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CHURCH

100 YEARS

A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ December 6, 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

Norman McQueen, Director

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#). 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 will 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 7	Matthew 11:25-30
Dec 8	1 Peter 2:19-25
Dec 9	2 Corinthians 4:1-6
Dec 10	Matthew 20:23-28
Dec 11	Philippians 1:27-30
Dec 12	Philippians 2:1-11
Dec 13	Philippians 2:12-18

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
Int'l Lesson Series: Philippians 1:27-2:18
“Imitate Christ”*

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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.

Condolences

The pastor, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Meghan Nesmith** and family on the death of her grandmother, **Edith Prinup**, on November 29, 2020, in Buffalo NY.

Correction to *The Steeple* dated 11/22/2020: Congratulations to Laura and Brian Taylor on the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Ramsey Taylor**, on November 2, 2020 in Mount Pleasant, SC, granddaughter of **Trish and Joey Taylor**, and great-granddaughter of **Dorothy R. Huggins**.



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.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



First Church will serve at Community Kitchen December 14th-18th
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

Shepherd's Child | Dec 13th

Shepherd's Child helps children in need through financial assistance, a meal, gift giving, and sharing the Christmas Story—this year through caroling and social distancing. On Dec 13th, 5 groups of volunteers will visit 20 families, 50 children to deliver gift cards and stockings. **We need your financial support. All monetary donations will go towards Shepherd's Child.** The parents of the families served will be able to purchase \$100 gift cards for \$5, allowing them an opportunity to shop for their children's needs. Please make checks payable to FUMC, note "Shepherd's Child", and place in the offering plate during worship or mail to the church office. Blessings and thank you.



The Cloister Circle will be unable to manage its annual poinsettia fundraiser due to COVID and the increased market pricing of the plants. If you feel so inclined, however, **monetary donations are welcomed to support Help4Kids**, this year's mission beneficiary (checks payable to FUMC, note "Help4Kids"). Please have safe and healthy Advent and Christmas.

UM YF
Youth activities...

Dec 6: 5:30-7PM Youth @ North Campus
UMYF Potluck Dinner and
White Elephant gift exchange
(\$10 max)
Dec 13: Shepherd's Child

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. **Arriving soon!**



New Members

We welcome our new
members:

James Brunson joined on
November 22, 2020 by
transfer of membership from
Ocean View Baptist Church,
Myrtle Beach;



Tracy Harper (husband, Rev. Will Harper)
joined on November 29,
2020, by transfer of
membership from St.
James UMC,
Spartanburg SC. Tracy is
the mother of our own,
Rev. Meredith Dark.



Ladies Lunch & Devotion

Wednesday, December 9th

11:30AM at Magnolia's

Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion



**First Church is having a SOCK
DRIVE to benefit HELP4KIDS!**
Our goal is **6,000 pairs** of new
socks, all sizes **by December
13th.** Please bring donations

to the **church office** or to the **Narthex** on
Sunday mornings to place in the decorated
box. Thank you.

Looking ahead

Dec 13: Children's Music 11AM worship

Dec 13: Shepherd's Child

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 REQUIRED, first come basis**

^Live-streamed on Facebook

(more details inside The Steeple)

REMINDER: Angel Tree Stockings

should be **delivered** to your
Angel by Sunday, December

13th. Please **provide your delivery**

date to Sherrill Allen,

sachillesshs@aol.com.



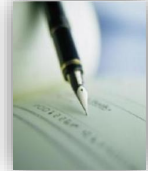
Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Never be a prisoner of your past. It was
just a lesson, not a life sentence."

~ Suzanne DeCuir, artist

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.



Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 11/29/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 11,873
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,207,639
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,341,216
Difference YTD:	- \$ 133,577
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	\$ 5,258

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 11/29/2020

◆ Worship:	125
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	400
◆ All Social Media:	2,497
◆ 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 6, 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

4:45PM Children's Hand Bells Gr 2-6
Children's Music K-1

5:20PM Children's Hand Chimes K-1
Children's Music Gr 2-6

WESLEY BUILDING

5:30PM UMYF Potluck Dinner
NORTH CAMPUS

IN PERSON

MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, December 7

8AM-5PM Church Office Open
MASK & DISTANCING

5:00PM Adult Hand Bells
SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, December 8

9:00AM Staff Meeting
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

11:00AM Tennessee Collier Circle
PARLOR

3:00PM Laurrelle Merchant Circle
PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, December 9

7:30AM Women's Prayer Group
PRAYER ROOM

11:30AM Women's Lunch/Devo
MAGNOLIA'S At 26th, upstairs

1:00PM Adult Hand Bells
SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, December 11

10:30AM Anne Herbert Circle
PARLOR

4:00PM All Children's Choirs
Rehearsal SANCTUARY



**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS
FOR NOVEMBER 2020 BULLETIN**

IN MEMORY OF:

Harold Clemmons

Louis & Eileen Quattrocchi (Thrift Store)

Willie DuRant

Marilyn Mason (Music Fund)

Karen West (Music Fund)

Ben & Kari King (Youth & Music Fund)

Mary Carol Reed (Memorial Fund)

Joanne Herring (Music Fund)

Carrie Inabinet (Music Fund)

Mary Catherine & Steve Mattox & Family (Music Fund)

Buddy & Barbara Inabinet (Music Fund)

Carolyn & John Streater (Music Fund)

Lee & Linda Proctor (Music Fund)

Mike & Jean Hussey (Music Fund)

Martha Hewell

Anonymous (General Funds)

Charlene Jones

Tom & Rhonda Slavish (Music Fund)

Frances Jones

David & Tina Mims (Pastor's Discretionary)

Linda Lintelman (Pastor's Discretionary)

Betsy Love & Jack Smith (Pastor's Discretionary)

Joanne & Thomas Gaines (Pastor's Discretionary)

Judy Long (Pastor's Discretionary)

Harold & Norma Branton (Pastor's Discretionary)

Carrie Inabinet (Pastor's Discretionary)

Neil & Donna Trask (Pastor's Discretionary)

Doreen Fonzo (Pastor's Discretionary)

Ernie Southern (Pastor's Discretionary)

Annette Clark (Pastor's Discretionary)

Michael & Linda Paulk (Music Fund)

Tom & Rhonda Slavish (Music Fund)

Kathy Rodwell (Chancel Choir Fund)

Mike & Jean Hussey (Music Fund)

Rhonda & Gene Singleton (Music Fund)

Robert Poston

Tom & Rhonda Slavish (Music Fund)

Valerie Bunting (TV Ministry)

Melinda Morgan (TV Ministry)

Clayllene Gore (TV Ministry)

Joan Pugh

Mark Pugh, Julie & Hartley Trask (Memorial Fund)

Doug Shaw

Cecelia Shaw & Family (Youth Fund)

Anthony Trask

Mark Pugh, Julie & Hartley Trask (Memorial Fund)

Needham Williamson

Tom & Rhonda Slavish (Music Fund)

Roselle Williamson (Stoles)

IN HONOR OF:

Tom Brittain

Robert & Shirley Schmidt (Summer Camp Endowment)

James & June Richardson

Mark Pugh, Julie & Hartley Trask (Memorial Fund)

Cathryn Ramsey Taylor

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)