



The Steeple ■ January 3, 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 and 11:00AM Worship-Traditional/Blended, in the 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 will begin Tuesday, January 5th, at River Oaks Golf Course.** Information and Registration for the Golf Outing have been mailed to last years' golf participants and will also be 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.



TO: Parents of 7th & 8th Grade Youth

Please mark your calendar for **January 10th at 9:45AM** for a **Parent/Student meeting** of our **2021 Confirmation Class** in **The 925**.

2020 was a different year that threw us for a loop; we want to make sure that our youth do not miss out on this **very important step in their faith journey**. We are excited to get back on track and look forward to taking this journey with your youth. **You should have received a letter** with more information. In the meantime, if you know your child will be participating, let **Jennifer Hupko** know as soon as possible, **Hupko@fumcmb.org** or **843-448-7164**.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Willy asked, 'Do you think Noah did much fishing?' 'How could he?' said Billy. 'He only had two worms.' "

~ Sarah Millican, comedian

First Church Weekly Readings: *

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

Jan 4	Isaiah 29:17-21
Jan 5	Isaiah 35:1-10
Jan 6	Luke 7:11-17
Jan 7	Luke 7:18-23
Jan 8	Luke 7:24-30
Jan 9	Luke 7:31-35
Jan 10	Luke 9:1-6

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Luke 7:11-35
"Jesus Announces Good News"*



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.

Condolences

The pastor, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to the family of former member, **Robert B. Hurley**, who entered the Church Triumphant on December 24, 2020 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

THE MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES TRAINING SCHOOL VIA ZOOM — February 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



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.



Ladies Lunch & Devotion
Wednesday, January 13
11:30AM at Magnolia's upstairs
Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion



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 on Sunday mornings** (1 week delay). **Please help support this vital ministry** which greatly benefits our shut-in members, local visitors, and others throughout the year.



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS start again on 1/10/2021

Beginning Sunday, January 10th, Children's Choirs and Hand Bells will once again rehearse on **Sundays at 4:45PM & 5:20PM in the Wesley Building** (location subject to change). All children ages 5 years old and older are welcome.

CHOIRS SCHEDULE:

4:45-5:15PM 2nd—6th grades
5:20-5:45PM K—1st grades

HAND CHIMES & BELLS SCHEDULE:

4:45-5:15PM K—1st grades
5:20-5:45PM 2nd—6th grades

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Youth activities...

- Jan 3:** No Youth
Jan 6: 7:00AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB
Jan 10: 5:30PM Youth @ North Campus

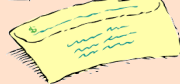
YOUTH IN ACTION FOR JANUARY
FUMC Ornament and Mask Fundraisers
 continue to benefit **Youth Missions**.
Still available
(after worship or in the church office):
Ornaments—\$5 each
FUMC Masks—\$10 each, 2/\$15



Asbury Hills Campers & Families

In light of the unknown Covid-19 restrictions that lie ahead and the last day of school, **FUMC will not have a “church-sponsored” trip to camp**. Scholarships will still be available for those who need assistance should you choose to attend at a different time this summer. For financial assistance, please apply for a **scholarship through Asbury Hills first** and then apply through FUMC. **Early sign-up with discounted rates are available until December 31st at midnight, exactly**. Please know that this was a difficult decision to make; we know how much Asbury Hills means to so many of our families. If you have any questions, please feel free to **contact Jennifer Hupko** in the church office, hupko@fumcmb.org or **843-448-7164 x216**.

Offering Envelopes



2021 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the Narthex on Sunday or in the church office. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please **notify Kay** in the church office, kay@fumcmb.org or 843-488-7164.

Missions Committee members work to ready a handicap ramp for a local resident in need. Tara and Melinda helped Gary last Monday cut decking (92 pcs), posts (9 pcs) and pickets (130 pcs) for the work on Wednesday afternoon to assemble the ramp and landings. FUMC local missions—Jesus’ hands and feet in the community.



We are thankful for this congregation's faithfulness in giving to FUMC during 2020. Please remember to **return your commitment card** for our 2021 **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 12/27/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 54,165
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,367,941
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,607,136
Difference YTD:	- \$ 230,105
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	- \$ 108,260

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 12/27/2020

◆ Worship:	131
◆ Worship 12/24/20 Facebook/Web:	1,713
◆ Worship 12/27/20 Facebook/Web:	943
◆ All Social Media:	5,905
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online
◆ 12/24/20 Noon	105
◆ 12/24/20 5PM	130
◆ 12/24/20 7PM	140
◆ 12/24/20 11PM	25

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, January 3, 2021

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

IN PERSON

MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, January 4

8AM-5PM **Church Office Open**

MASK & DISTANCING

TUESDAY, January 5

9:00AM **Staff Meeting**

OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

10:00AM **UMW Executive Board Mtg**

PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, January 6

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

PRAYER ROOM

FRIDAY, January 8

10:30AM **Ann Herbert Circle**

PARLOR

