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CHURCH

100 YEARS

A Church with a Heart  
in the Heart  
of Myrtle Beach

**The Steeple ■ September 6, 2020**

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**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**8:30AM Traditional/Blended (Facebook Live)**

**11:00AM Traditional/Blended Worship**



***Ministers and Ministry Directors***

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**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

**Norman McQueen**, Director

Music Ministry

**D. Scott Ferguson**, Pianist/Organist

**Chad Mullinix**, Director

Youth Ministry

**Grant Nesmith, Melody Gildner**

Co-Directors - Youth Ministry

**Philip Keilen**, Director

Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center

***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."*

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**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** continues weekly and manually between services
- Please wear a **face covering** during worship—maintain **social distance**
- Access only through 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, NO Sunday School**



**Myrtle Beach Lions Club is sponsoring a  
Drive-thru FOOD DRIVE FOR HELP4KIDS  
Thursday, September 24th from 2PM till 5PM  
FUMC Thrift Store parking lot (behind the church)  
506 9th Ave N, Myrtle Beach**



**\*\*\*Drive up to have food donations unloaded\*\*\***

**Food Needs:** Flavored Instant Oatmeal—Fruit cups—Canned Pasta—Vienna Sausage—Pudding Cups—Peanut Butter Crackers—Ramen Noodles

**Clothes Needs: Kids' sizes 6-14** — Pants, shirts, underwear, socks, pajamas, coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves

Cash donations will also be accepted, checks payable to **Myrtle Beach Lions Club.**

**All Saints' Day is November 1st**—We will remember those who have entered the Church Triumphant since November 3, 2019. In worship, we will share the names and pictures of those who have passed—members and family of members. Please submit pictures of these loved ones to Melinda Morgan in the church office ([melinda@fumcmb.org](mailto:melinda@fumcmb.org)) **by October 20th** so that we may recognize them in worship.



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

"May I never forget on my best day that I need God as desperately as I did on my worst day."

~ *Stephan Labossiere, speaker/author*

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

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

Sep 7	Mark 1:14-15
Sep 8	Matthew 11:2-5
Sep 9	Hebrews 2:1-5
Sep 10	1 Peter 1:7-12
Sep 11	Philippians 1:27-29
Sep 12	Romans 1:15-17
Sep 13	Romans 5:6-11

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

*\* Indicates: Uniform Series  
International Lesson Series:  
Romans 1:15-17, 5:6-11  
"Forgiven, Rescued, Restored"*

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## Monthly Mission in Motion for SEPTEMBER



### Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach



**Needed at this time:** Cereals, Grits (packets), Oatmeal (packets), Pork & Beans, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti sauce, Pasta, Canned Pasta, Canned Tuna/Ham/Spam, Dry Beans, Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hearty Soups/Stews, Canned Fruit, Powdered Drink Mixes, Kool Aid  
Canned vegetables: Potatoes, Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Tomatoes

### IN REMEMBRANCE

The Reverend Needham Rodgers Williamson, Sr.

August 18, 1939—August 31, 2020

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

### IN REMEMBRANCE

Lola K. Shertzer

November 3, 1929—August 30, 2020

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

### IN REMEMBRANCE

Harold Lee “Robby” Robinson

August 6, 1922—December 24, 2019

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

### Condolences

The pastor, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Bella Campbell** and family on the death of her grandmother, **Frances Campbell**, on August 25, 2020.

Dear FUMCMB,

George and I would like to thank our church family for all the cards and prayers during this difficult season in our lives. We feel blessed to be part of such a loving congregation.

*Thank You*

Love in Christ,  
George and Pam Howle

**Congratulations** to **Sam Jones** on the recent birth of his great-grandson, Rhett Wade Harris, on August 28, 2020 in Fuquay Varina, NC, son of Cari and Todd Harris.

