

8:15AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kim DuBreuil
PRELUDE Christians, We Have Come to Worship/Hayes	Jenny Heidtman, piano
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Kim DuBreuil
*HYMN 2190 Bring Forth the Kingdom	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889	Kim DuBreuil
*GLORIA PATRI We Will Glorify	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER/PASSING OF THE PEACE	Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY The Gift of Love/Hopson	
	Lily Roberts & Kaylyn Santonastaso
DOXOLOGY 95 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	
SERMON With Great Power (Luke 8:4-8)	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 664 Sent Forth By God's Blessing	
*BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE As We Go	
POSTLUDE To God Be the Glory/McDonald	Jenny Heidtman, piano

9:30AM MODERN WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kim DuBreuil
CALL TO WORSHIP	Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE Cornerstone, From The Day, Be Thou My Vision	
BAPTISM Landen Ames Watkins	
	Daughter of Taylor & Allyson Watkins
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER	Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY Good Ground	
SERMON With Great Power (Luke 8:4-8)	Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly	
BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith

11:00AM THE CURRENT & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Kim DuBreuil
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889	Kim DuBreuil
*SONGS OF PRAISE O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing, Blessed Assurance, Cornerstone	
PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER	Kim DuBreuil
OFFERTORY The Gift of Love	Lily Roberts & Kaylyn Santonastaso
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COMMUNION	Andy Whitaker Smith
*SONG OF RESPONSE Good Ground	
BENEDICTION	Andy Whitaker Smith

Thank you to Jenny Heidtman for providing music this morning while the Handbell Ringers and Singers are on tour playing in worship at Bethany United Church in Halifax, NS.

Morgan and I were so grateful for the Reception, last week. Everyone who attended, who cooked, who decorated, provided such kind notes, and shared words of encouragement—our hearts were overflowing. We love you all!
--Pastor Andy

*Please stand if you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Let the people praise you, O God.

ALL: Let all the people praise you.

LEADER: Bless the people who nurture others.

ALL: Empower them with blessings and peace.

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:

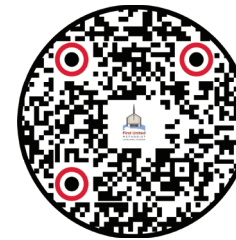
Attendance Registration, Worship Bulletins, Prayer Requests, & Online Giving

Presence in Worship (June 7)

In Person: 637

Online: 1,184

Total: 1,821



Acolytes/Crucifers: Lily Trenkman, 8:15am

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

Giving Through May 31

	2026	2025	Inc (Dec)	% Inc (Dec)
Budgeted Income	\$ 1,764,738	\$ 1,648,021	\$ 116,717	7.08%
Actual Income	1,607,603	1,524,710	82,893	5.44%
	\$ (157,135)	\$ (123,311)		

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please be sure that the church office is notified if you wish to have a visit or prayer when you are in the hospital.

Hospital
Lori Dettmer
Kaye Sells

Death
Dr. David Hall, 6/7

David Pipkin, 6/8

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 10am in the Sanctuary

Altar Flowers

In honor of Rev. Andy and Rev. Morgan Whitaker Smith, and their son, Ben. With deep gratitude from the staff and congregation of First UMC Lakeland

In loving memory of Dr. Robert A. Davis, on his birthday, by his family

In loving memory of Tami Carew by her husband Bill Carew. It's hard to believe it has been 3 years since the Lord called you home

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: Luke 8:4-5 "A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on the path..."

The Parable of the Sower begins with a remarkable act of generosity. The sower scatters seeds everywhere—without hesitation, without calculation, and without first determining which ground is worthy. Most of us would probably be more selective. We would conserve resources, protect our investment, and focus only on what appears promising. Yet Jesus paints a picture of a kingdom where grace is given freely and abundantly. Before we ask whether the soil is good, Jesus invites us to notice the extravagant generosity of the sower. God's love is not distributed sparingly; it is scattered generously across the landscape of human lives.

Reflection: Where might God be inviting you to be more generous with your time, attention, encouragement, or faith?

