



The Steeple

May 5, 2024

10:00AM* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00AM^ Contemporary Worship
Wesley Worship Ctr



A United Methodist Congregation

*Facebook livestreamed ^YouTube livestreamed

WELCOME

We are blessed to have you with us in worship this day!
Our mission: "Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others!"
Gather—Grow—Give—Go!

Order of Worship

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

The liturgical color is white celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion.

*We lift up prayers for the nation, our community, our church family, staff, ministers,
and for the work of Christ in the world.*

Prelude "Andante" Schubert
(The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God with meditation and silent prayer.)

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Michelle D. Louk

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Opening Hymn** "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" UMH #160

* **Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Jim Creel, Jr. | UMH #881
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **The Gloria Patri** UMH #70
(Following, children ages 4 years to 1st grade, may be dismissed to Children's Church. Parents may pick up children after worship in room 102, Wesley Bldg.)

Scripture Reading John 17:1-5 Annette Willett
Pew Bible NT pg. 105

Anthem "Lead Me Lord" arr. Mauldin
Kim Alexander, soloist

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Creel

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Celebrating Grace by Returning God's Tithes and Giving Our Offerings
(Offering Stewards will come forward at this time. Please register attendance.)

Offertory "Allegro" Passer

* **The Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Creel

* **Hymn of Preparation** "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152

(Continued on the next page.)

Scripture	James 5:13-18	<i>Pew Bible NT, pg. 217</i>
Sermon	“When Things Go Wrong”	Rev. Louk
Service of Word and Table		UMH #12
Communion Reflection		Susan Soehner, <i>piano</i> <i>Please feel free to pray at the altar. A communion offering may be left at the altar to benefit Epworth Children’s Home.</i>
* Closing Hymn	“O How He Loves You and Me”	TFWS #2108
* Benediction		Rev. Louk
* Postlude	“Allegro Moderato”	Telemann

(*) *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

We are blessed to welcome everyone today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ together in worship.

Members and guests, kindly pass the attendance book along the pew to **register your attendance. Members may check-in on the Realm app on their mobile device.**

Worship aids available. Please see an usher for hearing devices, large print hymnals, and children’s Wiggle Bags.

Sunday School for all ages—4 through adult—9:00 to 9:45AM.

Nursery (infants and toddlers) is offered during Sunday school and worship in Wesley Building **rooms 101 and 106.**

Children’s Church is offered in Wesley room 102 for children ages 4 through first grade during worship. **First time parents in worship, please accompany your child/children after the children’s message in worship to check in.**

The **flowers** in worship today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Makins on her heavenly birthday, May 8th, by her husband Jim Makins.

Worship flowers are needed for July 14, 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25. To reserve one of these dates or a future date to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Trisha Tuite in the church office, trisha@fumcmb.org or 843-448-7164.

Virtual worship opportunities may be found on Facebook (fumcmb), on our website (www.fumcmb.org), on the mobile app (fumc mb), or Sundays at 10AM on WFXB (FOX TV7), and on YouTube (@firstchurch6363).

Serving in Worship

GREETERS—MAY

Front Entrance Pat and Barry Thigpen **Office Entrance** Nita Letts
Broadway Entrance Jean Hussey

USHERS—MAY

Annette Willett: Denise Daniels, Glen Daniels, Carol Ann Felts, Ronnie Felts, Dabney Joyner, Beth Rozier, Jim Rozier, Ed Willett

COMMUNION STEWARDS: Ron Andrews, Anne Andrews, Ed Willett, Annette Willett, Tom Winn, Judy Winn

ACOLYTE Will Sturzenbecker
CRUCIFER Wes Sturzenbecker

BIBLE BEARER Claire Sturzenbecker

CHILDREN’S CHURCH Barbara Cherry, Amanda Sturgeon

VIDEO Jim Lewis

AUDIO Melinda Morgan



Monthly Mission—MAY



Epworth Children's Home served over 1,400 children and families last year through their statewide programs. **Epworth provides care to children in our communities affected by abuse, neglect, and loss.** Epworth's support breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. Most of the children served by Epworth will not celebrate Mother's Day with their birth mothers. They will instead be surrounded by loving staff and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support.