**Congratulations** to **Earnestine and Randy Gravely** on the recent birth of their great-granddaughter, Kenna Rose Newcity, daughter of Rachel and Brett Newcity.

### “Self Care”

**Isaiah 40:30-31:** “Even the youths shall faint and be weary . . . but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”

The final chapter in **Real Solutions for Caring for Your Elderly Parent** touches on the importance of caring for self first in order to care properly for others. The stresses of daily life deplete one’s physical and mental well-being with the added responsibility of caring for another person. Self-care might include recognizing one’s limitations, adapting to change, finding a meaning and purpose in life, and seeking local resources to support one’s needs. Above all, find humor to help relieve tensions—laughter is the best medicine!

To read further, find this book in your local library or go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Please forward your thoughts or questions on this book to Rev. Meredith Dark,

[mmdark@umcsc.org](mailto:mmdark@umcsc.org).

UM Youth Fellowship:  
Youth activities...

~Sunday Youth Group @ North Campus  
6:30-7:30PM—Devotion and outdoor games only.

**SEPT 16th:** 7AM Breakfast/Devo (Jr & Sr High)  
Southern House of Pancakes



Please **find your new nametag on the board at the front door or see Jennifer Hupko**, wear it in worship then return it to the board as you exit. Please **do not** take nametags home.

Ladies Lunch & Devotion  
Wednesday, September 9th  
11:30AM at Magnolia's

Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion



**Epworth Children's Home  
WORK DAY OFFERING  
Next Sunday, September 13th!**

This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. The emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, but it is still important that we come together to **provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth.** Remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call. Your generous contribution to First Church's ministry enables transformation to happen for these children. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is an opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information visit

[www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

**Gifts as of 8/30/2020 (includes online giving):**

Giving Week of:	\$ 42,788
Giving YTD:	\$ 855,326
Expenses YTD:	\$ 989,086
Difference YTD:	- \$ 133,760
Add PPP Loan (to be forgiven):	\$ 130,935
<b>Adjusted Difference YTD:</b>	<b>- \$ 2,825</b>

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

**Presence 8/30/2020**

◆ Worship:	122
◆ Worship Facebook/Web:	531
◆ All Social Media:	4,825
◆ Sunday School:	Meeting online



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
TODAY, SEPT 6th @ 4:00PM**

Bring your backpack, wear your mask, social distance, and meet on the front lawn of the church to bless student backpacks.

**Students will receive Bag Tags.**

We will also recognize  
**TEACHERS,  
ADMINISTRATORS,  
AND  
SCHOOL STAFF!**

All are welcome.



*First Church Thrift Store—CLOSED during COVID-19*

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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, September 6, 2020**

**NO Nursery, Communion  
or Sunday School**

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

11:00AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**  
SANCTUARY

4:00PM **BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**  
FRONT LAWN

**IN PERSON**

**MASK & DISTANCING, please**

### **MONDAY, September 7**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

### **TUESDAY, September 8**

9:00AM **Staff Meeting**  
OFFICE/2nd FLOOR

2:30PM **Congregational Care Mtg**  
VIA ZOOM

### **WEDNESDAY, September 9**

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

11:00AM **Tennessee Collier Circle**  
PARLOR

11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devo**  
MAGNOLIA'S AT 26TH-upstairs

5:00PM **Worship Meeting** PARLOR

7:00PM **Grief Group** VIA ZOOM



CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE—Jesus, even as a boy of 12, is dressed here in white robe, symbolic of purity. The Holy Family lived in the village of Nazareth after returning from Egypt. When Jesus was 12 years old, His family took Him to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. As the family was on the return journey, they found that the lad was not with them. Hurrying back to Jerusalem, they found Him in the temple, surrounded by the

doctors, or Jewish Rabbis, with whom He was in deep discussion (Luke 2:41). This scene is usually called “Christ Among the Doctors.”

THE LAMP—The lamp, because of the light it sheds, is used as a symbol of wisdom and piety.