TUESDAY: Luke 8:5-6 "Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture."

Growth requires more than a beginning. Seeds may sprout quickly, but without deep roots they struggle when conditions become difficult. The same is true in faith. Discipleship is not simply about starting a spiritual journey; it is about developing practices that sustain growth over time. Worship, prayer, community, service, and generosity are not boxes to check—they are ways we deepen our roots in Christ. The goal of faith is not merely to attend church, but to become people whose lives are increasingly shaped by Jesus.

Reflection: What spiritual practice helps keep your roots connected to Christ, and where might those roots need to grow deeper?

WEDNESDAY: Luke 8:7 "Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it."

Jesus recognizes that there are always competing influences in our lives. Worry, distraction, busyness, fear, and countless other concerns can crowd out what God is trying to cultivate within us. The challenge is not simply whether seeds are planted; it is whether we make space for them to flourish. Sometimes discipleship requires clearing away what competes for our attention so that the life of Christ can grow freely. The question is not whether God is planting seeds—it is whether we are tending the soil of our hearts.

Reflection: What distractions or competing priorities may be crowding out God's work in your life right now?

THURSDAY: Luke 8:8a "Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold."

The good soil is not celebrated because it is perfect; it is celebrated because it is receptive. When God's grace takes root, the result is abundance beyond expectation. Jesus consistently points toward a kingdom that operates from abundance rather than scarcity. We often focus on limitations—what we lack, what we cannot do, what resources we do not have. Yet the sower trusts that even a single seed can produce far more than anyone imagined. The kingdom of God grows through people who are open to receiving and sharing the grace they have been given.

Reflection: Where do you see signs of God's abundance in your life, your church, or your community?

FRIDAY: Luke 8:8b "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

Jesus ends the parable with a challenge, not an explanation. The story calls for a response. If God has scattered seeds generously, then we are called to participate in that same generosity. Churches, communities, and individuals who have been blessed with resources, gifts, relationships, and opportunities are entrusted with a sacred responsibility. The question is not simply what we possess, but what we are doing with what has been entrusted to us. With great power comes great responsibility. We have been given much—not so that we can hold onto it, but so that we can scatter seeds of hope, grace, and love wherever God places people before us.

Reflection: What gifts, opportunities, or influence has God entrusted to you, and how can you use them to help others encounter Christ?

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)

*First UMC of Lakeland is hiring!
Please see current job postings at firstumc.org/employment.*

There is no Second Sunday gathering in June.

A Look Ahead in Worship

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

June 14 - Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith - All Services
11:00 Traditional in The Current

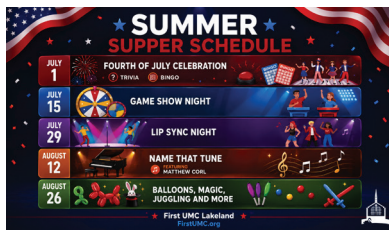
June 21 - Rev. Riley Short | The Current- Rev. Kim DuBreuil

June 28 - Rev. Emily Hotho - All Services

July 5 - Rev. Ivan Corbin | The Current- Rev. Kim DuBreuil
Rev. Marcus Zillman and Family Meet & Greet in
Welcome Center after every service.

July 12 - Rev. Marcus Zillman's First Sunday Preaching at First UMC





Join Your Church Family for Summer Suppers beginning in July!

Gather with us for fellowship, food, and fun as we celebrate community this season! Check out our upcoming Summer Supper Schedule packed with exciting, themed nights for everyone. Bring your family, invite your friends, and mark your calendars for these special events:

July 1: Fourth of July Celebration (Trivia, Bingo, & Patriotic Fun!)

July 15: Game Show Night

July 29: Lip Sync Night

August 12: Name That Tune with Matthew Corl

August 26: Balloons, Magic, Juggling and More!