This ministry is provided for and embraced by churches in South Carolina. The annual Mother's Day Offering benefits the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration this month of what God is calling you to give to this life changing ministry. **For current needs, please visit online, www.epworthchildrenshome.org.**

IN REMEMBRANCE

Harold Brooks Barron
April 27, 1946—April 30, 2024

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

Condolences—The pastors, staff and church family extend Christian sympathy to **Wanda Bellamy** and family on the passing of her brother, **Joe Cole**, on March 14, 2024 of Estacada, Oregon; and to **John Clingerman** and family on the passing of his son, **Forrest Clingerman**, on April 21, 2024, of Bluffton, SC.

2024 Bible Lectionary Reading Plan

Week 18 (5/5/24): Acts 10, Exodus 16, 1 John 5, Psalm 98, Proverbs 9

The **Wednesday Bible Study** meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 1:30PM in the 925**. Join us as we study in the book of **Genesis, chapters 13, 14, 15**. All are welcome. mdlouk@umcsc.org

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"When you cry out for Jesus, He is there. God never sleeps."

~ Psalm 121:4

International Lesson Series

Bible Study for Sunday School classes includes the following weekly lesson reading plan.

May 6	Matthew 7:24-27
May 7	Matthew 11:2-6
May 8	Matthew 11:25-30
May 9	Matthew 12:46-50
May 10	Matthew 18:1-5
May 11	Matthew 20:20-28
May 12	Matthew 28:16-20

*Uniform Series International Lesson Series
 "Our Mission"
 Matthew 1:18-23; 25:31-46; 28:16-20

Sunday School Classes

Children's Classes (Wesley Bldg)

Infants to 12 months	W-101
Toddlers-1 to 3 yr olds	W-106
4 yrs to Pre-K	W-102
K & 1st grades	W-202
2nd & 3rd grades	W-204
4th & 5th grades	W-203

Youth Classes

6th-12th Grades Sunshine House

Adult Classes (W=Wesley; A=Asbury)

Ark	The 925
Brittain Fellowship	A-101
New Creation	A-203
MD Moore*	W-105
Open Doors*	W-103
Open Fellowship*	A-104
Seekers	A-207

**MEMBERSHIP
INFO!**

**Official Church Membership Requirement from SC
Annual Conference:**

The **SC Annual Conference** has stated this year that **there will not be an automatic transfer of our current membership** roll to our new church roll after our disaffiliation becomes effective on June 30, 2024. All members who do not make this official transfer will be contacted by a representative of the Annual Conference to help them move their membership to another United Methodist Church in our area. **To remain as an official member of our newly-formed congregation, please indicate your desire to transfer your membership to First Methodist Church Myrtle Beach by marking and signing the card insert in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate today but no later than May 26, 2024.** Your card may also be placed in one of the baskets near the altar. Ushers or staff members have extra cards as needed.



Ladies Lunch and Devotion

Missi McMakin will bring the devotion on **Wednesday, May 8th at 11:30AM** at Magnolia's@26th, upstairs. **Please bring a Bible.** All ladies are welcome.

Mother's Day next Sunday is Epworth Children's Home offering! Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not celebrate Mother's Day with their birth mothers, but will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. The offering supports this vital ministry. For more information, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



Remember
all the fun
we had
last year
at VBS?
ALL THE
HEROES?



