Second Sunday of Advent
Candle of Peace

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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 December: **Advent Wreath**

The Advent Candle Wreath has five candles in a bed of greenery. The wreath is round in shape and symbolizes God’s never ending love. The purple or blue candle represents royalty and is the traditional color of Advent. Three candles in the wreath are usually purple symbolizing a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice while the pink candle symbolizes joy. The white candle placed in the middle of the wreath is the Christ Candle and is white representing the purity of Christ.

The first candle lit is the Prophecy Candle representing "Hope" reminding us of God’s promise that He is our hope, redeemer and savior.

The second candle lit is the Angel’s Candle symbolizing "Peace" proclaiming the love and peace of Heaven that is ours through Jesus Christ as we prepare our hearts for his coming.

The third candle lit is the Shepherd's Candle and is pink representing "Joy" that our hearts may be forever filled with the joy and praise for God’s gift of a Savior.

The fourth candle lit is the Bethlehem Candle representing "Love", announcing the coming King and greatness of God’s love through the Christ Child.

The Christ Candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and represents the life of Christ.

Please remember to **return commitment cards** for our Stewardship program **as soon as possible**. Anyone who does not have a card may **request one** from Kay in the church office (kay@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164).

We are “**TURNING IT UP IN 2020**” with Monday Night Worship starting January 13th at **6PM in the Chapel**. Stay tuned for more details coming very soon.

**Big Tom’s “A Quote”**

“Nothing is better than knowing your conscience is clean, before God, as you go to sleep.”

~ James Smith

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<td>December 5: Hebrews 6:13-20</td>
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<td>December 6: Acts 26:1-8</td>
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<td>December 8: Hebrews 11:1, 6-16</td>
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First Church invites you to follow this weekly Scripture reading plan if you don’t already have one.

* Indicates: Uniform Series

**International Lesson Series: Hebrews 11:1, 6-16**

“Faith and Hope”

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**Adult Classes**

| Ark: Wesley 103 |
| Brittain Fellowship: Asbury 101 |
| Faith Foundations: Asbury 203 |
| M.D. Moore: Wesley 105 |
| New Horizons: Asbury 201 |
| New Ventures: The 925 |
| Open Doors: Wesley 104 |
| Open Fellowship: Music Center 101 |
Congratulations on the birth of Charley Jane Rich, born November 26, 2019, daughter of Pamela and Zak Rich, granddaughter of Jean and Mike Hussey, and little sister to big sister Kennedy. The Dutch Cradle Cross is placed on the altar in honor of her birth.

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. Our Christmas Eve offering will also go toward this world mission.

The Children's Christmas program will be presented TODAY, Sunday, December 8th in the Sanctuary at 10AM (during Sunday School hour). Come and enjoy hearing our children.

Festive Brass of Myrtle Beach presents “Christmas Around the World” on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00PM in the Sanctuary. Free Admission!

Ladies Lunch & Devotion—Magnolia’s (upstairs) at 11:30AM Wednesday, Dec 11th | Fellowship, Lunch, and Devotion

LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP with those who mourn, also known as “Blue Christmas”. If you are dealing with the loss of a loved one and finding it difficult to celebrate the love and joy at Christmastime, please join us on Thursday, December 19th, at 5:00PM in the Chapel for a service of reflection, accepting who we are, holding out healing and hope.

Poinsettias—Order a Poinsettia from the Cloister Circle for $15 “in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One” to adorn our worship services during Christmas week. Forms may be found in the church office and are due by Dec 15th. Proceeds will benefit New Directions, a transitional program serving families in crisis; a safe shelter for women and children providing counseling, legal advocacy and 24-hour crisis intervention. Your support is appreciated.

UMW Annual Oak Tree Lighting—Help light the Big Oak this Christmas “in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One”. Donate a string of lights for $20 to the “Christmas Light Memorial Fund”; proceeds benefit Hope House (giving aid to homeless students at Myrtle Beach High School). Forms may be found in the church office and at the entrances to worship and are due by December 17th. The UMW thanks you.
UM Youth Fellowship News:
Youth activities...

Coming Up:
Dec 8th: Shop for Shepherd’s Child
Dec 10th: High School Breakfast & Devo @ Chick Fil-a, Mr. Joe White Ave
Dec 12th: Middle School Breakfast & Devo @ Bojangles, International Dr
Dec 15th: Shepherd’s Child Celebration
Dec 15th: Youth Christmas Party @ The 925

Make sure to sign up for Revolution! Cost is $63 PLUS 3 meals.
RSVP by Dec 18th. Trip dates are Jan 24-26.
We will also need your T-shirt size.

Shepherd’s Child | Dec 15th
Shepherds Child helps children in need through financial assistance, a meal, gift giving, and sharing the Christmas Story. We need your financial help. All monetary donations will go towards Shepherd’s Child. 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.