Volunteers Needed for VBS Decorating Days, June 19, 3:30-5:30pm & June 20, 12-3:30pm

We understand that you might not be able to volunteer during VBS week, but we have a great opportunity for you! Join us anytime over the two days to help prepare the church for our winter wonderland VBS. We'll kick things off at the Children's check-in desk, then split into groups with specific decorating tasks. It's a perfect chance to reconnect with fellow church members while transforming the church into a cozy ski retreat. Feel free to drop in for as long as you can, and if you arrive after we've started, just find someone working on decorations and ask how you can pitch in!

CHILDREN

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

Visit firstumc.org/children to learn more!

Sundays
9:30am KIC Start (Infants 6 weeks - 5th grade)
11am Childcare (Infants 6 weeks - VPK)

Milk Jugs Needed
Children's Ministry is collecting empty gallon-sized jugs for a special decoration for YBS! Please rinse them out and discard the cap. Milk jugs can be dropped off any day before June 20.

KIC Summer Hangouts, Tuesday, June 16, 9:30 - 11:30am
Join us for a fun-filled summer with your KIC family! This family-friendly drop-in event will feature free time and activities suitable for all ages. We'll dive into the Fruits of the Spirit through engaging children's books, complemented by crafts, science experiments, and more. Feel free to bring your friends along, and the best part? It's completely free! (Save these other dates: June 30, July 14, July 28).

Warren Willis Summer Camp (Children & Youth) July 6-11 (Week #4):
Registration is now available for students moving up to 4th grade all the way through those who have just graduated 12th grade. To sign up for camp, head over to wwwmccc.org/summer-camps. If you're interested in the Chance to Go Scholarship or need to arrange transportation to and from camp, check out firstumc.org/children for details.

YOUTH

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

Sunday, June 14:
10:30am Donuts and Discussion
3:30pm Youth Praise Band
5pm Youth Group

Wednesday, June 17:
3pm - 7pm Dinner and Movie Night

Youth Dinner and Movie Night, Wednesday, June 17, 3pm - 7pm
We're meeting at 4 PM at CMX Lakeside Village to catch a movie together, then heading to Burger 21 for dinner. Pickup is at 8 PM at Burger 21. Bring a friend, bring your hype, and come hang out. For more information visit FirstUMC.org/Youth.

Youth Bowling Night, Wednesday, July 1, 5pm - 7pm
Don't miss a great night out on July 1st from 5-7 PM as we take over the lanes at Bowlero. Your \$25 sign up fee covers shoes, pizza, and all the bowling you can handle. Bring your best game and get ready for a fun summer hangout. For more information or to sign up, visit Firstumc.org.

Youth Messy Game Night, Wednesday, July 15, 5pm - 8pm
Get ready for the messiest night of the year! We're taking over the lawn by the C Building for wild, paint-splattered, shaving-cream-covered, water-soaked games you won't forget. Bring your friends; this event is FREE. For more info visit Firstumc.org/youth.

Middle School Mystery Trip, Sunday, August 2, 10:30am - 4pm
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 information visit Firstumc.org/youth.

Youth Volcano Bay Night Trip, Friday - Saturday, August 7 - 8, 1:30pm - 9am
Join us for a summer trip to Volcano Bay at Universal! Cost is \$75. Open to current youth and incoming 6th graders (Fall 2026). Be sure a medical form is on file to attend. The registration deadline is June 27. Visit Firstumc.org/youth for more information.

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.

Last Chance! JOY Visit to One More Child Campus
Don't miss out! Join our Just Older Youth (JOY 55+) on Friday, June 19, for a special visit to the One More Child Lakeland Campus. This is a unique opportunity to tour the grounds, meet the team, and see how this vital ministry serves single moms, foster kids, trafficked children, and struggling families. We will meet directly at the campus, and a detailed itinerary is coming soon. Register at firstumc.org/events. Registration closes tomorrow, Monday, June 15.

Financial Peace Summer Session: Wednesdays at 6pm
Take control of your money this summer with Financial Peace University! Join us Wednesday evenings through August 12 in Room C-204 or online via Zoom. Learn proven, biblical wisdom for budgeting, clearing debt, investing, and building a secure financial future. Don't wait to transform your finance - register today at firstumc.org/groups.

