



The Steeple ■ December 19, 2021

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



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

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."

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.**



Please join us for the final **Advent Study** lesson series **TODAY, Sunday, Dec 19th**, with **dinner at 5PM and study at 5:30PM** in the Wesley Center. **Both Sunday & Thursday classes** will join together in **dinner, fellowship and program**. The Menu is pasta, salad, dessert, beverage.

Christmas Eve Worship

Holy Communion & Candlelight

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

Sunday, Dec. 26th at 10AM in the Sanctuary

Children may wear their PJs to church!
No Sunday School



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve." ~ Pinterest

*First Church Weekly Readings:**

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

Dec 20	Psalm 86:14-17
Dec 21	1 Peter 3:18-22
Dec 22	Psalm 103:6-14
Dec 23	2 Peter 3:8-10
Dec 24	Psalm 145:4-9
Dec 25	Romans 9:22-24
Dec 26	Revelation 3:20-4:11

**Uniform Series—International Lesson Series:
Revelation 3:20-4:11
"Jesus is Waiting"*

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

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.**

M onthly 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.



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.

**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

Church Office HOLIDAY Hours

Thursday, December 23—Office closed

Monday, December 27—Office closed

Monday, January 3, 2022—Office closed



Shepherd's Child
Festivities
FUMC Youth
and Recipients
Dec. 12th



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 19: NO YOUTH (Merry Christmas!)
Dec 22: No Youth Prayer Breakfast (till 2022)
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.



All last-minute, **2021 year-end monetary gifts** to the church must be received in the church office **no later than 2PM** on Friday, **December 31st**. Gifts sent via US Mail must be postmarked no later than 12/31/21 to be credited for 2021.

Thanks to everyone for your patience over the past two weeks with church email technical issues that are now resolved. 

THANKS to all the "ANGELS" who helped make our Outreach Angel Trees a huge success! Merry Christmas and God Bless You, Everyone!

~ Congregational Care Committee



Thank you so very much for the huge donation of coats (360) plus bags of water and snacks. Merry Christmas to all of you and God Bless.

~ Help4Kids/Backpack Buddies
Barb & Volunteers

I just read the book, **Random Acts of Kindness**, one of the many wonderful, motivational books in our Church Library. What a great idea during this Christmas season of love and giving! Challenge: Try to commit random acts of kindness during the next few weeks. It is as much a gift to the giver as to the recipient. Stop by the Church Library during office hours or on Sundays to find other wonderful reading options.



Your Librarian, Peggy Ecker
Librarian@fumcmb.org

New Member

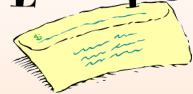
Please welcome Derek Goodman who joined First Church on Sunday, December 5, 2021 in 11AM Contemporary on Profession of Faith.



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 or 843-488-7164.

Offering Envelopes



Financials and Attendance

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

Giving Week of:	\$ 71,289
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,501,996
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,634,657
Difference YTD:	- \$ 132,661

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 12/12/2021

◆ Worship:	309
◆ Fox TV (Nov. avg)	1,089
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	713
◆ All Social Media:	1,933
◆ Sunday School:	132

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

Website: www.fumcmb.org

Become a Fan: www.facebook.com/FUMCMB

Instagram: [firstchurchmb](https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchmb)

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

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, December 19, 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
- 5:00PM **Sunday Meal** WESLEY CENTER
- 5:45PM **Advent Study** WESLEY CENTER

MONDAY, Dec 20

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

TUESDAY, Dec 21

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLOOR
- 5:00PM **Longest Night Service**
Wesley Worship Center

WEDNESDAY, Dec 22

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**
PRAYER ROOM
- Adult Chancel Choir**
MUSIC CENTER

THURSDAY, Dec 23

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
THRIFT STORE CLOSED

- 5:30PM **Lions Club Meeting** The 925
- 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, Dec 24 Christmas Eve

- 8:30AM **Band Rehearsal**
WESLEY CENTER
- Christmas Eve Worship**
- NOON **Candlelight Communion**
SANCTUARY—TRADITIONAL
- 5:00PM **Candlelight Communion**
CONTEMPORARY/FAMILY
WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
- 7:00PM **Candlelight Communion**
SANCTUARY—TRADITIONAL
- 11:00PM **Candlelight Communion**
CHAPEL—TRADITIONAL



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 _____



*The beautiful Poinsettias in our Worship spaces are given
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:*

Julanne Arnold
Willa Wrenn

Jimmy McKnight
Danna McKnight

Lydia Hussey Banks
Michael & Jean Hussey

Janice Moe
Alyson Beck

Duane Beck
Alyson Beck

Susan & Alex Mordvinov
Daniel & Maria Shuler

Mathew Beers
Rachel Platt

Tommie & Richard Morris, Jr.
Melinda Morgan

Bill & Rosalyn Clontz
Danna McKnight

Carol, LeRoy and Randy Platt
Rachel Platt

Kevin Clontz
Danna McKnight

Bob Sansbury
Shelby Sansbury

Wayne & Ebeth Hucks
Michael & Jean Hussey

Peggy Sansbury
Shelby Sansbury

Pearline & Richard Hussey
Linda & Rick Hussey
Michael & Jean Hussey

Claude Shuler
Daniel & Maria Shuler

Alec Ivey
Carla Ivey

Danny Singleton
Gene & Rhonda Singleton

Crystal & Jim Lynn
Willa Wrenn

Eldon Waugh
Sandra Waugh

John Phillip McCoy, Jr.
John Phillip McCoy, Sr.
Alllyson & Tony Hirsh
Lyla McElveen

Margaret Whitney
Rhonda & Tom Slavish

*The beautiful Poinsettias in our Worship spaces are given
to the Glory of God and in Honor of:*

Our Hard-working Staff

Darlene Rebeck

Brittain Fellowship Sunday School Class

Jan & Les Haga

Tom Brittain

Joanne Herring

Delores Beck

Alyson Beck

Linda Haines

Alyson Beck

Carrie Inabinet

Joanne Herring

Jim Moe

Alyson Beck

Jeanne Russo's 100th Birthday

Joanne Herring

Joy Taylor

The Rhonda's

Ray & Arminia Thomas

Craig & Leslie Thomas

Wyatt & Evie Wicker

Jim & Caroline Crutchfield

Annette Willett

Intercessory Prayer Group

Tom & Judy Winn

Gene & Rhonda Singleton