



**The Steeple ■ December 26, 2021**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP—ONE SERVICE**

**10:00AM\* COMBINED WORSHIP, Sanctuary**  
***NO MONDAY WORSHIP / No Meal***

*\*also Facebook Live-stream*



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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 January 4th 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.**



**January 4 | Traditions Golf Course**

**January 6 Program | 11:15AM | Wesley Center | Scott Bellamy's Chicken Bog**

Big Tom with John Paul Miller, Piano

## ONE Combined Worship service TODAY

**Sunday, Dec. 26th—10AM—Sanctuary**

Children may wear their PJs to church!

No Sunday School



### Additional Poinsettias given to the Glory of God and

#### In Memory of:

**Clara Broyhill**

Sharon & George DuRant

**Bethel & Mary Lois DuRant**

Sharon & George DuRant

**Charles Huggins, Sr.**

Dorothy Huggins

**J.C. Hunsucker**

Sharon & George DuRant



(Memorials continued)

**Larry Vernon Johnson**

Toni Johnson

#### In Honor of:

**Charles Huggins, Jr. & Family**

Dorothy Huggins

**Joe Taylor & Family**

Dorothy Huggins

### Big Tom's "A Quote"

"You can live in the past or you can live in the present, but you can't really live in both."  
~ Ryan Holliday

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

### First Church Weekly Readings:\*

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

Dec 27	Genesis 1:9-13
Dec 28	Job 12:7-10
Dec 29	Luke 12:2-28
Dec 30	Isaiah 40:6-8
Dec 31	Isaiah 40:12-17
Jan 1	Isaiah 40:21-26
Jan 2	Psalms 19:1-6

\*Uniform Series—International Lesson Series:  
Psalm 19  
"In Awe of God's Creation"

### 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

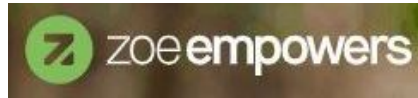
6th - 12th Grades	Sonshine House
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#### Adult Classes

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



## 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.

### Condolences

The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Sylvia Harmon** and family on the passing of her sister, **Frances Edmonds**, December 16, 2021, Franklin, TN.



**UMW Annual Oak Tree Lighting.** This is the **last week to 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.

### IMPORTANT DATE—Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**MANDATORY Safe Sanctuary Training** will be held in the Wesley Worship Center 10AM to 12PM. Donuts & Coffee will be provided.

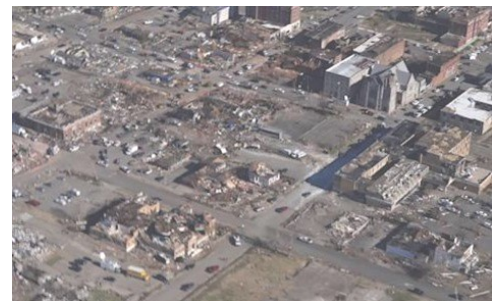


**Training is REQUIRED for all volunteers who work with our children or youth**

**AT ANY TIME** throughout the year (VBS, cooks, chaperones, youth counselors, children and youth Sunday School teachers and those on Children and Youth Councils). **Ushers MUST also attend** this training. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Donkle at [donkle@fumcmb.org](mailto:donkle@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164.

### Deadly tornadoes recently ravaged five UMC

**conferences.** The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in communication with disaster response coordinators in these conferences and has initiated solidarity grants with three of the most severely affected: Kentucky, Western Tennessee, Arkansas. These early emergency grants help meet the immediate needs of survivors and offer conferences flexibility to meet those needs. As search/recovery efforts continue, here's how SC United Methodists may help.



#### 1) Pray, then pray some more

**2) Stay out of the way** - The SC Conference cannot send Early Response Teams to other conferences without a formal invitation, which will come once those conferences are prepared to welcome them. ERT members will be notified when that time comes. As rescue efforts begin to shift to response, UMCOR stands ready to journey with the affected conferences from the disaster chaos toward a holistic, long-term recovery. There is a long road ahead, and we will walk it together.

**3) Give to UMCOR** - You can immediately give to UMCOR, to provide the resources that will be so critically needed over the coming weeks, months and years.

#### **Donate to UMCOR's US Disaster Response and Recovery (Advance #901670).**

Do not send supplies or other materials to affected areas. This causes a logistical nightmare as officials and volunteers are not ready to accept physical donations.



# Youth Schedule...

**Dec 26: NO YOUTH** (Merry Christmas!)  
Dec 29: No Youth Prayer Breakfast  
**Jan 2: NO YOUTH** (Happy New Year)

## 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.



**THANK YOU!** Due to the great response for Community Kitchen volunteers, all slots were filled! My sincere appreciation to the willing volunteers who helped this past "holiday" week.

~ Lesa Jones

**Watch for the next serving opportunity in early 2022.**

## YEAR END GIVING

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.

**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.



### Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to **Evelyn "Evie" Wicker** on December 19, 2021 in 11AM Traditional worship by Rev. Dr.



George K. Howle. Evie is the daughter of Cameron and Wilson Wicker, little sister of Wyatt, and granddaughter of Caroline and Jim Crutchfield.

### WELCOME New Members

Please welcome new members who joined First Church on December 19, 2021:

**Debbie Rose** joined in 8:30 worship by profession of faith;



and **Gay Disco** who joined in 11AM worship by transfer of membership from Tabor Heights UMC, Portland OR.

(Picture unavailable)

**The Steeple** and Order of Worship will be going through a makeover in January in a new format. Comments are welcome; email [Melinda@fumcmb.org](mailto:Melinda@fumcmb.org).



## Financials and Attendance

### Gifts as of 12/19/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 29,856
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,531,916
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,666,379
Difference YTD:	- \$ 134,463

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### Presence 12/19/2021

◆ Worship:	434
◆ Fox TV (Nov. avg)	1,089
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	752
◆ All Social Media:	2,209
◆ Sunday School:	138

**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)

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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 26, 2021

9:30-11:00 **Nursery Provided** WESLEY CTR  
 10:00AM **COMBINED Worship**  
 SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE  
**No Sunday School**  
**No Confirmation Class**

### MONDAY, Dec 27

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Thrift Store CLOSED**  
 6:30PM **Festive Brass Rehearsal**  
 THE 925

### TUESDAY, Dec 28

9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLOOR  
 2:30PM **Congregational Care Mtg**  
 PARLOR

### WEDNESDAY, Dec 29

7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
 PRAYER

### THURSDAY, Dec 30

**Thrift Store CLOSED**  
 6:00PM **Living Free** BRITAIN FELLOWSHIP

### FRIDAY, Dec 31 New Year's Eve

8:30AM **Band Rehearsal**  
 WESLEY CENTER  
**9AM-2PM Financial Office Open**  
**FOR YEAR-END GIVING ONLY**



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

