



The Steeple ■ March 21, 2021

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

Bishop Gary Rivas, Evangelism Pastor

North Campus

Jennifer Hupko, Director

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Julia Brooks, Director, Children's Ministry

Cindy Johnson, Director

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Music Ministry

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Jayne Smith, Director, Hand Bells

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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."

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 & 11:00AM Worship-Traditional/Blended, Sanctuary; **Facebook Live @ 8:30AM**

*****Please register your attendance (name, address, phone#).as well as for contact tracing purposes. 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**

I am aware that many of you are eager to be together again in Sunday School on Sunday mornings. I am doing all that I can to make that happen as quickly as possible. After conversations with Pastor George and our District Superintendent, Rev. Tim Rogers, this is where we are:



Given the state of the Wesley building at this time, and the fact that classes meet in that facility, our goal is to have usable space for Sunday School by April 11th. By allowing this time to have finished space, we will be able to have ALL classes begin meeting at the same time, if they so choose. This past year has been tough on many of us and we rely on the support and fellowship of our Sunday School classmates. Continue to be patient at this time and I will, to the best of my ability, make sure we stay on schedule for this date. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at hupko@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.



Sisters in Service UMW Circle annual HIBISCUS FUNDRAISER supports Local Missions. Please contact any circle member, Harriet Clark at 843-360-0017, or Linda Shields at 843-602-9413, to purchase a beautiful **3 gallon Hibiscus** for a **\$15 donation** each. Plants will be available to pick up at Evergreen Nursery, 1697 Mr. Joe White Ave. during the month of April. Thank you for your support!

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Even when uncertainty is all you can see, God still gives hope."

~ Nona Jones, pastor/author

First Church Weekly Readings: *

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

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| Mar 22 | Psalm 65:1-13 |
| Mar 23 | 2 Kings 4:18-37 |
| Mar 24 | Luke 11:5-13 |
| Mar 25 | Romans 8:25-27 |
| Mar 26 | Luke 18:9-14 |
| Mar 27 | Matthew 6:5-8, 16-18 |
| Mar 28 | Matthew 6:9-14 |

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

Virtual Classes available

** Indicates: Uniform Series
International Lesson Series: Matthew 6:5-18
"Prayer and Holiness
(The Sixth Sunday in Lent)"*



Monthly Mission in Motion—MARCH

Helping Hand needs our assistance!
All non-perishable food items are welcome.



Canned Soups
Ramen Noodles
Pork & Beans
1-LB Bags of Rice
Packets of Oatmeal
Packets of Grits

Canned Vegetables
Boxed Mac & Cheese
Canned Fruit
Canned Meats: Tuna/Chili/
Spam/Vienna Sausage/
Beef Stew

Canned Pasta: Beefaroni/Spaghetti
Peanut Butter (small jars)
Jelly (small jars)
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Razors
Small Deodorant

IN REMEMBRANCE

Patricia Ann Sears

April 20, 1935—March 13, 2021

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



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**First Church will serve at Community Kitchen
Week of March 22—26**

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



PHOTOS PLEASE—Please take a **selfie of yourself and/or your family** and email the picture(s) and all names to melinda@fumcmb.org. This tool will assist the ministers to put names with faces!

Since our last pictorial directory in 2018, we have new staff and new members. We would appreciate pictures from everyone to include in our membership database so that the ministers' easy access (no new Directory at this time). Thank you for your help.



THE MARION DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES TRAINING SCHOOL

VIA ZOOM — April 17 & 18 and April 24 & 25

(sessions each day 9AM-Noon; 2PM-5PM)

Attend both classes to receive credit and completion certificate

REGISTER BY March 26, 2021—Fee: \$30.00—submit check and form

(form available in the church office or from **Gerrie Watson, 843-424-9965**)

Mail form and check (payable to Marion District Lay Servant Ministries) to:

Ann Sowers, Co-Director of Lay Servant Ministries, 3485 Bristol Ln, Myrtle Beach 29577



First Church's Congregational Care Committee and Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center Therapists

Suicide Prevention Talk (3rd of 3)

Mind, Body, Spirit, Community—Multi-complex Causes—Hope & Healing

***** **March 24 (last of 3 Talks)** *****

3:00PM in the Sanctuary—All are welcome

Cost: Saving the life of a child, grandchild or a loved one

Session will be live-streamed on our Facebook page ([fumcmb](https://www.facebook.com/fumcmb))

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline—800-273-8255

(<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>)

UM YF Youth activities...

