



**The Steeple ■ May 2, 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**



**ALLELUIA!**

**CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

***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

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**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, reminders as of 4/27/2021:**

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. **Capacity is 150 per service with distancing of 6 feet per CDC guidelines.**

**8:30AM & 11:00AM** Worship-Traditional/Blended, Sanctuary; **Facebook Live @ 8:30AM**

**\*\*\*Please register your attendance (name, address, phone#) and for contact tracing.**

**Ushers will provide pen/paper to complete; return to the specific containers upon exit.\*\*\***

- **Sanitization** weekly and between services
- **Face mask required and social distance (6 feet) while in the Sanctuary**
- **Enter the Sanctuary allowed via all 3 access doors (front, side, office)**
- **Ushers** will assist dismissing guests
- **Offering plates** are situated at the doors upon exit; please **move outside** to visit
- **Restrooms available; Children under 12**, parent must accompany
- **No Wiggle Bags**

**Ladies Lunch & Devotion**

Wednesday  
May 12th @ 11:30AM  
at **Magnolia's**, upstairs  
Fellowship, Lunch,  
and Devotion



**"Good Grief" Widows Luncheon**

**May 24th at 11:30AM**

Magnolia's upstairs

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

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

"The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday."

~ via@motivation

**In-person Sunday School has resumed!** Anyone with questions or concerns, please contact your "class leader" or Jennifer Hupko, [hupko@fumcmb.org](mailto:hupko@fumcmb.org).

Following are guidelines to which **all classes must adhere** for each other's health and safety.



**\*Guidelines for returning to Sunday School:**

1. Masks **MUST** be worn
2. Appropriate **spacing/distancing**
3. Classes **may NOT** brew coffee/tea or bring in homemade goodies. You **may** bring personal coffee/tea from home. Food snacks must be **store-bought and individually wrapped**.
4. Sanitize hands before entering the classroom; hand sanitizer will be supplied to each classroom.

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

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

May 3	Ezekiel 1:1-6
May 4	Isaiah 6:1-13
May 5	1 Kings 19:1-8
May 6	Romans 11:1-5
May 7	1 Kings 19:9-13
May 8	1 Kings 19:14-18
May 9	1 Kings 19:19-21

*\*Uniform Series  
Int'l Lesson Series: 1 Kings 19:1-18  
"God in the Quiet Sound"*



**\*GUIDELINES ALL CLASSES:  
Masks, Distance, Hand Sanitizer,  
See above regarding drinks or food**

***Sunday School Classes***

**Children's Classes**

0-2 year-olds	Nursery
3 and 4 year-old preschool	Wesley 102
Kindergarten/First Grade	Wesley 201
2nd and 3rd Grades	Wesley 201
4th and 5th Grades	Wesley 201

**Youth Classes**

6th - 12th Grades	Sonshine House
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**Adult Classes**

<b>Ark</b>	<b>The 925</b>
<b>Brittain Fellowship</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Faith Foundations	Asbury 203
M.D. Moore*	Wesley 105
<b>New Horizons</b>	<b>via Zoom</b>
<b>New Ventures</b>	<b>Wesley 103</b>
Open Doors*	Wesley 104
Open Fellowship*	Music Center 101



## Monthly Mission in Motion—MAY

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



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

### IN REMEMBRANCE

**Charles Alexander Hinson**

**October 16, 1952—April 27, 2021**

**"I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live."**



**Mother's Day, May 9th**, is the single most important day of the year for **Epworth Children's Home**—celebrating its 125th year! Approximately 20% of Epworth's budget is received during the Mother's Day offering.

Epworth is not an apportioned item and depends on this and Work Day offerings to sustain its ministry. Please **consider your support by donating online or by check**. Please visit: [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or write

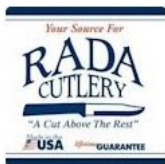
a check payable to Epworth Children's Home, note FUMCMB, and either leave in the offering plate or mail to **Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Ave, Columbia SC 29205**. Thank you for your prayers and support.

### OPEN REGISTRATION 2021-22 Kindergarten Enrollment

**Curriculum & Instruction:** A daily Bible-centered lesson and weekly Chapel are major pillars of the school. Elementary curriculum includes: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Christian Education.

**Why FUMA?** Christian-centered programming features small class sizes and high-quality curriculum, giving your child the best learning experience!

**To Register, please contact: Melody Gildner, 585-770-4183, [mgildner@fumamb.org](mailto:mgildner@fumamb.org) or visit our website at [www.fumamb.org](http://www.fumamb.org).**



It's tomato sandwich time again. Do you have your tomato knife? The **Lautrelle Merchant Circle** is selling RADA Cutlery. Catalogs and order forms are available at the church office receptionist's desk. All proceeds **benefit UMW missions**. For questions, please call Willa Wrenn, 843-497-2967.



### Living Well in the Long Run

People generally want to live a long life, provided they are healthy, have a clear mind, are connected to loved ones, and are not a burden to anyone. This **seminar** addresses 10 keys to successful aging to inspire and equip you with ideas on how to face the future with confidence while living meaningfully in the here and now.

