



The Steeple ■ February 14, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional/Blended (Facebook Live)

11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship



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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."

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 & 11:00AM Worship-Traditional/Blended, 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. Join us for **Golf Outings**. Information and Registration for the Golf Outings may be found at www.fumcmb.org and also 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.



February 16 | Myrtle Beach National—West Course

February 9 | Litchfield Tournament Winners—17 Participants

1st Place: Score of 67

Ron Rise, Bob Edwards, Don Shillingburg, Roger Davis, Scott Bowen

2nd Place: Score of 72 Mike Belay, Bob Collins, Bill Koppel, Terry Balla



This Sunday, **pocket crosses for Lent** will be distributed after worship. These crosses are a gift from First Church. Since we are unable to fully worship with imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, please accept the cross, place in a pocket or purse for the next 40 days and meditate upon it each time you see or touch it.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Patience is not about waiting, but how we act when things take longer than we expect."

~ Paulo Coelho, Brazilian author

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Feb 15	Titus 1:10-16
Feb 16	Jeremiah 14:1-3, 7-14
Feb 17	Joel 2:12-17
Feb 18	Zechariah 7:1-13
Feb 19	Isaiah 58:1-7
Feb 20	Isaiah 58:6-10
Feb 21	Isaiah 58:11-14

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Isaiah 58:1-14
"Godly Fasting (The First Sunday of Lent)"*

M onthly Mission in Motion—FEBRUARY

Please help our CDM teachers continue to provide quality Christian education and child care by donating from the following list of



needed items: Gold Fish Crackers, Animal Crackers, Butter Cookies, Vanilla Wafers, Gerber Graduate Puffs, Gerber Yogurt Melts, Cheez-its, Pretzels, Baby Wipes, Facial Tissues, Band-aids, Paper towels, Construction paper, Loose-leaf notebook paper, Washable Non-toxic Markers, Washable Finger Paints. **COLLECTION BINS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

ALSO Helpful—Gift Cards for specific classroom needs from **WalMart, Sam's Club, Target, Office Depot.**

Condolences

The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to Wilma Fuchs (**Michelle Bower's** mother) and family on the death of Wilma's sister, **Shirley Cox**, on February 6, 2021.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Sew, quilt, work with glue, or use an iron?

Whether you have artistic talents or you are looking for fun and fellowship, our **newest group project** will be focused on making new banners for worship. We welcome all those who want to help. For more information, please **contact Mary Carol Reed at 843-340-8446.**



First Church's Congregational Care Committee and Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center Therapists

will host 4 sessions on Suicide Prevention including grief, stress, anxiety, and depression
***** **February 25, March 4, March 11, March 25** *****

1:00PM in the Sanctuary—All are welcome

Each session will be live-streamed on our Facebook page (*fumcmb*).

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline—800-273-8255

[Learn more](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org) (<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>)



FACILITIES UPDATE!

Wesley Building/Fellowship Hall

Improvements began last year with a new kitchen and updated appliances. In the worship space, a new back wall will provide for an upgraded stage for the contemporary band including a state-of-the-art video screen for enhanced projection as well as updated acoustic ceiling, lighting and sound system. A new feature includes a "cry room" at the entrance for parents to utilize during services. Hurricane-grade glass and glass doors will be installed in the worship area and front entrance. Painting of the entire space, new carpet, updated entrance, and updated bathrooms are in progress.

UM YF Youth activities...

Feb 14: NO YOUTH (Valentine's Day)
Feb 17: 7:00AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB

**Feb 21: 5:15PM FUMC Youth
 AND First Presbyterian Youth**
 Members of the Horry County Sheriff's office will be present to talk about child trafficking. This evening is an opportunity to build relationships among local youth groups as well educate everyone on this important topic. **Meet at the North Campus at 5:15PM** to take the bus to the First Presbyterian campus on 38th Ave. We will return to North Campus by 7PM for parents to pick up their youth.



The Youth will distribute **Lenten Crosses** to members for display in their yards during Lent—one way to spread God's love through our community. Crosses may be picked up **after worship this Sunday, Feb. 14th**, on the front lawn **or by delivery on Saturday, Feb. 20th**. The Youth will collect **donations** of any amount **to help offset material costs and to benefit youth missions. To order a cross**, please email Melody Gildner at melodygildner@yahoo.com.



Summer Camp Scholarship Reminder:

Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Please apply for a scholarship **first** through Asbury Hills (www.asburyhills.org) then apply with FUMC. The church policy set forth two years ago specifies that the church provide one-third of the session cost in order to remain good stewards of the funds set aside for this purpose.



Children's Choirs, Hand Bells and Hand Chimes **will not rehearse** on **February 14th**.



YOUTH

at NORTH
CAMPUS



First United Methodist Myrtle Beach and First Presbyterian Church Myrtle Beach will host its **VIRTUAL 2021 SPRING SURGE** on **March 15, 2021**.



The online session will feature the **Children's Recovery Center of Myrtle Beach**.
 More details coming soon.

Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 2/7/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 1/31/21:	\$ 20,878
Giving YTD:	\$ 131,524
Expenses YTD:	\$ 171,579
Difference YTD:	- \$ 40,055

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 2/7/2021

◆ Worship:	Virtual only
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	1,066
◆ All Social Media:	4,264
◆ 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, February 14, 2021

NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School

8:30AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY & FACEBOOK LIVE

9:45AM **Pre-K Sunday School**
VIA ZOOM

10:10AM **K-5th Grade Sunday School**
VIA ZOOM

11:00AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY

5:30PM **Evangelism Mtg** CHAPEL

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
Mask & Social Distancing
Please

MONDAY, February 15

5:30PM **Adult Hand Bells** SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, February 16

Shrove Tuesday (no meal)

9:00AM **Staff Meeting**
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

10:00AM **Lenten Study** CHAPEL

11:00AM **Staff/Worship Planning Mtg**
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

WEDNESDAY, February 17

Ash Wednesday (no service)

7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES

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

1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, February 18

10:00AM **Caregivers Group**
ZOOM

Coming Soon!

Feb 25, Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 25

—Suicide Prevention Clinics

Mar 14—Daylight Saving Time begins

Scout Sunday, both services

Mar 15—Spring Surge, virtual/online

Mar 16-21—Dr. Ken Callahan visit

Mar 28—Palm Sunday

Apr 1—Maundy Thursday

Apr 2—Good Friday (service TBD)

Apr 4—Easter

May 14-16—Confirmation Retreat

May 23—Confirmation