



The Steeple ■ May 23, 2021

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Main Campus*

10:00AM Contemporary Worship, North Campus

11:00AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Main Campus

***Facebook Live-streamed**



Ministers and Ministry Directors

Rev. Dr. George K. Howle, Senior Pastor

Rev. Meredith M. Dark, Nurture Pastor

Rev. Thomas Brittain, Pastor Emeritus

Bishop Gary Rivas, Evangelism Pastor

Jennifer Hupko, Director

Christian Education/Programming

Julia Brooks, Director, Children's Ministry

Cindy Johnson, Director

Child Development Ministry

Philip Keilen, Director, Coastal Samaritan

Norman McQueen, Director
Music Ministry

D. Scott Ferguson, Pianist/Organist

Grant Nesmith, Contemporary Music

Jayne Smith, Director, Hand Bells

Eve Harris, Director, Children's Choirs

Chad Mullinix, Director, Youth Ministry

Melody Gildner, Grant Nesmith

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 Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:00AM-5:00PM; CLOSED FRIDAY

Main Campus (office), 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

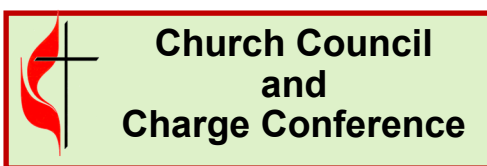
WORSHIP GUIDELINES in effect until further notice, UPDATED 5/18/2021:

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. **Mask and Distancing guidelines for those fully vaccinated are relaxed; however, please continue to be respectful of others.**

8:30AM & 11:00AM Sunday Worship-Traditional, Sanctuary; **Facebook Live @ 8:30AM**
10:00AM Sunday Contemporary-North Campus through May 23rd

*****Please register your attendance. Ushers will provide pen/paper to complete; return to the specific containers upon exit.*****

- **Sanitization** weekly
- **Face mask and distancing are optional in all areas of the church buildings**
- **Enter the Sanctuary via all 3 access doors (front, side, office)**
- **Offering plates** are situated at the doors upon exit
- **No Wiggle Bags**



**Church Council
and
Charge Conference**

A combined meeting of **Church Council and Charge Conference** will be held on **Tuesday, May 25th at 5:30PM** in the Chapel.

“Good Grief” Widows Luncheon on **May 24th at 11:30AM**

Magnolia's @ 26th, Upstairs

For more information, please **contact Pastor Meredith, 843-448-7164.**

Volunteer Librarian opening for First Church. After many years of faithful service, Juanita Moore has retired as Librarian of the *Ralph D. Epps Memorial Library* of First Church. If you feel led to serve, please contact **Pastor Meredith, mmdark@umcsc.org.**

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Tend to your thoughts with care. They have the power to grow weeds as flowers."
~ Cleo Wade, poet



In-person Sunday School has resumed! Please follow the guidelines above for the health and safety of everyone in attendance. Thank you.

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

May 24	Psalm 107:17-22
May 25	Matthew 18:10-14
May 26	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
May 27	2 John 4-6
May 28	1 John 4:7-10
May 29	1 John 4:11-21
May 30	1 John 5:6-12

**Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: 1 John 4:7-21
"God Is Love"*

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes

0-2 year-olds	Nursery
3 and 4 year-old preschool	Wesley 102
Kindergarten/First Grade	Wesley 205
2nd and 3rd Grades	Wesley 203
4th and 5th Grades	Wesley 204

Youth Classes

6th - 12th Grades	Sonshine House
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Adult Classes

Ark	The 925 Chapel
Brittain Fellowship	Asbury 203
Faith Foundations	Wesley 105
M.D. Moore*	Asbury 201
New Horizons	Wesley 103
New Ventures	Wesley 104
Open Doors*	Music Center 101
Open Fellowship*	



Monthly Mission in Motion—MAY

Helping Hand welcomes our assistance!
All non-perishable food items are welcome.



