



**The Steeple ■ January 24, 2021**

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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**8:30AM Traditional/Blended (Facebook Live)**

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



***Ministers and Ministry Directors***

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**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."*

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**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 for the Golf Outings may be found at [www.fumcmb.org](http://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 26 | Wild Wing Plantation Golf Course**

**January 19 | Arrowhead Tournament Winners—28 Participants**

**1st Place: Score of 68**

Beryl Flickner, Duane Mercer, Steve Dye, Mike Difelice

**2nd Place: Score of 70**

Ben Gay, Bob Thomas, Joe Kowaleski, Don Shillingburg



### **Big Tom's "A Quote"**

"Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I'll try again tomorrow.' "

~Mary Anne Radmacher, author

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

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

Jan 25	3 John 1-13
Jan 26	Isaiah 66:18-24
Jan 27	2 Peter 3:7-13
Jan 28	Revelation 20:11-15
Jan 29	Revelation 21:1-5
Jan 30	Revelation 21:6-8
Jan 31	Revelation 22:12-15

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

*\* Indicates: Uniform Series  
International Lesson Series:  
Revelation 21:1-8; 22:12-15  
"The Outcome of It All"*



## Monthly Mission in Motion—JANUARY

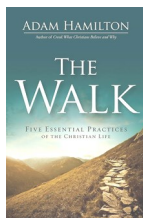
**New Directions Shelter for Men  
(formerly Street Reach)**



**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.

To register, please contact **Jennifer Hupko by Sunday, January 31st.**

**Books are \$10 each. [hupko@fumcmb.org](mailto:hupko@fumcmb.org) or 843-448-7164**



On **February 1st**, First Church will **welcome Bishop Gary Rivas**, and his family, as our visiting Bishop as he awaits his conference appointment in June of this year.



Gary Rivas (*R-eye-vas*) was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. He felt his calling into the ministry as a youth and was involved in youth and young adult ministries in his church. Gary is married to Jacqui and they have two grown children. Gary was stationed in the Germiston Mission Circuit and then in East London. Jacqui was ordained into the ministry in 2003.

Gary and Jacqui served to the Fourways Circuit, and they planted Gracepoint Church together. Gary has served as superintendent of the Fourways Circuit then later elected Bishop of the Central District.

Gary holds a Master's 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 and Jacqui's children are both pursuing the ministry—Rebekah (married to Chris) lives in Oxford, UK, and Daniel, lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa. Gary is a biking, motor-biking, and golf enthusiast. He is a dynamic speaker and preacher, a visionary leader and a 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 & check to Ann Sowers, Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries**  
3485 Bristol Ln, Myrtle Beach SC 29577



**UM YF**  
Youth activities...

**Jan 31: 5:15PM** Youth @ North Campus  
**Jan 27: 7:00AM** Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)  
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB  
**Feb 7: Youth—Foot Golf at Tupelo Bay**  
 Meet at North Campus at 12:45PM to load buses. Cost for golf: 14 & under \$7.50; adults \$16. Bring extra money for a meal afterwards.

**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



**2021 Stephen Ministry Training “Bridge Leaders Training Course”** available via Zoom Live, interactive online training experience; fully equipping laypeople to serve as Stephen Leaders. For information about classes, please contact Gerri Watson, 843-424-9965.

**2021 Christmas Lights Fund Update**

**In Memory of:**

**My Pappy**

by Katie Mason

**In Honor of:**

**Katie Mason**

by Marilyn “MeMe” Mason



**Asbury Hills Summer Camp Scholarship reminder:**

Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Please apply for a scholarship **first** through Asbury Hills ([www.asburyhills.org](http://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.

*Thank you!*

Oh, what a blessing! Saying thank you for the new handicap ramp built for me by your folks just doesn't seem enough, but it is all I have right now. Blessings to all.

~ Brenda Early

**Financials and Attendance**

**Gifts as of 1/17/2021 (includes online giving):**

Giving Week of 1/17/21:	<b>\$ 39,000</b>
Giving YTD:	<b>\$ 80,319</b>
Expenses YTD:	<b>\$ 98,427</b>
Difference YTD:	<b>- \$ 18,108</b>

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

**Presence 1/17/2021**

◆ Worship:	<b>181</b>
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	<b>627</b>
◆ All Social Media:	<b>6,507</b>



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](http://www.fumcmb.org).

**First Church Thrift Store—CLOSED during COVID-19**

Mailing address: First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1367, Myrtle Beach SC 29578-1367

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## *Happening This Week*

### **SUNDAY, January 24, 2021**

- 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 25**

- 5:00PM **Adult Hand Bells** SANCTUARY
- 5:30PM **Church Council Mtg** CHAPEL

### **TUESDAY, January 26**

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting**  
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR
- 2:30PM **Congregational Care Mtg**  
ZOOM
- 5:30PM **Finance Committee Mtg**  
CHAPEL

### **WEDNESDAY, January 27**

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)  
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY