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FIRST



CHURCH

100 YEARS

A Church with a Heart
in the Heart
of Myrtle Beach

The Steeple ■ November 29, 2020

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#). 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 (Traditional) 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. **Christmas Eve services at 5PM & 7PM 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"

"When you talk, you are repeating what you know. If you listen, you may learn something new."
~ The Dalai Lama, Buddhist monk

First Church Weekly Readings:*

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

Nov 30	Psalm 150:1-6
Dec 1	Job 25:1-6
Dec 2	Job 7:11, 17-21
Dec 3	Daniel 4:28-37
Dec 4	Hebrews 2:5-9
Dec 5	Luke 12:22-32
Dec 6	Psalm 8:1-9

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Psalm 8:1-9
"God and Human Beings"*

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Monthly Mission in Motion—DECEMBER



The journey out of poverty all starts with hope; equipping orphans in Kenya with tools and training to overcome life-threatening poverty for good.

Monetary donations may be made **payable to First UMC, note "Zoe"**, and may be placed in the offering plate or dropped by the church office.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Deborah Mielke

August 9, 1953—November 21, 2020

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Miriam Carter

October 15, 1925—November 21, 2020

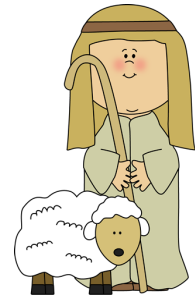
"I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live."



First Church is having a **SOCK DRIVE** to benefit **HELP4KIDS!** Our goal is **6,000 pairs** of new 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.

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. Blessings and thank you.



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.



The Cloister Circle will be unable to manage its annual poinsettia fundraiser due to COVID and the increased market pricing of the plants. If you feel so inclined, however, monetary donations are welcomed to **support Help4Kids**, this year's mission beneficiary (checks payable to FUMC, note "Help4Kids"). Please have safe and healthy Advent and Christmas.

UM YF
Youth activities...

- Nov 29: No UMYF**—Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 2: 7AM Youth Prayer Breakfast
 Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
 Southern House of Pancakes, MB
Dec 6: 5:30-7PM Youth @ 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.



Looking ahead

- Dec 13: Children's Music** 11AM worship
Dec 13: Shepherd's Child
Dec 21: Longest Night Service, Facebook
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight and Holy Communion
Sanctuary—4 services
NOON
5PM (Contemporary/Family)*^
7PM (Traditional)*^
11PM

***RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**, first come basis
 ^Live-streamed on Facebook
 (more details inside The Steeple)

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone at FUMC for the prayers, cards, calls, food, and visits on the passing of my mother, Frances Jones. The entire Jones family is grateful for the church's support during the last few weeks.

Blessings, Susan Smith

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  **Community Kitchen**
 Of Myrtle Beach

First Church will serve
Community Kitchen December 14th-18th
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

REMINDER: Angel Tree Stockings should
 be delivered to your Angel by
Sunday, December 13th.

Please **provide your delivery date** to Sherrill Allen,
 sachilleshs@aol.com.



Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 11/22/2020 (includes online giving):

Giving Week of:	\$ 75,322
Giving YTD:	\$ 1,218,680
Expenses YTD:	\$ 1,334,238
Difference YTD:	- \$ 115,558
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
Adjusted Difference YTD:	\$ 4,669

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 11/22/2020

◆ Worship:	115
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	524
◆ All Social Media:	3,251
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online

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 a card** by mail from Kay in the church office, kay@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.



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 29, 2020

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, December 1

8AM-5PM Church Office Open
MASK & DISTANCING

5:00PM Adult Hand Bells
SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, December 2

9:00AM Staff Meeting
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

WEDNESDAY, December 3

7:30AM Women's Prayer Group
PRAYER ROOM

1:00PM Adult Hand Bells
SANCTUARY

THURSDAY, December 4

10:00AM Caregivers Group PARLOR