BE A HERO
AGAIN



NOW IT'S TIME TO CHECK OUT VBS 2024 AND SET SAIL!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Ages 3 years to 5th grade
We **SetSail!** from July 8th-11th
from 5:45-8PM
AND Sunday, July 14th Picnic

REGISTER NOW ONLINE
scan this QR code



**Some Adult and Youth sailors still needed to lead their crews:
Recreation—Arts & Crafts—Stories & Skits—Science Activities
We also need Group Leaders, Helpers
and a Social Media Storyteller**

Contact your Cruise Director, Pastor Donna, donna@fumcmb.org to enlist!



5/5 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 5/8 7:15AM Youth Prayer Breakfast, Chick-fil-A, Seaboard
 5/12 5:15PM Youth Group @ N Campus
 5/19 Graduation Sunday, combined worship, Sanctuary followed by Senior luncheon, Wesley Hall

2024 Senior Scholarship application available. Contact Derek.

6/23-28 Look Up Lodge, Travelers Rest, SC—all spots are full

Contact Derek for late registration; no guarantees

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSNJXE0Uf_s0MyXlJWNwNJqu_affgqUctBPnS5rUQy9vFKYA/viewform

7/13-20 Salkehatchie Mission Trip, Columbia, SC

Cost is \$250*/student; \$100 deposit due at registration;

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpcTaAmLxjbNsBOIR5rqtD5N7EYxze08iRZpU3uqNePth8ZQ/viewform>

*Financial aid scholarships available. Contact derek@fumcmb.org



Children's Church is offered during worship in Wesley room 102 for children ages 4 thru first grade.

First-time parents, please accompany your child/children to check in after the children's message in worship.

EVENTS

Vacation Bible School on July 8-11, 5:45PM-8PM—"Set Sail" with Paul.

All children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to register online at www.fumcmb.org/vbs. Volunteers needed (see prior page).

Children's Sunday, July 14th, 10AM followed by a picnic and inflatables on the front lawn of the church.

NEW EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS ARE ACTIVE!



Messages from First Church Myrtle Beach should be arriving to your email Inbox for the Steeple and period announcements. If you do not see them, please check your spam/junk folder and move the message to your Inbox.



Thanks for Your Support!

Financials and Attendance

As of 4/28/2024 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of: \$ 24,611
 Total Revenue YTD: \$ 530,453
 Total Expenses YTD: \$ 570,557
 Difference YTD: - \$ 40,104

Expenses include monthly apportionments and direct billing.

MISSIONS IMPACT 2024

Faith Promise: \$ 106,135
 Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 39,490

Presence 4/28/2024

♦ Worship in person: 392
 ♦ Worship online: 799
 ♦ Fox TV & promos (Mar. mo. est): 19,360
 ♦ Social Media impressions: 3,755
 ♦ Sunday School: 173

Give electronically with a cell phone. Scan the QR code below with your phone's camera, then tap the link at the top of the screen to open VENMO to give.



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 Request The Steeple via email: thesteeple@fumcmb.org
 Televised worship, Sunday mornings—10AM, FOX Channel 7



SUMMER TEACHERS NEEDED!

SIGN UP TO TEACH A SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND BE BLESSED BY THEM!

Offer your time, love, faith, and support during the **summer** (June-August) as a **substitute teacher** for one or more Sundays. Materials are supplied. Classes groups are: **PreK-1st grades; 2nd-4th grades; 6th-12 grades.**

For more information, **email or call Pastor Donna,** donna@fumcmb.org or **Derek,** derek@fumcmb.org.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day



Saturday, May 11th from 8AM-3:30PM

2217 Turtle Street, Conway

**Lunch provided by Missions
Volunteers must be age 18+ or 16 with guardian**

To sign up: <https://www.habitatmb.org/>, select: **Volunteer / Construction Volunteers / "Start Now" Scroll to May 11 and register.**

Looking Ahead!

