread Christmas Joy!  
 Hot Cocoa & Cookies  
 Parents may pick up children at 5:30PM

### 2022 Offering Envelopes

are available to pick up in the Narthex on Sunday or church office. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please **notify Kay** in the church office, [kay@fumcmb.org](mailto:kay@fumcmb.org) or 843-488-7164.

### Offering Envelopes



Thanks for Your Support!

## Financials and Attendance

### Gifts as of 12/5/2021 (includes online giving):

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Giving Week of: | \$ 45,016    |
| Giving YTD:     | \$ 1,430,476 |
| Expenses YTD:   | \$ 1,606,124 |
| Difference YTD: | - \$ 175,648 |

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### Presence 12/5/2021

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| ◆ Worship:              | 385   |
| ◆ Fox TV (Oct. avg)     | 1,100 |
| ◆ Worship Facebook/Web: | 606   |
| ◆ All Social Media:     | 2,084 |
| ◆ Sunday School:        | 164   |

First Church Thrift Store—Mondays: 9AM-1PM and Thursdays: 1-4PM. Seasonal donations accepted.

Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach SC 29578-1367

Phone: 843-448-7164 Email: [office@fumcmb.org](mailto:office@fumcmb.org) Website: [www.fumcmb.org](http://www.fumcmb.org)

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Request *The Steeple* by email: [thesteeple@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeple@fumcmb.org) Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

## Happening This Week

### SUNDAY, December 12, 2021

- 8:30-12:00 **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR  
8:30AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE  
9:45AM **Sunday School—All Ages**  
9:45AM **Confirmation Class**  
SONSHINE HOUSE  
9:45AM **Children's Christmas**  
**Program** SANCTUARY  
11:00AM **Contemporary Worship**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR | FACEBOOK  
11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY  
11:45AM **Youth & Shepherds Child**  
Sonshine House  
5:00PM **Sunday Meal** WESLEY CENTER  
5:45PM **Advent Study** WESLEY CENTER

### MONDAY, Dec 13

- 8A-5PM **CHURCH OFFICE OPEN** M-TH  
9A-12PM **Thrift Store Open**  
5:30PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER  
5:45PM **Monday Worship** N CAMPUS  
6:30PM **Festive Brass Rehearsal**  
THE 925

### TUESDAY, Dec 14

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLOOR  
11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**  
Covenant Towers  
3:00PM **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**  
PARLOR  
4:00PM **Sisters in Service Circle**  
CHAPEL  
4:30PM **Missions Committee Mtg**  
OFC-2nd FLOOR  
5:30PM **SPRC Meeting** PARLOR  
6:00PM **Cloister Circle** S DURANT HOME

### WEDNESDAY, Dec 15

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)  
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
11:30AM **Good Grief Lunch**  
JANICE MCKENZIE HOME  
1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER  
2:00PM **Good Grief Book Study**  
PARLOR  
6:30PM **Adult Chancel Choir**  
MUSIC CENTER

### THURSDAY, Dec 16

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group** PARLOR  
11:00AM **Advent Study** CHAPEL  
1-4PM **Thrift Store Open**  
6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

### FRIDAY, Dec 17

- 8:30AM **Band Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER

WELCOME  
TO



In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to First United Methodist Church. We hope you feel the presence of God in our worship together.

#### Our Invitation

You are invited to begin your journey today by becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the First United Methodist Church family of faith.

#### Please tell us about yourselves.

(Please tear off and place in the offering plate.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Rev.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group  1-19  20-35  35-49

50-65  65 - up

Married  Single  Widowed

College  Youth  Child

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children & Ages (living at home) \_\_\_\_\_

First time guest

New in community

#### Interests and opportunities to serve...

- How to become a Christian  
 Knowing more about First Church  
 Would like Pastor to call  
 Adult Ministry  
 Youth Ministry  
 Children's Ministry  
 Preschool/Kindergarten Ministry  
 Child Development Ministry  
 Music Ministry-Choir  
 Music Ministry-Hand Bells  
 United Methodist Women  
 Sunday School  
 Small Group Bible Study  
 Homebound Ministry  
 Prayer Ministry  
 Vacation Bible School  
 Thrift Store

#### How did you find us?

Friend  TV  Online

Other \_\_\_\_\_

