



The Steeple ■ January 17, 2021

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 & 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. **Golf Outings have begun.** Information and Registration form 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.



January 19 | Arrowhead Golf Course

January 12 | Pine Lakes Tournament Winners—25 Participants

1st Place: Score of 66

Ron Rise, Roger Davis, Don Shillingburg

2nd Place: Score of 70

Carl Palmburg, Bill Koppel, Dick Stevens, Dan Fleming



Big Tom's "A Quote"

"There are only two responses to the world: Fear and Love. Your life depends on which one you choose."

~ Deepak Chopra, author & alternative medicine advocate

First Church Weekly Readings: *

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

Jan 18	Psalm 4:1-8
Jan 19	1 Peter 3:18-22
Jan 20	1 Peter 5:5-11
Jan 21	2 Timothy 1:8-14
Jan 22	Romans 8:18-25
Jan 23	Romans 8:26-30
Jan 24	Romans 8:31-37

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Romans 8:18-39
"Nothing Can Separate Us
From God's Love in Christ"*



Monthly Mission in Motion—JANUARY

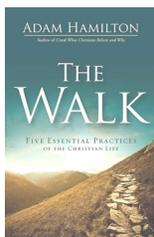
**New Directions Shelter for Men
(formerly Street Reach)**

Provides temporary shelter for homeless men.



NEEDS: Bleach, Pine-Sol, toilet paper, paper towels, cups, plates, 40 gal. (or larger) garbage bags, spiral notebooks, sugar, coffee, creamer, oatmeal, Texas Pete Hot Sauce.

Collection bins located in the Church Office or Narthex.



Lenten Study

Adam Hamilton's "The Walk"

Tuesdays beginning February 16th at 10AM in the Chapel.

Covid guidelines will be in effect: masks & social distancing.

Contact **Jennifer Hupko by Sunday, January 31st,**

to register for this study.

Books are \$10 each. hupko@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164

On **February 1st**, First Church will **welcome Bishop Gary Rivas** as our visiting Bishop as he awaits his appointment from the SC UMC Conference in June of this year.



Gary Rivas (*R-eye-vas*) was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. Early in his life, he felt a calling into ministry and led youth and young adult ministries in the church where he grew up. Gary met his wife, Jacqui in 1987, and they were married in 1992. Gary was stationed in the Germiston Mission Circuit in 1996 and then in East London from 1997-99. Jacqui was ordained into the ministry in 2003.

In 2000, Gary, Jacqui and their two children moved to the Fourways Circuit and in 2004, they planted Gracepoint Church together and have led it from strength to strength. Gary served as the superintendent of the Fourways Circuit for eight years and was elected Bishop of the Central District in 2015.

Gary holds a Master's Degree in Theology from the University of Pretoria and is currently taking up his doctoral studies through the Wesley House at Cambridge University. He is also on the boards of Alpha South Africa and the Willow Creek Association South Africa.

Gary is the devoted father of two young adults: Rebekah who is married to Chris, and they live in Oxford, United Kingdom; and Daniel, who lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa. Both children are following in their parents' footsteps in pursuing the vocation of ministry. Gary is a biking, motor-biking, and golf enthusiast. He is a bold and dynamic speaker and preacher, a visionary leader, and a truly dedicated servant of God.

Welcome to Myrtle Beach!

THE MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES TRAINING SCHOOL VIA ZOOM — Feb. 20 & 21 (9AM-Noon) and Feb. 27 & 28 (2PM-5PM)

Attend both classes to receive credit and completion certificate

REGISTER BY January 29, 2021—Fee: \$30.00—submit check and form
(form available in the church office or from **Gerrie Watson, 843-424-9965**)

Mail form and check to Ann Sowers,

Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries, 3485 Bristol Ln, Myrtle Beach SC 29577



UM YF Youth activities...

Jan 17: NO YOUTH (MLK Observance)
Jan 20: 7:00AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB
Jan 24: 5:15PM Youth @ North Campus

YOUTH IN ACTION FOR JANUARY FUMC Ornament and Mask Fundraisers



continue to benefit **Youth Missions**—Available for purchase after worship or in the church office.



Ornaments—\$5 each
FUMC Masks—\$10 each, 2/\$15



FUMC's TV Ministry needs your ongoing financial support.

Weekly Sermons and limited service music are broadcast on **WFXB Fox TV Channel 7** (channel 43-1 antenna) at **10AM every**

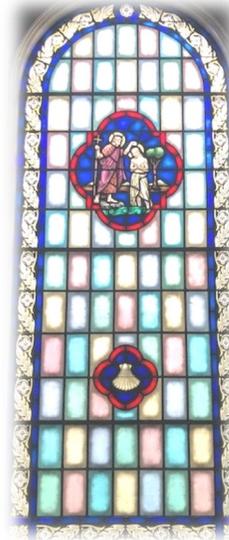
Sunday morning (1 week delay). The annual cost of this ministry is \$28,600. **Please help support this vital ministry** which greatly benefits our shut-in members, local visitors, and others throughout the year.

The Minister's Discretionary

Fund is made available to assist those in need within our community and our church family. Due to this extraordinary year of the coronavirus, recent distributions from this Fund have affected our ability to provide further assistance. Please be in prayer and search your heart to consider donating to this essential local mission and ministry in order that FUMC might continue serving those in need.



The **2021 Leadership Directory** is available to pick up in the Narthex, in the church office during office hours, or may be viewed on the website, www.fumcmb.org.



THE BAPTISM

Mark states that 'John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey.' He was the immediate forerunner of Jesus; the son of the aged priest Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth, who was Mary's cousin. John was about three months older than Jesus. He was an ascetic; his was a wilderness ministry. The Jordan River was the main scene of his actions. The baptism of Jesus is recorded in all the Synoptic Gospels and is corroborated in John's

Gospel. John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness of Judea, prophesying the coming of the Savior. Many came out to him from Jerusalem and other places in Judea and were baptized by him on the River Jordan. (See Matt. 3:13) John was cast into prison by Herod and ultimately beheaded to please Salome.

SHELL—In Christian symbolism, the shell denotes pilgrimage.



Financials and Attendance

End of Year Giving 12/31/2020:

Giving YTD 12/31/2020:	\$ 1,469,490
Expenses YTD 12/31/2020:	\$ 1,568,824
Difference YTD 12/31/2020:	- \$ 99,334
Add forgivable PPP Loan:	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD 2020:	\$ 31,601

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Gifts as of 1/3 & 10/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 1/3 & 1/10/21:	\$ 41,105
Giving YTD:	\$ 41,148
Expenses YTD:	\$ 67,060
Difference YTD:	- \$ 25,913

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 1/10/2021

◆ Worship:	181
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	787
◆ All Social Media:	2,844
◆ 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, January 17, 2021

NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School

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

9:45AM **Confirmation Class**
THE 925

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

IN PERSON

MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, January 18

Church Office CLOSED
MLK HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, January 19

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

WEDNESDAY, January 20

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

1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, January 21

10:00AM **Caregivers Group**
PARLOR