5/10 CDM Muffins for Moms
5/19 Senior/CDM grad. Sunday AND combined worship
6/2 Confirmation Sunday
6/14 CDM Donuts for Dads
6/23-28 Look Up Lodge, Youth
6/30 An American Celebration
7/8-11 Vacation Bible School
7/13-20 Salkehatchie
8/10 Yard Sale, FMC Women
8/17 Back to School Bash

Happening This Week

Holy Communion

SUNDAY, May 5, 2024

- 8:30AM-- **Nursery & Toddlers** WESLEY CTR
- 11:15AM
- 9:00AM **Sunday School** ALL AGES
- 9:00AM **Confirmation Class** SONSHINE HOUSE
- 10:00AM **Traditional Worship*** SANCTUARY *Facebook
- 10:00AM **Contemporary Worship^** WESLEY CTR ^YouTube
- 5:15PM **Youth Group** N CAMPUS

MONDAY, May 6

- 10:30AM **Sonshiners** THE 925
- 2:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PARLOR
- 3:00PM **Grief Group** ASBURY #104
- 5:00PM **Adult Handbell Rehearsal** WESLEY BLDG

TUESDAY, May 7

- 9:30AM **Staff Meeting** Ofc 2nd FLR
- 10:00AM **Women's Exec Board Mtg** PARLOR
- 6:00PM **Worship Committee Mtg** OFC-2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY, May 8

- 7:15AM **Youth Prayer Breakfast** CHICK-FIL-A, Seaboard St.
- 7:30AM **Women's Prayer Group** PRAYER ROOM
- 11:30AM **Ladies Lunch/Devotion** MAGNOLIA'S@26TH, upstairs
- 1:30PM **Bible Study** THE 925
- 6:30PM **Wesley Chancel Choir** THE CHAPEL

THURSDAY, May 9

- 5:30PM **Band Rehearsal** WESLEY HALL

FRIDAY, May 10

- 10:30AM **Ann Herbert Circle** PARLOR

SATURDAY, May 11

- 8-3:30PM **Habitat Volunteer Day**

Ministers

*Rev. Joel W. McMakin, Senior Pastor Rev. Michelle D. Louk, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jim Creel, Jr., Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation
Rev. Thomas N. Brittain, Pastor Emeritus*

*First United Methodist Church Myrtle Beach, 901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC
Church Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8AM-5PM
North Campus: Thomas N. Brittain Center, 904 65th Ave N, Myrtle Beach SC*



**MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
FOR APRIL 2024 BULLETIN**

IN MEMORY OF:

Harrison Clemmons

Steve & Tara Clemmons (General Fund)

Forest Clingerman

M D Moore Class (Memorial Fund)
John & Jenny Tranum (Memorial Fund)

Joe Cole

Open Fellowship Class (TV Ministry)

Charles B. Huggins, Jr

Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)

Dennis Ruby

Ed & Annette Willett (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Open Fellowship Class (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Tom Brittain (Summer Camp Endowment)
Judy & Roger Hall (TV Ministry)
Rhonda & Gene Singleton (Music Fund)

Jim Wood

Buddy & Penny Styers (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)
Deborah & Ray Floyd (Missions)
United Methodist Women (Flower Fund)

N HONOR OF:

Rosalie Bellamy

Brittain Fellowship Class (Epworth Children's Home)

Joel McMakin

Buddy & Penny Styers (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Michelle Louk

Buddy & Penny Styers (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Jim Creel, Jr.

Buddy & Penny Styers (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)

Al Wendler-Work with *Guardian Ad Litem*

Brittain Fellowship Class (Pastor's Discretionary
Fund)



FIRST CHURCH
MYRTLE BEACH

Follow Jesus and Share Him With Others!

_____ **I/We desire to remain** official member/s of this congregation
which will become First Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach,
effective June 30, 2024.

Print Name(s) _____
Date: _____

_____ **I/We desire to transfer** my/our membership to another United
Methodist Church in our area.

_____ **I/We give permission** to provide my/our contact information to the
SC Annual Conference for a representative from the Conference to
contact us about transferring our membership to another United
Methodist Church in our area.

Print Name(s) _____
Date: _____