



## The Steeple ■ December 5, 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  
Week of December 20-25**

**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 Services

*Candlelight and Holy Communion Worship*

Noon | Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

5 PM | Contemporary/Family Worship, Wesley Worship Center

7 PM | Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11PM | Traditional Worship, 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"

"Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to SERVE."

~Mark 10:45

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

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

Dec 6	Psalm 40:1-5
Dec 7	Psalm 48:9-11
Dec 8	Psalm 73
Dec 9	Ecclesiastes 12:9-14
Dec 10	Exodus 3:1-3
Dec 11	Psalm 8:1-5
Dec 12	Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

*\*Uniform Series—International Lesson Series:*

*Luke 1*

*"Mary's Pondering"*

### *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 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 **Debra Sturkey** and family on the passing of her mother, **Ellen Dienhart**, on November 26, 2021.

## Longest Night Service—December 21st—5PM—Chapel

### ANGEL TREES for our OUREACH MINISTRY



The Congregational Care Committee has decorated **two Angel Trees**: One is in the narthex of the sanctuary; the other is in the Contemporary worship area. Each tree is covered with angels with the names of our outreach members. Please **select an "angel" and one of the stockings** containing a list inside of stocking stuffer suggestions! Contact info is included on the back of each angel to help you **deliver before Christmas**. During this Advent season, it is our hope that all of us will reflect on our many blessings, and "Be an ANGEL to one of our own!"

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

The **Flower Ministry** is in need of medium flower vases for new arrangements of the worship flowers that are delivered to FUMC members who are sick, grieving, or for "special happiness". Vase donations may be brought to the church office.



First Church has **vintage dishes for sale**—14 place settings remain. If interested in one or more settings, please contact Darlene Rebeck at **darebeck@hotmail.com**.



Cloister Circle's annual **Poinsettia fundraiser**—help adorn our worship spaces during Christmas week. Order forms are available in the Narthex, Wesley Center, and church office. Plants are **\$15 each** and may be given **"in memory of or in honor of" a loved one**. This year's mission beneficiary is **MBHS Student Computer Insurance Fund**. Please make checks payable to FUMC, note "Poinsettia". Orders are due **by Dec 8th**.



**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 5: 4-7:30 Youth @ N Campus \$10**  
Dinner & Shepherd's Child Shopping
- Dec 8: 7:00AM Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
Southern House of Pancakes (\$7)
- Dec 11: 5-8PM Ugly Sweater Potluck Dinner**  
Youth Christmas Party/gift exchange

## 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.

### 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



## Summer Camp June 5-10, 2022

REGISTER ONLINE—[www.asburyhills.org](http://www.asburyhills.org)

**Scholarships** are available at the discretion of the church. For financial assistance, **apply first through Asbury Hills** for a **scholarship**, then apply through FUMC. The church will provide bus transportation for 5 or more children. Financial aid questions, please contact Rev. Jennifer Donkle, [donkle@fumcmb.org](mailto:donkle@fumcmb.org). Transportation questions, contact Cindy Johnson, [chcoop9@aol.com](mailto:chcoop9@aol.com).

Thank you to the congregation for their continued support of the **College Ministry**. Our cookie/goodie boxes were packaged and shipped out on Tuesday, November 30.



## Financials and Attendance

### Gifts as of 11/28/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 24,466
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,385,451
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,562,888
Difference YTD:	<b>-\$ 177,437</b>

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### Presence 11/28/2021

◆ Worship:	387
◆ Fox TV (Oct. avg)	1,100
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	857
◆ All Social Media:	1,437
◆ Sunday School:	124

**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 5, 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  
11:00AM **Contemporary Worship**  
WESLEY WORSHIP CTR | FACEBOOK  
11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY  
4:15PM **Children's Choirs**  
WESLEY CENTER  
5:00PM **Sunday Meal** WESLEY CENTER  
5:45PM **Advent Study** WESLEY CENTER  
4-7:30PM **Youth Shopping & Dinner**

### MONDAY, Dec 6

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

### TUESDAY, Dec 7

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting** OFC-2nd FLOOR  
10:00AM **UMW Exec Board Mtg** PARLOR

### WEDNESDAY, Dec 8

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)  
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES  
7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM  
11:30AM **Ladies Lunch Devo**  
MAGNOLIA'S @ 26TH, UPSTAIRS  
1:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  
WESLEY CENTER  
2:00PM **Good Grief Book Study**  
PARLOR  
6:30PM **Adult Chancel Choir**  
MUSIC CENTER

### THURSDAY, Dec 9

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

### FRIDAY, Dec 10

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_



**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS  
FOR NOVEMBER 2021 BULLETIN**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Everett Butler**

Emily Ann Skews (Kitchen Fund)  
Leslie & Scott Wasserman (Kitchen Fund)

**Bill Clontz**

Tom & Rhonda Slavish (Music Fund)

**Melanie Gasper**

Carrie Inabinet (Choir Fund)  
John & Carolyn Streater (Choir Fund)  
Open Fellowship Class (Choir Fund)

**Lib Iseman**

Dr. & Mrs. Donald Eagerton (TV Ministry)  
Martha Stanton (TV Ministry)  
Charles & Vanessa Surlles (TV Ministry)  
Judith Mountjoy (TV Ministry)  
Carmen Springs (TV Ministry)  
Arnold's Pools Inc (TV Ministry)  
Heath & Jim Cartwright (TV Ministry)  
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)  
M.D. Moore Class (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)  
Tom & Rhonda Slavish (Music Fund)  
Kathy & Bill Rodwell (Music Fund)

**Ann Makins**

Jim Makins (Kitchen Fund)

**Ruth Melton**

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Martha Peterson**

Tennessee Collier Circle (FUM Academy)  
Thrift Store Volunteers (General Funds)

**Lester Porter**

Carrie Inabinet & Family (Choir Fund)

**Donnie Todd**

Thrift Store Volunteers (General Funds)

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Tom Brittain**

Robert & Shirley Schmidt Fund (Summer Camp Endowment)

**Jennifer & Vance Donkle**

Linda & Rick Hussey (Youth Fund)

**Jean Russo**

Sally Connolly (Help 4 Kids)

**Beth & John Morrow**

Marilyn Mason (Music Fund)  
Linda & Rick Hussey (TV Ministry)

**Dudley Robinson**

Rosalin Robinson (General Funds)