**HELPING
HAND**
OF MYRTLE BEACH, INC.

Canned Soups
Ramen Noodles
Pork & Beans
1-LB Bags of Rice
Packets of Oatmeal
Packets of Grits

Canned Vegetables
Boxed Mac & Cheese
Canned Fruit
Canned Meats: Tuna/Chili/
Spam/Vienna Sausage/
Beef Stew

Canned Pasta: Beefaroni/Spaghetti
Peanut Butter (small jars)
Jelly (small jars)
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Razors
Small Deodorant

2021 Confirmands

Preston Davis Bowers
Aubrey Grainger Freyburger
Benjamin Dunham Gildner
Jonathan Andrew Kittle
Cooper Hale Richardson

Today, we celebrate the confirmation of these five young people into the United Methodist Church and reception into the First Church congregation. Let us rejoice and receive them with open hearts, open minds, and open doors as they begin their member journey.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



Community Kitchen
Of Myrtle Beach

**First Church scheduled to serve at Community Kitchen
Week of June 7th—11th**

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

TWO CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Contemporary Worship Main Campus
weekly beginning May 30th at 11AM
Wesley Building Worship Center



Contemporary Worship North Campus
new weekly worship schedule
beginning Monday, June 7th, at 6PM



OPEN REGISTRATION 2021-22 Kindergarten Enrollment

To Register, please contact:

**Melody Gildner, 585-770-4183, mgildner@fumamb.org
or visit www.fumamb.org.**



KEEP THOSE SELFIES COMING!

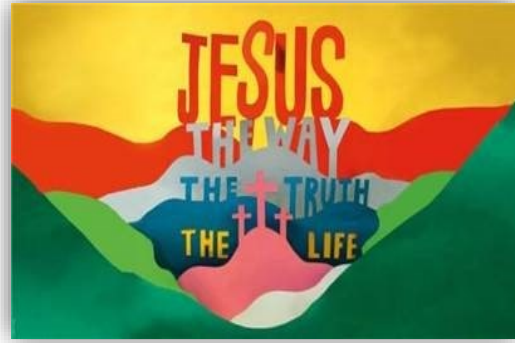
Please take a **selfie photo of yourself and/or your family** and email the picture(s) and all names to melinda@fumcmb.org so we may update our membership database. Thank you.

2021 CCMF Pre-paid Parking Pass on FUMC property is available on a limited basis for **\$75 covering (cash or check) all 4 days, June 10-13.** Please see Jennifer Julian in the church office during office hours to purchase a pass or to obtain more information.



UM YF
Youth activities...

May 23: Confirmation Sunday
May 26: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB
May 30: NO YOUTH (Memorial Day Holiday)
June 13: Youth/Senior Recognition Sunday



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 19-22, 2021

**BACK TO BASICS... JESUS IS THE WAY,
 THE TRUTH, THE LIFE!**

**A Registration link is now available
 on the First Church website,
www.fumcmb.org.**

**Please save quart-size plastic or glass mason jars
 for a VBS activity and drop off
 in the Narthex on Sunday or in the church office.**



**YOUTH/SENIOR RECOGNITION IS
 Sunday, June 13th** This is a time
 for youth to lead worship. **All
 youth are needed** to participate.
 Please **let us know soon** how you
 would like to serve and for which
 service. To find out the areas needed to be
 filled, please **contact Melody Gildner** at
melodygildner@yahoo.com.



To be in the places where Jesus walked,
 taught, suffered, and rose again is an
 opportunity of a lifetime! A tour of the
 Holy Land is one of the greatest spiritual
 journeys one can have. Brochures are
 available in the church office. **Call or
 email Pastor Meredith for more
 information—843-448-7164 or
mmdark@umcsc.org.**

**VOLUNTEERS
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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
 IN WORSHIP**

We have a **great need**
 for volunteers in the

following areas: **Ushers, Greeters, Readers,
 and Audio/Visual monitoring, among others.**
 Please **consider how you want to serve** at
 First Church. **To volunteer**, please contact
 Jennifer Julian at 843-448-7164 or by email,
jennifer@fumcmb.org. Thank you.

First Church is a drop-off
 location for "Case for
 Smiles". Pillowcases will be
 sent to McLeod Hospital, Florence and
 Prisma Health, Columbia. If interested,
 please obtain a **pillowcase pattern** from
 the church office. **Monetary donations are
 also welcomed payable to Case For Smiles
 Myrtle Beach.** For more information, please
 contact **Linda Dunn at 803-687-7096**
 (www.caseforsmiles.org).



Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 5/16/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 5/16/21:	\$ 25,682
Giving YTD:	\$ 557,504
Expenses YTD:	\$ 649,222
Difference YTD:	- \$ 91,718

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 5/16/2021

◆ Worship:	307
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	459
◆ All Social Media:	3,804
◆ Sunday School:	140

First Church Thrift Store—Re-opened on May 17, 2021 for Shopping only; no donations.

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

Request emailed Steeple: thesteeple@fumcmb.org Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, May 23, 2021

No Nursery at 8:30AM

- 8:30AM **Traditional Worship**
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 9:45AM **Sunday School**
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship**
NORTH CAMPUS | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 11:00AM **Traditional Worship**
SANCTUARY

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN M-Th
8:00AM—5:00PM

MONDAY, May 24

- 11:30AM **"Good Grief" Widows Lunch**
MAGNOLIA'S AT 26TH, Upstairs
- 5:30PM **Adult Handbells** WESLEY BLDG
- 6:30PM **Festive Brass Rehearsal**
THE 925

TUESDAY, May 25

- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting**
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR
- 2:30PM **Congregational Care**
PARLOR
- 5:30PM **Charge Conference and
Church Council** CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, May 26

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

THURSDAY, May 27

9A-3PM **CDM Graduation** SANCTUARY



Coming Soon!

May 30—Contemporary Worship

Main Campus 11AM

June 6—Traditional & Contemporary

Worship—Main Campus

June 7—Contemporary Worship

North Campus 6PM

June 13—Youth/Sr Recognition

June 17—SafeTalk Suicide Prevention

June 20—Father's Day

THE HOLY LAND

February 7-17, 2022

A Note from Rev. Mike Alexander, former Pastor at Belin UMC:

As a retired SC United Methodist minister, I have a passion for the Holy Land. My wife, Betsy, and I have traveled to the Holy Land thirty times since 1985. My first time to go was a gift from the church I served, Travelers Rest United Methodist.

Traveling to Israel is never a straightforward experience. Even though Betsy and I have been numerous times, we know that every visit produces something different. When we return, we are changed.

Those who are part of a faith community often travel to Israel with preconceived ideas from their familiarity with the scriptures. Often these ideas can be challenged by the physical appearance of the Holy Land today, or people can be disturbed by the political tension and turmoil. For those who are concerned about current political issues, I hope and pray that in a matter of days, you will see a cease fire of all that is happening in Israel. For the pilgrim going on a first visit to the Holy Land, or for a repeat visit, there are challenges, but also deep rewards.

Whether you are conscious of it or not, your life has an opportunity to change—nothing may be quite the same again. Walking the land where Jesus walked, seeing the landscapes that he saw, feeling the breeze coming from the Sea of Galilee, the same breeze that ruffled his hair, are reasons that by themselves can nourish your heart for the rest of your days on this earth.

Betsy and I join Reverend Meredith Dark inviting you to take a serious look at joining us for a Holy Land experience February 7-17, 2022. Since ancient times until today, no country in the world has had a more dramatic history than the Holy Land. We would enjoy having you join us on this most exciting pilgrimage.

There are a number of people considering this trip so I urge you to speak with Meredith if you have questions and to make your registration online within the next month or two. FRIENDS TOURS & TRAVEL is a wonderful travel agency that will get us there and back, allowing us to have our hearts strangely warmed.

Meredith, Betsy, and I look forward to walking with you on a deeply moving spiritual journey that will be fun as well. The Reverend Peter J. Miano, founder of the Society for Biblical Studies, has written, *“Tourists pass through places, but pilgrims let places pass through them, allowing their hearts to be changed.”* We hope that you will join us as a pilgrim on this incredible journey to the Holy Land early next year. We are confident you will experience a change!

CONTACT: Rev. Meredith Dark, mmdark@umcsc.org or 843-448-7164

JOIN REV. MEREDITH DARK IN

THE HOLY LAND

Where Scripture Comes Alive

February 7 - 17, 2022



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Price: \$4,200

Departure City: CHS

Tour Code: JTDRK222

THE FINE PRINT

Final Payment Deadline: 11/09/2021

Deposit Amount: \$500

A copy of our terms and conditions will be included with every registration form. Additionally, you may find them on our website at travelwithfriends.com

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