Giggles, God & Glue: Adult Summer Session is now open!
Looking for fellowship, laughter, and a little creativity? Join us for God, Giggles & Glue on the 3rd Wednesday of every month! This month we are meeting on Wednesday, June 17 in Room C-202. Drop in anytime between 10:30am and 5pm to work on your favorite crafts. Whether you are into crafting, knitting, crocheting, or painting, there is a spot for you. Bring your supplies and a friend! Register today online at firstumc.org/groups.

New Cribbage Club starting June 29!
Sharpen your mind and build lasting friendships at our new Cribbage Club! Join Dale Golden on Monday mornings at 10am at the Bookstore Cafe for fun, strategy, and fellowship. Whether you are a lifelong player or a complete beginner, everyone is welcome. Bring your favorite board or use one provided. Learn more and register today at firstumc.org/groups.

Summer Yoga Series, Mondays in July, 6pm, Room C-201D
"Refresh and Renew" this summer with a beginner-friendly, slow-flow, Christ-centered Yoga series led by certified instructor Sarah Lloyd (RYT-200). Classes meet every Monday evening in July (July 6, 13, 20, and 27) to offer a dedicated space for connecting with Christ through movement, meditation, and prayer. Register at firstumc.org/groups.

MISSIONS

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

OneBlood
The Big Red Bus will be on campus today, from 8:30am-12:30pm, for your blood donations. Give the gift of life!

Disaster Recovery
Storm survivors continue to wait for help from the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season. We will be returning to help with recovery in Pinellas County June 26 and 27. Contact Forrest White via email (fwhite@firstumc.org) with questions or to sign up.

Philip O'Brien Elementary School
Thank you to everyone who helped us support and encourage the teachers, staff and students at our partner elementary school. First UMC stepped up bigtime with classroom support, for gift cards (fall and spring) and teacher appreciation (multiple times), and to make the entire O'Brien family feel valued in late May for class awards and 5th grade graduation in our sanctuary. Also, big thanks to Ann Skellenger and Joleen Golden, our O'Brien Passion Team leaders!

Better Together
After our enormously successful job fair in April, we have set two dates to partner with Better Together for additional job fairs - Oct 22, 2026, and April 22, 2027. But you don't have to wait until October to help with this partner's mission! You can serve now with the Better Together Families component, which keeps families together - and children out of foster care by providing them with a temporary loving home - while helping parents work to build a better life. For more information BT Families contact, Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org). If you'd like to join First's job fair team, please email team leader Barbara Herr (herrb2@verizon.net). Website: bettertogetherus.org

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

For more information, contact Jen Swygard, Director of Young Adult Ministries: JSwygard@firstumc.org, (863) 686-3163 x226; Follow us on IG: @1stLKLDYoungAdults or FB: 1st LKLD Young Adults to stay connected

Community Bible Reading, Tuesdays, 6-8pm
We meet at Jen's house to share a meal together, play some games, and discuss Scripture. We laugh a lot, share our burdens, serve the community together, and have a good time. Scan the QR code to join so that you can see the address & hear updates. (No meets on the last Tuesday of each month.)

YA AGB Museum Day, Thurs, June 18, 6-8pm
Did you know that the AGB Museum is open late on Thursdays to accommodate for working hours? Come see some FSC student art work, Andrea Dezsó's Folklore & Fairytales exhibit, and a few Andy Warhol pieces.

YAs Serve: VBS decorating, Fri, June 19, 3:30-5:30pm & Sat, June 20, 12-3:30pm
We want all hands in for VBS decorating, so we'll be helping KIC. Meet in the children's wing (check-in area) to hear directions and split off into various decorating groups. Come both days or just when you can!

Guys game night, Thurs, June 25, 6-8pm
Come play board games with the guys at Ian's house. Find the South Lakeland address when you register at firstumc.org/groups.

YA Sunday School, June 28, 11am, C-206
Go to the Welcome Center and head upstairs--we'll be in the room next to the baby grand piano. We'll be discussing the historical-cultural context of 1st & 2nd Thessalonians.

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