#### 8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Kim DuBreuil In Christ Alone Matthew H. Corl \*CALL TO WORSHIP Andy Whitaker Smith

In Christ Alone \*PSALTER Psalm 42 Andy Whitaker Smith \*GLORIA PATRI We Will Glorify

**NEW MEMBERS** 

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE Kim DuBreuil **OFFERTORY** How Great Thou Art/arr. Jones Joe Jones, piano

**DOXOLOGY 95** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow **SERMON** 

Counting What Counts (Luke 12:13-21) Charley Reeb \*HYMN 438 Forth In Thy Name, O Lord

\*BENEDICTION

Charley Reeb

\*RESPONSE As We Go

**POSTLUDE** Postlude in A/Faulkes Matthew H. Corl

#### 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Andy Whitaker Smith **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Andy Whitaker Smith \*CALL TO WORSHIP **\*SONGS OF PRAISE** Presence, Goodbye Yesterday **BAPTISM** Djay Bryan Deus

Son of Jessica Exantus & Jean Pierre Deus

**NEW MEMBERS** 

**PRELUDE** 

\*HYMN

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Kim DuBreuil

**OFFERTORY** Called Me Higher

Counting What Counts (Luke 12:13-21) SERMON Charley Reeb

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** Stand In Your Love

\*BENEDICTION Charley Reeb

# 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Kim DuBreuil **PRELUDE** Voluntary on Diademata/Callahan Matthew H. Corl \*CALL TO WORSHIP Kim DuBreuil

**\*HYMN 88** Maker, In Whom We Live

**\*PSALTER 777** Psalm 42 Kim DuBreuil

\*GLORIA PATRI Glory Be to the Father

How Great Thou Art/arr. Jones **ANTHEM** Joe Jones, piano **NEW MEMBERS** 

PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kim DuBreuil **OFFERTORY** What a Friend We Have in Jesus/arr. Martin Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY 94** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow SERMON Counting What Counts (Luke 12:13-21)

Forth In Thy Name, O Lord \*HYMN 438 \*BENEDICTION Charley Reeb

\*RESPONSE 666 Shalom to You

**POSTLUDE** Postlude in A /Faulkes Matthew H. Corl

## 11:00AM THE CURRENT

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** Andy Whitaker Smith

**FAMILY MISSION TRIP COMMISSINING** 

\*BEAUTY FOR ASHES Ron Bell

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE** Presence,

Your Love is All Aroud Me, Build My Life

Andy Whitaker Smith **CENTERING PRAYER** 

**OFFERTORY** God I Look To You

\*DOXOLOGY

**SERMON** The Shepherd and The Giant (1 Samuel 16-17) Andy Whitaker Smith

COMMUNION

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** I Surrender All

\*BENEDICTION Andy Whitaker Smith

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands

ALL: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made. ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.

## **ABOUT OUR SERVICES**

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance at firstumc.org/connect.

#### Visit firstumc.org/connect or scan the QR code

for: Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving

## Presence in Worship (July 13)

In Person: 670 Online: 1,096 Total: 1,766

Charley Reeb

Giving Through July 6, 2025

YTD Budgeted Income: \$2,118,885 YTD Actual Income: \$(248,406)

Questions? Call Patrick Hamrick in the church office, 863-686-3163 x213

Text to Give: Text any amount to 855-485-1651, and you will receive a link to contribute.

Acolytes/Crucifers: Cameron Vessels, 8:15am

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Please notify the church when you are in the hospital! For care and love from pastors & the church, call or email the church office and leave word about your hospitalization. If you are unable to do this, ask a friend or relative to do it for you.

## Hospital

Diana Fogleman **David Roberts** 

## **Deaths**

Patricia Quinn, 7/11 Larry Overton, 7/12 James Waibel, 7/14

#### **Altar Flowers**

In memory of Buz Watkins and Mildred Watkins by The Watkins Family

To dedicate Altar Flowers in Memory or in Honor of a loved one, visit firstumc.org/altar-flowers or contact Angela Everett: 863-686-3163.

## **DEVOTIONAL GUIDE**

Monday: Read Luke 12:13-15. Verse 15 is a key verse of scripture. When Jesus begins a statement with "Watch out" it is important that we pay attention! "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." This would be a good phrase to commit to memory because the culture tries to convince us that who we are is made up of what we have. Here is a good question to ask: At the end of your life who or what will be the most important to you?

