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FIRST



CHURCH

100 YEARS

A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ December 27, 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
Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus
Jennifer Hupko, Director
Christian Education Ministry/Programming
Julia Brooks, Director, Children's Ministry
Cindy Johnson, Director
Child Development Ministry
Philip Keilen, Director, Coastal Samaritan
Counseling Center

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Music Ministry
D. Scott Ferguson, Pianist/Organist
Jayne Smith, Director, Hand Bells
Eve Harris, Director, Children's Choirs
Chad Mullinix, Director, Youth Ministry
Grant Nesmith, Melody Gildner
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#).as well as for contact tracing purposes. 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**

Snowbirds and Seagulls Thursday meetings are cancelled for 2021 due to Covid-19. **Golf Outings will begin Tuesday, January 5th, at River Oaks Golf Course.** Information and Registration for the Golf Outing have been mailed to last years' golf participants and will also be available in the church office. We encourage you to invite friends to play at these wonderful courses. We look forward to resuming Snowbirds and Seagulls in January 2022 for our 37th year of ministry. May God bless you and keep you safe.



TO: Parents of 7th & 8th Grade Youth

Please mark your calendar for **January 10th at 9:45AM** for a **Parent/Student meeting** of our **2021 Confirmation Class** in **The 925**. 2020 was a different year that threw us for a loop; we want to make sure that our youth do not miss out on this **very important step in their faith journey**. We are excited to get back on track and look forward to taking this journey with your youth. **You should have received a letter** with more information. In the meantime, if you know your child will be participating, let **Jennifer Hupko** know as soon as possible, **Hupko@fumcmb.org** or **843-448-7164**.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Everyone has a vocation; it is both the person you already are and the person God calls you to be."
~ Father James Martin, American Jesuit priest

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Dec 28	Psalm 98:1-9
Dec 29	Lamentations 3:19-32
Dec 30	Exodus 23:1-9
Dec 31	1 Timothy 6:17-19
Jan 1, 2021	Isaiah 40:1-11
Jan 2	Luke 3:1-8
Jan 3	Luke 3:9-18

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series:
Luke 3:1-18; Isaiah 40:1-11
"John Calls for Repentance"*

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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.

Condolences

The pastor, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Naomi D'Atignac** and family on the recent death of her mother, **Valerie Yates** who entered the Church Triumphant on December 15, 2020 in Florence, SC; and to the family of former member, **Karl Marzolf**, on his recent death, December 18, 2020, in Surfside, SC.

The **Dutch Cradle Cross** on the altar is in honor of the birth of **Mary Marshall Wasserman** on December 22, 2020, daughter of **Suiter and Bradley Wasserman**, granddaughter of **Leslie & Scott Wasserman**, great-granddaughter of **EmilyAnn Skews**.

Shepherd's Child was a huge success! Almost 50 volunteers (youth, adults, and choir members) participated last Sunday caroling to the recipient families, distributing filled Stockings to 48 children and monetary gifts to 17 families. All total, over \$5,000 in gift cards and stocking stuffers were made possible by our generous FUMC family. A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated and participated!



Shepherd's Child

A night of **Christmas caroling** with our children and parents to homes of members.



Sock Drive Update—on Wednesday, December 16th, 7,052 pairs of socks were delivered to **Help4Kids**.

UM YF Youth activities...

Dec 27: No Youth
Dec 30: Paintball
Jan 3: No Youth
Jan 6: **7:00AM** Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB

YOUTH IN ACTION FOR DEC

FUMC Ornament and Mask Fundraisers to benefit **Youth Missions** and activities.

Ornaments—\$5 each



FUMC Masks—\$10 each, 2/\$15

Purchase either from the Youth or Youth Directors after worship on the front lawn (also available in the church office).

Thank you to the **Adult Hand Bell Choir** for their music last Sunday: Kathy Brittain, Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Debbie Duncan, Jayme Eagerton, Dabney Joyner, Shai Khan, Melinda Morgan, Darlene Rebeck, Kathy Rodwell, Ginny Roof, Susan Wagner, Leslie Wasserman, Willa Wrenn, and Jayne Smith, Director.

Please **return your commitment card** for our 2021 **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.



Thank you to the **volunteers** who served at the **Community Kitchen** last week. Your efforts are appreciated! ~ Lesa Jones



UMW Annual Oak Tree Lighting—Help light the Big Oak “**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 will benefit UMW missions. Forms are available in the church office and in the Narthex through **December 31st**.



Thank you! I would like to thank my church family for remembering me this holiday season and all during the year. I appreciate the phone calls, mail, gifts and your prayers. I miss being able to worship and see friends at First Church, and hope that we can all be together again real soon. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.
 ~ James Kendrick

To the Open Fellowship Class:

What a blessing you all have been during this trying year! Thank you for all the Christmas gifts donated for Help4Kids plus staying true to our monthly commitments. Merry Christmas! God bless you all, and I pray that we will have Sunday School next year!

In Christ's Love, Annette

P.S. Thank you to Jennifer Hupko for teaching Sunday School virtually during the pandemic and also to the entire church staff for all they have done for the church during this trying year.

Offering Envelopes



2021 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Narthex on Sunday or in the 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 12/20/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 33,853
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,313,650
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,570,832
Difference YTD:	- \$ 257,182
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	- \$ 126,247

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 12/20/2020

◆ Worship:	152
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	646
◆ All Social Media:	3,625
◆ 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

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

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, December 27, 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

IN PERSON

MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, December 28—30

8AM-5PM Church Office Open

MASK & DISTANCING

TUESDAY, December 29

9:00AM Staff Meeting

OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

WEDNESDAY, December 30

7:30AM Women's Prayer Group

PRAYER ROOM

THURSDAY, December 31

OFFICE CLOSED

NEW YEAR'S EVE



FRIDAY, January 1, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

NEW YEAR'S DAY

