



The Steeple ■ November 22, 2020

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

8:30AM Traditional/Blended (Facebook Live)

11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship

thankful
AND
blessed

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#). 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**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Christmas Eve Worship — Noon, 5PM, 7PM and 11PM
Reservations required for 5PM & 7PM Services

Due to this unusual year of Coronavirus and the COVID-19 health guidelines for large gatherings, social distancing and masks, **Christmas Eve Worship held at 5:00PM (Contemporary/Family) and 7:00PM will require attendance reservations (general seating, first come basis) for individuals and family groups.** Attendance capacity in the Sanctuary is limited to 150 persons. Tickets will be issued for each reservation to a specific service and will be mailed to the person making the reservation. Tickets must be presented at the front door entrance to the Sanctuary at both 5PM and 7PM. Those attending without a ticket will be directed to the Chapel where viewing will be virtual. **All Christmas Eve services will also be live-streamed on Facebook. Reservations for attendance must be made no later than December 14th** by contacting Jennifer Julian by email, jennifer@fumcmb.org, or phone **843-448-7164 extension 207**. Please provide name, address, phone number, specify the worship time, and the number attending in your family.

Please know that the Pastors and Staff have made every effort to manage these limitations in a cordial manner. We all want to go back to normal; with God's help and a little patience, we will get there.

Big Tom's "A Quote"

A pastor was at a convention. A woman asked, "Is this empty seat saved?"
His response was, "No, but we are praying for it." ~ unknown

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Nov 23	Psalm 92:1-15
Nov 24	Genesis 5:1-5
Nov 25	Job 10:8-12
Nov 26	Isaiah 44:1-5
Nov 27	Ecclesiastes 11:1-5
Nov 28	Genesis 1:24-28
Nov 29	Psalm 139:13-18

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Genesis 1:27;
Psalm 139:13-18
"Created, Loved, Known"*

M

onthly Mission in Motion—NOVEMBER

Rape Crisis Center

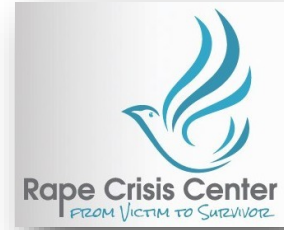
Items Most Needed (new clothing—all sizes):

Ladies Pants/Sweats; Ladies Shirts (long sleeve)
Ladies Bras & Panties; Ladies Socks

Paper products: Toilet paper, Paper towels, Tissues

Cleaning supplies: Dish soap, Dishwasher soap

Collection containers are located in the Church Office.



Congratulations to Laura and Bryan Taylor on the birth of their daughter, **Cathryn Ramsey Taylor**, on November 2, 2020 in Mount Pleasant, SC, granddaughter of **Trish and Joey Taylor**, and great-granddaughter of **Dorothy R. Huggins**.



Hanging of the Greens

November 23-24 (Monday & Tuesday) | 9AM to NOON

Decorating the Church for Advent

Many hands make light work! Join in fellowship as we prepare our Church, our hearts and our minds for the Season of ADVENT.

Please remember to **return your commitment card** for our 2021 Growing Through Giving **Stewardship Program as soon as possible**. To **print and complete** a commitment card, please visit our website at **www.fumcmb.org/Give**, click the “commitment card” **link** or you may **request one** by mail from Kay in the church office, kay@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.



UMW Annual Oak Tree Lighting—Help light the Big Oak this winter “**in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One**”. Donate a **string of lights for \$20** to the 6th Annual “Tree Lighting Memorial Fund”. Proceeds will benefit UMW missions. Forms are available in the church office and in the Narthex through **December 31st**. The UMW appreciates your support.



First Church is having a **SOCK DRIVE** to benefit **HELP4KIDS!** Our goal is **6,000 pairs** of socks, all sizes **by December 13th**. Please bring donations to the **church office** or to the **Narthex** on Sunday mornings to place in the decorated box.

WE CAN DO THIS!

Thank you for your support.

UM YF Youth activities...

Nov 22: 5:30PM Meet @ North Campus
Bus Ride to Dollar Tree to shop for
Shepherd's Child. Please bring \$10
to purchase stocking stuffers.

Nov 25: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
Southern House of Pancakes, MB

Coming Up!

Dec 6: 5:30-7PM Meet @ North Campus
UMYF Potluck Dinner and
White Elephant gift exchange
(\$10 max)

Dec 13: Shepherd's Child

YOUTH IN ACTION FOR DEC

FUMC Ornament

Fundraiser—to benefit
Youth Missions & activities;
\$10 each. Please contact
a Youth or Youth Director
to purchase an ornament.
Expected arrival, Dec 13th.



Shepherd's Child | Dec 13th

Shepherd's Child helps children in need through financial assistance, a meal, gift giving, and sharing the Christmas Story—this year through caroling and social distancing. On Dec 13th, 5 groups of volunteers will visit 20 families, 50 children to deliver gift cards and stockings. **We need your financial support. All monetary donations will go towards Shepherd's Child.** The parents of the families served will be able to purchase \$100 gift cards for \$5 to local retailers, allowing them an opportunity to shop for their children's needs. Please make checks payable to FUMC, note "Shepherd's Child", and place in the offering plate during worship or mail to the church office. Thank you.



Enjoy a "cup of joe" (or tea or hot chocolate) in our new **Coffee Mug!**

Congregational Care is raising funds to benefit Youth Missions. Mugs may

be purchased for **\$10 each.**

To purchase, please see Rev. Meredith after worship or contact her at 843-448-7164, mmdark@umcsc.org.



Looking ahead

Nov 22-Dec 13: Sock Drive

Nov 23: Holy Communion, drive-thru 11-Noon

Nov 23-24: Hanging of the Greens, Sanctuary

Nov 29: 1st Sunday in Advent

Dec 13: Children's Music 11AM worship

Dec 13: Shepherd's Child

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight and Holy Communion

Sanctuary—4 services

NOON

5PM* (Contemporary/Family)

7PM*

11PM

***RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, first come basis
(more details inside The Steeple)**

Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 11/15/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 38,245
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,143,307
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,293,116
Difference YTD:	- \$ 149,809
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	- \$ 18,874

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 11/15/2020

◆ Worship:	170
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	719
◆ All Social Media:	2,556
◆ 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

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, November 22, 2020

Holy Communion

NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School

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

11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship
SANCTUARY

5:00PM Children's Hand Bells Gr 2-6
Children's Music K-1

5:30PM Children's Hand Chimes K-1
Children's Music Gr 2-6
WESLEY BUILDING

5:30PM UMYF @ NORTH CAMPUS

IN PERSON

MASK & DISTANCING, please

MONDAY, November 23

8AM-5PM Church Office Open
MASK & DISTANCING

9-Noon Hanging of the Greens
SANCTUARY

11-Noon Holy Communion drive-thru
PARKING LOT-THRIFT STORE

5:00PM Adult Hand Bells
SANCTUARY

5:30PM SPRC Meeting PARLOR

TUESDAY, November 24

9:00AM Staff Meeting
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

9-Noon Hanging of the Greens
SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY, November 25

OFFICE CLOSED
Thanksgiving Holiday

THURSDAY, November 26

Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

