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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 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
FUMC Centennial Moments for October: **CHRISTMAS LIGHT MEMORIAL FUND**

Several years ago, the United Methodist Women sought an additional fundraiser to add to their local mission work. The idea came of having lights put on the big oak tree on the front lawn. The first lights were bought ‘on sale’ after Christmas and, the following fall, the first “Annual Christmas Tree Lights” became a tradition. A ceremony was held under the tree with the Youth Choir, hot chocolate, and cookies!

Since then, many local charities have benefited from donations. This year, renamed “Christmas Light Memorial Fund”, the proceeds will be given to Hope House which aids homeless Myrtle Beach High School students. UMW hopes to make this year’s lights shine brighter than ever by asking our entire church membership to make a donation of at least $20 "In Memory or In Honor of a Loved One".

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**Consecration Sunday Is Coming**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view Christian financial giving to their church merely as a way to pay its bills, but rather as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

The *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* will teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our *stewardship education emphasis* this year. It is a program based on the *biblical philosophy of the need to give* for his or her own spiritual development rather than on the need of the church to receive. It encourages us in proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on **Consecration Sunday**, we are asking attendees and members to make their *financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world*.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

During morning worship, our guest speaker will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, culminated by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We encourage your participation in Consecration Sunday events and we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to **attend Consecration Sunday worship**.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events!

*Tommy Brittain*, Stewardship Chair

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**First Church Weekly Reading:**

- October 28: Deuteronomy 4:15-20
- October 29: Leviticus 26:3-13
- October 30: Isaiah 44:6-8
- October 31: Mark 12:28-33
- November 1: Deuteronomy 6:20-25
- November 2: Deuteronomy 5:6-10
- November 3: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

*Indicates: Uniform Series

International Lesson Series: Deuteronomy 5:1-10; 6:1-9

“An Interior Design”

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**Sunday School Classes**

**Children’s Classes**

- Nursery
- Nursery
- Wesley 102
- Wesley 201
- Wesley 201
- Wesley 201
- Wesley 201

**Youth Classes**

- Sonshine House

**Adult Classes**

- Wesley 103
- Asbury 101
- Asbury 203
- Wesley 105
- Asbury 201
- The 925
- Wesley 104
- Music Center 101

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First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don’t already have one.
IN REMEMBRANCE  
Margaret E. Reinhardt  
June 9, 1932 – October 22, 2019  
“I am the resurrection and the life; those that believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live.”

New Directions—A transitional program (formerly Center for Women and Children) serving families in crisis, it is a safe shelter for men, women and families providing counseling, legal advocacy and 24-hour crisis intervention.

Current NEEDS are: ALL PAPER PRODUCTS—toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins; trash bags (tall kitchen), laundry detergent, Pampers (sizes 4 & 5), cleaning supplies, monetary donations.

Items may be placed in receptacles in the church office. Please help stop the cycle of violence by giving generously. Monetary donations by check may be made payable to FUMC, note New Directions.

This Sunday in ANEW: Bibles will be presented to 3rd graders.

Church Council will meet in the Chapel on Tuesday, Oct 29th at 5:30PM. The agenda will cover all Committee Reports as well as an update on the breach of trust case. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All Saints’ Banner—Please stop by the church office to pin a bell on the All Saints’ banner in memory of a loved one. The banner will be carried into worship on Sunday, November 3rd, as we remember the Saints of the Faith.

All Saints’ Sunday is November 3rd. In all three services, we will remember our members who have entered the Church Triumphant since November 4, 2018. In addition, anyone who would like to share the name(s) of immediate family (spouse, parent, child) who are not members, but have passed in the last year, are welcome to submit those names along with a picture by October 28th so that we may properly recognize them in worship. Please submit the information to Melinda Morgan in the church office, melinda@fumcmb.org.