- Mar 21: 1PM** Fun Day, Broadway Grand Prix
Meet at North Campus \$20 each
- Mar 24: 7AM** Youth Prayer Breakfast
Middle & High School (\$7 tax & tip)
Southern House of Pancakes, MB
- Mar 28: 5:15PM** Youth @ North Campus

Heads Up!

(details to follow)

- Apr 9-12:** Chrysalis (girls)
Apr 16-19: Chrysalis (boys)
<https://www.ccchrysalis.com/>



Evangelism

We all love being the bearers of good news, don't we? Well, evangelism is all about sharing Good News. If you and I have received the Good News of Jesus Christ and what He has done for us—and what he continues to do for us—nothing in the world should stop you and me from wanting to tell others. More than that, God expects us to share this news. He has no 'plan B'. You and I are 'IT'. So, if indeed it is Good News to you, share it! Evangelism in a nut shell.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

All graduating seniors are invited to **apply for a college scholarship** through FUMCMB. Contact Jennifer Hupko, hupko@fumcmb.org, for the Application. Application packages must be submitted to Jennifer Hupko in the church office no later April 29, 2021.

Coming Soon!

- Mar 24**—Suicide Prevention Talk, 3PM
Mar 27—Easter Egg Hunt @ CDM, 10AM
Mar 28—Palm Sunday services
8:30AM & 11AM, Sanctuary
Apr 1—Maundy Thursday, Sanctuary
6PM, Tenebrae, Holy Communion
Apr 2—Good Friday, Noon, 7 Last Words
Apr 4—Easter services
Plyer Park @ 6:45AM
Sanctuary, 8:30AM—9:45—11AM
North Campus 10AM
Apr 15—Talk Saves Lives, 7PM, Sanctuary
May 14-16—Confirmation Retreat
May 23—Confirmation
Jun 13—Youth/Sr Recognition Sunday



Saturday, March 27 @ 10:00AM
Easter Egg Hunt at CDM
(North Campus, 904 65th Ave N)
Please join us for Easter Egg Hunt fun!

Due to Covid, we will only do the egg hunt; adults will need to wear masks. All ages are welcome. Separate designated areas will be set up for toddlers, preschool, and after-school children. **Donations of individually wrapped candy** to help fill 2,000 Easter eggs are greatly appreciated. Please deliver your candy donations to the church office or the CDM as early as possible.



Financials and Attendance

Gifts as of 3/14/2021 (includes online giving):

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| Giving Week of 3/14/21: | \$ 46,572 |
| Giving YTD: | \$ 298,160 |
| Expenses YTD: | \$ 344,271 |
| Difference YTD: | -\$ 46,111 |

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Presence 3/14/2021

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| ◆ Worship: | 229 |
| ◆ Worship Facebook/Web: | 713 |
| ◆ All Social Media: | 4,053 |
| ◆ 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

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Request emailed **Steeple: thesteeple@fumcmb.org** Televised Worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, March 21, 2021

NO Nursery—Virtual Sunday School

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

9:45AM **Confirmation Class**
THE 925

9:45AM **Pre-K Sunday School** ZOOM

K-5th Grade Sunday School
VIA ZOOM

10:10AM **Traditional/Blended Worship**
SANCTUARY

4:45PM **Children's Hand Bells Gr 2-6**
Children's Music K-1

5:20PM **Children's Hand Chimes K-1**
Children's Music Gr 2-6
WESLEY BUILDING

1:00PM **Youth Fun Day! Grand Prix**

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN M-Th

Mask & Social Distancing please

MONDAY, March 22

5:30PM **Adult Hand Bells** SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, March 23

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

10:00AM **Lenten Study** CHAPEL

2:30PM **Congregational Care Mtg**
PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, March 24

7:00AM **Youth Breakfast/Devo** (\$7)
SOUTHERN HOUSE OF PANCAKES

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

1:00PM **Adult Handbells** SANCTUARY

3:00PM **Suicide Prevention Talk**
SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, March 26

5:30PM **Finance Committee Mtg**
CHAPEL

SATURDAY, March 27

9-11AM **Orchestra/Handbells**
Rehearsals
SANCTUARY