Thank you! With a lot of help, we packed and mailed 61 boxes to our college students. As a result of your generosity, we sent brownies, fudge, cookies, toasted pecans, trail mix and much more. Many thanks for helping make wonderful Christmas boxes packed with love and enough goodies to share with roommates and friends. No wonder we are known as “The Church with a Heart!” We asked and You responded—you never fail to amaze! ~ The College Ministry Team

Financials and Attendance

Gifts (includes online giving)
Week of December 1, 2019: $34,869
Giving to-date: $1,121,405
Expenses to-date: $1,261,890
Difference: - $140,485

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence—December 1, 2019
♦ Worship 402
♦ Social Media Views 327
♦ Sunday School 207

The First Church Thrift Store Hours: Mondays 9AM-12PM; Thursdays 1:00-4:00PM. Donations accepted during these times.
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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  Traditional Worship televised Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM, on FOX Channel 7
**Happening This Week**

**SUNDAY, December 8, 2019**

8:15 - 12:00  **Nursery Provided**  WESLEY BLDG
8:30 AM  **Traditional Worship**  SANCTUARY
9:30 AM  **Holy Communion**  CHAPEL
9:45 AM  **Sunday School**  MAIN CAMPUS
10:00 AM  **Children’s Christmas Program**  SANCTUARY
11:00 AM  **Traditional Worship**  SANCTUARY
11:00 AM  **Anew Contemporary**  WESLEY WORSHIP CENTER
1:30 PM  **Children’s Caroling**  CDM-NORTH CAMPUS

**MONDAY, December 9**

9:00 AM  **Thrift Store**  MAIN CAMPUS
5:30 PM  **SPRC Meeting**  OFFICE/2nd Flr
5:30 PM  **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  HANDBELL ROOM
6:30 PM  **Festive Brass Rehearsal**  TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS

**TUESDAY, December 10**

9:00 AM  **Staff Meeting**  OFFICE/2nd Flr
11:00 AM  **Advent Study “Faithful”**  CHAPEL
12:30 PM  **Tennessee Collier Circle**  COVENANT TOWERS
3:00 PM  **Lautrelle Merchant Circle**  PARLOR
5:00 PM  **Sisters in Service Circle**  CAROLING & DINNER

**WEDNESDAY, December 11**

7:15 AM  **Women’s Prayer Group**  PRAYER ROOM
7:30 AM  **Men’s Prayer Group**  LIBRARY
11:30 AM  **Women’s Lunch Devotion**  MAGNOLIA’S RESTAURANT
6:00 PM  **Cloister Circle**  CHRISTMAS DINNER
5:30 PM  **Adult Handbell Rehearsal**  SANCTUARY
6:30 PM  **Wesley Chancel Choir**  SANCTUARY

**THURSDAY, December 12**

5:30 AM  **F3 Bible Study**  TNBC-NORTH CAMPUS
NOON  **Ann Herbert Circle**  CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
1:00 PM  **Thrift Store**  MAIN CAMPUS

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**2020 Offering Envelopes** will be available later this month to pick up in the office. If you need weekly envelopes, please notify Kay in the church office, kay@fumcmb.org or 843-488-7164.
MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS
FOR NOVEMBER 2019 BULLETIN

----------IN MEMORY OF----------

Angela Brown
James Kendrick (Pastor’s Discretionary)

Kevin Clontz
Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)

Rosalyn Clontz
Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)

George Crews
Pete & Jo Pearce (Memorial Fund)

Ann Crutchfield
Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)
Mike & Jean Hussey (TV)

Thomas Dugan
James Kendrick (Pastor’s Discretionary)

Sandy Frey
Open Fellowship Class (Pastor’s Discretionary)

Lyn Gardner
Jan & Rowan Crews (TV)

Milton Harcum
Bob & Phyllis Poston (TV)
Sisters in Service (Pastor’s Discretionary)
Carrie Inabinet, John & Carolyn Streeter, and Mary
Catherine & Steve Mattox (Pastors Discretionary)
Frank & Harriet Clark (General Fund)

Ron Mason
James Kendrick (Pastor’s Discretionary)

Billie McClain
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Doug McCormick
Mike & Jean Hussey (TV)

Margaret Reinhardt
Mike & Jean Hussey (TV)
Carrie Inabinet, John & Carolyn Streeter, and Mary
Catherine & Steve Mattox (Pastors Discretionary)
Jim & Helen Clemmons (Memorial Fund)

----------IN MEMORY OF (continued)----------

Wilson Springs
James Kendrick (Pastor’s Discretionary)

Anthony Trask
Mark Pugh, Julie & Hartley Trask (General Fund)

Jewel Wrenn
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

----------IN HONOR OF----------

Children’s and Adult Choirs, Meredith Dark,
Melody Gildner and Decoration Team, Stewardship
Promotion Speakers, Wyatt James Wicker
Tom Brittain (Billboard Advertising)
Tommy & Kathy Brittain (Billboard Advertising)

Tom Brittain, George Howle, Meredith Dark,
Regi Thackston
Neil & Susan McCoy (General Fund)

Tom Brittain
Robert & Shirley Schmidt (Summer Camp Endowment)