Tuesday: Read Luke 12:16-17. Notice the mistake the man in the parable made. It was the ground that produced the good crop, yet the man made it clear that it was his crop. We often make the mistake of forgetting the source of our blessings. None of us can be successful without the resources of God. The truth is everything we have is a gift from God. When we lose sight of the fact that all we own is really a gift from God, self-centeredness can infect our lives and cause a host of troubles. Take time today to thank God for all that

**Wednesday:** Read Luke 12:17-19. Take a minute and count how many times the man in the parable says, "I" or "I'll" and "My." You will find he refers to himself 10 times in three verses (depending upon translation). Does this tell you anything? A life living only for yourself is no life at all. Jesus reminded us that true life can only be found by giving ourselves away. Generosity is the key to joy and happiness. Selfishness leads to emptiness and spiritual pain. Find an older person in the church you respect and ask them what life has taught them about being generous.

Thursday: Read Luke 12:20-21. Why was God so angry? Why did God call the man a fool? He was a fool because he failed to see one of the most important lessons about our money and possessions - we are blessed to be a blessing. Have you ever stopped to wonder why you have been given so much? Sure, God wants you to enjoy life, but God also wants you to share what you have so others can receive a blessing. When we fail to see this, we have missed the point of life and God's purposes for us.

Friday: Read Luke 12:21. Imagine your own funeral. What would you like for the minister and family to say about you? How would you like to be remembered as people are eating sandwiches at the reception? Would you like for them to remember you as someone who was rich toward God? Does your life reflect how you would like to be remembered?

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To learn more about the ministries of the church and how to get connected, contact The Church Office (info@firstumc.org - 863-686-3163)



#### Advent Devotional Writers

Be part of this year's daily devotional book by sharing your voice and creativity! Whether it's a short written reflection (under 500 words), a meaningful story or memory, a family tradition, a favorite recipe, an original poem, an acrostic, a skit, or even a piece of visual art-all formats are welcome. The devotion should include a title, short prayer and a verse or two of scripture. Deadline to submit your work to adventdevotion@firstumc.org is Oct 10.



<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are able

# **CHILDREN**

For information regarding Children's Ministry events, contact Megan Gallagher, Director of Children's Ministries: mgallagher@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x280

9:30am KIC Start (Infants 6 weeks - VPK) 11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)

Promotion Sunday, Sunday, Aug 10, 9:30-10:30

As the new school year begins, most students move up to the next class in KIC Start according to their age, creating an exciting opportunity for them to learn new skills and form connections with their new teachers. Classes open at 9:15. Please allow extra time so we can ensure all children get to the correct classroom.

KIC Family Event, Today, 2:30-4:30pm
Join us for an exciting event at Lakeland Ice Cream Company South. Delight in refreshing treats while socializing with fellow parents. Don't forget to try your luck by spinning the wheel for a possible discount on your ice cream purchase. No need to register in advance, simply show up and have a fantastic time! We will be there rain or shine.

**Children's Ministry Seeking Sunday and Wednesday Staff** 

The Children's Ministry seeking Sunday and Wednesday Stan The Children's Ministry is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our team. This is a great opportunity for college students looking for a few hours of work each week. We need help on Sundays from 9 AM to 10:30 AM and Wednesdays from 5:40 PM to 7:45 PM. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Megan at MGallagher@firstumc.org.

KIC Start (Sunday School) Leaders- 9:30 Service (Aug through May)
Children's Ministry is seeking passionate individuals who want to support elementary-aged children (K-5th grade) in their spiritual growth during the 9:30 service. We are looking for volunteers who can commit to serving on a weekly or bi-weekly basis from August to May. All necessary teaching materials will be provided, and volunteers will lead activities that align with the weekly Bible story. Additionally, participants must complete an annual online training and undergo a background check. If you're interested, please contact Kristin Santonastaso by calling the church or emailing her at KSantonastaso@firstumc.org.

## **MISSIONS**

For more information regarding Missions, contact Forrest White, Director of Missions: fwhite@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x224.

If you are interested in helping with Hurricane Helene recovery in Western North Carolina during the week of Sep 7-13, please reach out to Forrest White, Director of Missions, as soon as possible. Deadline to sign up is July 23.

Philip O'Brien Elementary School

Philip O'Brien Elementary School
The 2025-26 school year is just around the corner! Please consider helping our partner school in one of more of these ways: 1) Campus beautification project, 8:30am-Noon on July 25. If you can't stay the whole time it's ok! 2) The school requests these items for the new year: Clorox Wipes, Lysol spray, Kleenex. Please leave in blue bins and marked for POB; 3) Serve as a kindergarten reading pal for an hour each week. Training required. Must be screened by PCSB. 4) Help with orientation for 4-6pm on Aug 7. 5) Provide food for staff breakfast on Aug 8. Food will need to be dropped at First UMC by 4pm on Aug 7. Contact either of our O'Brien passion team leaders for additional information - Joleen Golden (joleengolden@yahoo.com) or Ann Skellenger (abraham409@aol.com).