**When: May 5 at 3:30PM (and Facebook live)      Where: First Church Sanctuary**

**Who: Dr. Gina Barker, Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center**

## UM YF Youth activities...

- May 2: 5:30-7:30 Run/Bike/Walk**  
National Mental Health Fundraiser
- May 5: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast**  
Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)  
Southern House of Pancakes, MB
- May 9: NO YOUTH**—Happy Mother's Day!
- May 14-16: Confirmation Retreat**
- May 15-17: Chrysalis (boys)**
- May 16: NO YOUTH**
- May 23: Confirmation Sunday**
- May 23: 5:15PM YOUTH @ N Campus**
- May 30: NO YOUTH** (Memorial Day Holiday)

### May 9th is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

Observed annually, this day raises awareness about the importance of children's mental health and how vital positive mental health is to a child's development.

**FUMC Youth** are coordinating a **Fun Run/Walk/Bike event** on **Sunday, May 2nd, from 5:30-7:30PM**. Youth need sponsors for the 1-mile path around Roberta S. McMillan Memorial Park, 5900 Haskell Circle.

**Proceeds will benefit the Children's Recovery Center**, a nonprofit community organization in Horry and Georgetown counties, whose objective is to provide a safe environment where a caring team investigates child abuse allegations, while providing the support necessary in restoring hope in children's lives. **For donation details**, please contact a youth or youth director: [chadmullinix@icloud.com](mailto:chadmullinix@icloud.com), [melodyrgildner@yahoo.com](mailto:melodyrgildner@yahoo.com) or [gnesmith90@gmail.com](mailto:gnesmith90@gmail.com).



**Children's Recovery Center**



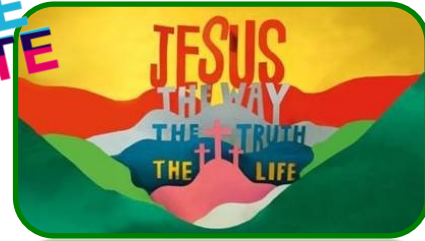
**SELFIES PLEASE**—Please take a **selfie photo of yourself and/or your family** and email the picture(s) and all names to [melinda@fumcmb.org](mailto:melinda@fumcmb.org). We need pictures from everyone to update our membership database. Thank you.

## Evangelism

Can We Chat?  
Bishop Gary Rivas

Evangelism is not so much about reminding people how lost they are, but how loved they are.  
~ Randall Worley (author/speaker)  
Love is hard to confine. The greatest act of evangelism is to simply share God's love.

SAVE THE DATE



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 19-22, 2021

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

Registration details coming soon through email and the website.

### Community Calendar

- May 6—National Day of Prayer 6-7:30PM  
Chapin Park
- June 18—Black History Celebration  
Mary C. Canty Rec Center
- June 19—Juneteenth Celebration  
Charlie's Place

## Financials and Attendance

### Gifts as of 4/25/2021 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of 4/25/21:	\$ 43,956
Giving YTD:	\$ 456,839
Expenses YTD:	\$ 558,911
Difference YTD:	<b>- \$ 102,072</b>

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

### Presence 4/25/2021

◆ Worship:	299
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	1,040
◆ All Social Media:	5,324
◆ Sunday School:	128

**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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**Request emailed Steeple: [thesteeple@fumcmb.org](mailto:thesteeple@fumcmb.org) Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7**



## *Happening This Week*

**SUNDAY, May 2, 2021**

**No Nursery at 8:30AM**

- 8:30AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 9:45AM **Confirmation Class**  
SONSHINE HOUSE (The 921)
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship**  
NORTH CAMPUS | FACEBOOK LIVE
- 11:00AM **Traditional Worship**  
SANCTUARY
- 5:30PM **Youth Run/Walk/Bike Event**

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN M-Th**

**8:00AM—5:00PM**

**Mask & Social Distancing please**

**MONDAY, May 3**

- 5:30PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY
- 6:30PM **Festive Brass** THE 925

**TUESDAY, May 4**

- 10:00PM **UMW Exec Board Meeting**  
PARLOR

**WEDNESDAY, May 5**

- 7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)  
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group**  
PRAYER ROOM
- 9:00AM **Staff Meeting**  
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR
- 1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY
- 3:30PM **Living Well** SANCTUARY  
FACEBOOK LIVE

**THURSDAY, May 6**

- 10:00AM **Caregivers Group**  
PARLOR

**FRIDAY, May 7**

- 5:00PM **Kahn Wedding Rehearsal**  
SANCTUARY

**SATURDAY, May 8**

- 3-7:00PM **Kahn Wedding**  
SANCTUARY

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**Coming Soon!**

**May 9**—Mother's Day

**May 14-16**—Confirmation Retreat

**May 14-16**—Chrysalis (boys)

**May 23**—Confirmation Sunday

**May 24**—"Good Grief" Widows Lunch

**Jun 13**—Youth/Sr Recognition

**Jun 20**—Father's Day

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