TENNESSEE COLLIER CIRCLE is sponsoring an “Undie Drive”. You are invited to bring NEW ladies or men’s underwear and place in the bin at the church office marked “Undie Drive”. We will collect these items through Sunday, Nov 3rd and will then deliver to Helping Hands for distribution to our local homeless population. We appreciate your help in collecting these much-needed items.

Stewardship Help needed on the following Mondays—Nov 4, 11, and 18 at 3:00PM. Anyone available to help fold letters, stuff, and label envelopes, all help is appreciated. We will meet on these dates in the Chapel or upstairs in the church office. Light refreshments.
**Pastor/Parish Relations Committee** has approved new positions for a Children’s Director and a Youth Director. The interview process is anticipated to begin soon. Please refer to The Steeple for updates.

**REMINDER:** When donating bags of clothing items to the Thrift Store, please DO NOT leave them on the sidewalk at the store. Items may only be accepted when the Store is open. Thank you.

**Mondays:** 9AM—1PM  
**Thursdays:** 1PM—4PM

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**Financials and Attendance**

**Gifts (includes online giving)**
- Week of October 20, 2019: $19,962
- Giving to-date: $856,191
- Expenses to-date: $1,090,116

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

**Presence**—October 20, 2019
- Worship: 385
- Sunday School: 167

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**Paintball**

On **Sunday, Nov 10th**, the Youth will leave after church to play **Paintball**! The cost will depend on the number of participants. We would love to have **youth and parents** involved in this event!!!

**Please RSVP by Nov 5th.**

Please mark **December 8th and 15th** as **Shepherd’s Child days**… one for shopping the other for the celebration. We need 25 youth to sign up for this event to be a success!

**RSVP by November 21st** to secure your spot for this awesome First Church Christmas tradition!

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**SAVE THE DATE**—**2020 Camp Dates:**
- **June 7 - 12, 2020**

**Register for 2020 camp by December 31** to get 2019 rates!

**Register at www.asburyhills.com**

Scholarships are available online directly through Asbury Hills.

For questions on additional financial help, contact Jennifer Hupko to discuss.  

hupko@fumcmb.org

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Even though the Mini-Marathon was cancelled due to weather this past weekend, we plan to run in the March 2020 event and will continue to accept donations for “Zoe Empowers”. We are extremely grateful for the $3,023 in donations received thus far and will combine these funds with hopeful future donations. Thank you for your generous support.
SUNDAY, October 27, 2019

8:15-12:00 Nursery Provided WESLEY BLDG
8:30AM Traditional Worship SANCTUARY
9:30AM Holy Communion CHAPEL
9:45AM Sunday School MAIN CAMPUS
11:00AM Traditional Worship SANCTUARY
11:00AM Anew Contemporary WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
12:00PM Security Meeting PARLOR

MONDAY, October 28

9:00AM Thrift Store MAIN CAMPUS
5:30PM Adult Handbell Rehearsal HANDBELL ROOM
6:30PM Festive Brass Rehearsals TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS

TUESDAY, October 29

9:00AM Staff Meeting OFFICE/2nd FLR
5:30PM Church Council Meeting CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, October 30

7:15AM Women’s Prayer Group PRAYER ROOM
7:30AM Men’s Prayer Group LIBRARY
1:00PM Adult Handbell Rehearsal HANDBELL ROOM
3:15PM Children’s Bells & Choirs MAIN CAMPUS
5:00PM Youth Choir MAIN CAMPUS
6:30PM Wesley Chancel Choir MUSIC ROOM

THURSDAY, October 31

5:30AM F3 Bible Study TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS
1:00PM Thrift Store MAIN CAMPUS

LOOK AHEAD

Sunday, Nov 3rd
- All Saints Sunday
Tuesday, Nov 5th
- UMW General Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 13th
- Charge Conference
Saturday, Nov 23rd
- UMW Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale
Sunday, Nov 24th
- Consecration Sunday

Big Tom’s “A Quote”
“Teenagers look to their PARENTS to see how worried they should be about whatever LIFE throws at them.”
~Lisa Damon