# INVITE

For more information, contact Invite Ministry Pastor, Kim DuBreuil, at kdubreuil@firstumc.org or Invite Ministries Coordinator, Andrea Bailey, at abailey@firstumc.org

We visit patients 5-6 days per week. Our pastors each visit 1 day per week. We need volunteers to visit on the other days, and on Pastors' vacation days. Commit to one day per month or more if you wish! For more info, contact Executive Assistant, Nicole Wood at nwood@firstumc.org.

**Home Visitation** 

Seeking volunteers to make quarterly homevisits to our church members. Commit to visiting 1 or 2 members, or more if you wish! For more info, contact Executive Assistant, Nicole Wood at nwood@firstumc.org.

# YOUTH

For information regarding our Youth Ministry events, contact **Emily Felgenhauer, Director of Youth Ministries:** efelgenhauer@firstumc.org, (863) 687-9750 x253.

Sunday, July 20: 10:30-11am Donuts and Discussion 3:30-5pm Youth Praise Band Practice 5-7pm Youth Group

Monday-Thursday, July 21-24: Local Mission Week

For our Summer Events visit firstumc.org/youth.

Local Mission Week, July 21-24, 9am-4pm
Join us for our Local Mission Week as we serve numerous organizations in our community!
This is a daily drop off and pick up weeklong activity that does not include overnights.
Youth who sign up are signing up to participate all 4 days. For more info or to register

Middle School Mystery Event, Sun, Aug 3, 10am-3:15pm
Join us for our Middle School Mystery Event! This event is for our rising sixth graders through current seventh graders (rising eighth graders) and will be a super fun opportunity for our Middle School students to bond! For more info or to register by July 23 visit firstumc.org.

Youth Family Fall Kick Off, Sun, Aug 10, 5-7pm
This year is going to be OUT OF THIS WORLD. Join us for our Youth Family Fall Kick-Off!
Youth and parents are invited to come learn all about our big events, curriculum, and win prizes! This is a free event. For more info or to register by Aug 6 visit firstumc.org/youth.

# **ADULTS**

For more information, contact Warren Pattison, Director of Adult Ministries: wpattison@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x227. Registration for groups, classes, and courses is available at firstumc.org/groups.

**Adult Sunday School Continues All Summer!** 

Join us Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Wesley Center, Second Floor to connect with others and deepen your faith journey. Whether you're new to studying the Bible or a seasoned student, you'll find a welcoming community and valuable insights. Most classes offer both in-person and online options. Explore our classes:

- **BYKOTA-Homebuilders:** Led by Rev. Brian Tiffany, using the Unified Lesson Series, , will turn to the gospels for a study of Jesus' relation to the temple during the month of July. **Genesis:** Rev. David McEntire leads the class in July and August exploring the Book of
- Koinonia: Rev. Terry Heck leads this class using "Feasting of the Word" based on the Revised Common Lectionary.
- Searchers: Martha Lou Luce is leading a study of the Gospel of Matthew using Matthew Skinner's book as a resource.
- **Sendero:** Donna Jones leads an exploration of Courage, a book by Bishop Tom Berlin. **Vanguard:** Rev. Charles Polstra leads this class in July using the Adult Bible Study

Christ-centered Yoga Summer Series, Mondays through Aug 4, 6 - 7pm, Rm C-201D Join a beginner level, slow-flow Christ-centered yoga class with Be Still Movement. Experience a time to enjoy stillness through physical movement, meditation, & breath prayers as worship to Christ. A time to slow down and come as you are. Be Still Movement is led by Christ-centered yoga instructor, Sarah Lloyd. Suggested Donation: \$10 collected at class. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

JOY July Luncheon and Stained-Glass Window Tour, Fri, July 25, Noon Join our JOY (Just Older Youth) 55+ Ministry for a special July event! Enjoy a delicious meal in the parlor followed by a guided tour of our Sanctuary's stunning stained-glass windows, led by Carolyn Lindsey. Learn about their history and the biblical narratives they depict. The cost for the luncheon is \$10. Register at firstumc.org/events.

JOY August Luncheon and Celebration of Life Presentation, Fri, Aug 15, Parlor, Noon Our luncheon will commence at noon in the Parlor, where you can enjoy a delightful meal in the company of fellow JOY members. Following the luncheon, Nicole Wood, will be lead a presentation on Planning a Celebration of Life. This is a valuable opportunity to learn how to thoughtfully plan a service that honors your life, reflects your values, and provides comfort to your loved ones. The cost for the luncheon is \$10. Register at firstumc.org/events.

Financial Peace University Fall Session begins Wed, Sep 3, 6pm

Imagine how much more you could bless others if money weren't a burden. If you had no debt payments. No money stress. That's the freedom that God wants for us, and it's possible! Join the Fall session of Financial Peace University beginning on Sep 3 as we walk through God's ways of handling money so we can live a debt-free, generous, more abundant life. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm. Sign up at firstumc.org/groups.

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