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CHURCH

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A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ December 13, 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
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Eve Harris, Director, Children's Choirs
Chad Mullinix, Director, Youth Ministry
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Co-Directors, Youth Ministry

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** weekly and between services
- **Face mask** and **social distance** during worship
- Access via 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 — Virtual Sunday School**

RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY DEC. 14th FOR CHRISTMAS EVE—5PM & 7PM **Christmas Eve Worship — Noon, 5PM, 7PM and 11PM**

Due to this unusual year of Coronavirus and health guidelines for large gatherings, social distancing, and masks, please make reservations for Christmas Eve Worship held at 5:00PM (Contemporary/Family) and 7:00PM (Traditional), first come basis, for individuals and family groups. Seating capacity is limited to 150 persons. Tickets will be issued for each reservation to a specific service and will be mailed to the person making the reservation. Tickets must be presented at the front door entrance to the Sanctuary at both 5PM and 7PM. Those attending without a ticket will be directed to the Chapel where viewing will be virtual. Christmas Eve services at 5PM & 7PM will also be live-streamed on Facebook. **Reservations must be made no later than December 14th** by contacting Jennifer Julian by email, jennifer@fumcmb.org, or phone 843-448-7164 extension 207. Please provide name, address, phone number, specify the worship time, and the number attending in your family.

Please know that the Pastors and Staff have made every effort to manage these limitations in a cordial manner. We all want to go back to normal; with God's help and a little patience, we will get there.

UMW Annual Oak Tree Lighting—Help light the Big Oak this winter “**in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One**”. Donate a **string of lights for \$20** to the 6th Annual “Tree Lighting Memorial Fund”. Proceeds to benefit UMW missions. Forms are available in the church office and in the Narthex through **December 31st**. The UMW appreciates your support.



*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Dec 14	James 1:16-18
Dec 15	1 John 1:1-5
Dec 16	1 John 3:1-6
Dec 17	1 John 4:1-6
Dec 18	John 1:1-8
Dec 19	John 1:9-13
Dec 20	John 1:14-18

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: John 1:1-18
“Becoming God's Children”*

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Monthly Mission in Motion—DECEMBER



The journey out of poverty all starts with hope; equipping 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.

Christmas Eve Offering is also designated for ZoeEmpowers.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Lynn Cribb DuRant

April 21, 1931—December 9, 2020

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

Condolences

The pastor, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to the family of **Wayne Vereen** who entered the Church Triumphant on December 3, 2020 in North Myrtle Beach, SC.



LONGEST NIGHT Service this year will be **streamed on our Facebook page (fumcmb)** on Monday, **December 21st at 6:00PM**. For many, the Christmas season does not bring joy and happiness as shown on TV or in greeting cards. Rather, many face a holiday after a personal loss or feeling pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations. We hope to provide a quiet tone with scripture and meditation on God's comfort during dark times. The longest night of the year is December 21st, the Winter Solstice. This date is also the traditional feast day for St. Thomas the Apostle, a time of Thomas' struggle to believe the story of Jesus' resurrection, and a time to deal with struggles of darkness and grief faced by those living with loss.

Shepherd's Child | Dec 13th

Shepherd's Child meets TODAY at 1:15PM in the Wesley Parking Lot.

Volunteers will gather to share the Love of Christ to families in need in our area. The youth will deliver filled Christmas stockings, we will have choir members to lead the caroling at family's doors, and volunteers will present gift cards to the parents for Christmas shopping!

Thank you, FUMC, for making this possible!



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Surround yourself with those who bring out the best in you, not the stress in you."

~ Barb Schmidt, author



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th is SOCK DRIVE day for First Church. We want to reach 6,000 pairs of socks to benefit HELP4KIDS! Please bring donations to the **church office** or place in the designated box in the **Narthex** on Sunday morning. Thank you.



In lieu of its annual poinsettia fundraiser due to Covid and market prices, the **Cloister Circle welcomes monetary donations** to help support this year's mission for **Help4Kids** (checks payable to FUMC, note "Help4Kids"). Please have safe and healthy Advent and Christmas.

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Youth activities...

Dec 13: 1:15PM Shepherd's Child
Meet in Wesley Parking Lot
Dec 16: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
Southern House of Pancakes, MB
Dec 20-Dec 27: No Youth

YOUTH IN ACTION FOR DEC

FUMC Ornament

Fundraiser—to benefit
Youth Missions & activities;
\$7 each or 2 for \$10. Please
contact a Youth or Youth
Director to purchase an
ornament. **They're here!**



Looking ahead

Dec 21: Longest Night Service, Facebook
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight and Holy Communion
Sanctuary—4 services
NOON
5PM (Contemporary/Family)*^
7PM (Traditional)*^
11PM

***RESERVATIONS NEEDED by 12/14/20,**
seating is first come basis.
^Live-streamed on Facebook
(more details inside The Steeple)

New Members

We welcome **Nicole and Zachary Uphold** who joined the church on December 3, 2020 by transfer of membership from Normal First UMC, Normal, Illinois. Their children, Jackson, Lucas, and Claire, will be entered on the preparatory roll.



We also welcome the **Reverends Linda and Bob Dunn**, members of the UMCSC Conference, who have recently retired and now call Myrtle Beach home.

REMINDER: Angel Tree Stockings must be **delivered** no later than **today, December 13th.** Please contact Sherrill Allen if needed, sachillesshs@aol.com.



Please remember to **return your commitment card** for our 2021 Growing Through Giving Stewardship Program as soon as possible. To request a commitment card, please contact Kay in the church office at kay@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.



Offering Envelopes



2021 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 or 843-488-7164.

Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 12/6/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 33,575
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,241,310
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,386,726
Difference YTD:	- \$ 145,416
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	- \$ 14,481

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 12/6/2020

♦ Worship:	141
♦ Worship Facebook/Web:	443
♦ All Social Media:	2,813
♦ 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, December 13, 2020

NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School

8:30AM Traditional/Blended Worship

SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE 8:30

9:45AM Pre-K Sunday School

VIA ZOOM

10:10AM K-5th Grade Sunday School

VIA ZOOM

11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship

SANCTUARY

1:15PM Shepherd's Child

PARKING LOT—WESLEY BUILDING

IN PERSON

MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, December 14

8AM-5PM Church Office Open

MASK & DISTANCING

5:00PM Adult Hand Bells

SANCTUARY

5:30PM Missions Committee Mtg

CHAPEL

TUESDAY, December 15

9:00AM Staff Meeting

OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

WEDNESDAY, December 16

7:30AM Women's Prayer Group

PRAYER ROOM

1:00PM Adult Hand Bells

SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, December 17

10:00AM Caregivers Group

PARLOR

