

**THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING AT FIRST UMC**

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship.

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

**Birthdays this Week**

**January 1:** George Kyzer and Carolyn Cox

**January 6:** Mary Ann Land and Rev. Kyle Randle

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Kyle, Nancy, Jonas and Sara are visiting with family. He will return on January 2. Should you need him, please contact him on his cell at 803-804-2208.

**2013 Offering Envelopes** are ready to be picked up! Please see Nancy Stiltner in the first floor Commons to receive your numbered offering envelopes.

**Follow That Star! Sunday, January 6 at 5:00 p.m.** Join the fun as we welcome the celebration of the Epiphany in the Family Life Center. We will begin with a covered dish meal followed by storytelling, a special scavenger hunt, and other enjoyable activities.

Wonderful Wednesday Children's programs will **resume on Wednesday, January 9.** All elementary age children are invited to participate in this wonderful ministry. For more information, please contact Tim Whitten. Hope to see you and yours on January 9!

**Adult Bible Study:** Beginning Wednesday, **January 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Rev. Kyle will be leading a Bible study focusing on scripture, faith, and everyday life. The study will meet in the John McCutcheon Class room 122. We will center on our struggles, doubts and questions on our walk with Christ.

**Altar Flowers:** The **2013 Flower Calendar** is posted in the Narthex. Please take a moment to reserve a Sunday. Flowers are especially needed in January.

**Poinsettias:** For those who placed a poinsettia for the Sanctuary this Christmas, we invite you to take them with you following the service this morning. Poinsettias are located in the first floor Commons area.

The **First View** will return next week!

**Serving This Sunday, December 30**

**Altar Guild:** Amy Lovell Jenkins, Libby McCutcheon, Sylvia Richardson, Lillian Sherry, Betty Smith

**Crucifer and Acolytes:** Erin Todd, Caroline Todd, Lila Myers

**Counting Committee** (Sunday) William Goldfinch / Jack McCutcheon (Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson

**Trustee Duty:** Kelly Cooper

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

**Ushers:** Jimmy Hammond (Chairman), Hunter Jenkins (Co-Chairman) Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Garvin Huggins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Lavon Singleton, Ernie Turnes

**Nursery Volunteers:** Sherry Seremet, Mattie Hucks

**Children's Church:** Mark and Jenny Chanaca

**Serving Next Sunday, January 6**

**Altar Guild:** Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche, Janet Von Deck

**Crucifer and Acolytes:** Graham Carter, Sydney Stegall, Jacob Johnson

**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Jack McCutcheon / Ike Locklair (Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson

**Trustee Duty:** Lindsey Hendrick / Jill Nelson

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

**Ushers:** Richard Jordan (Chairman), Phil Thompson (Co-Chairman) Danny Clonts, Kevin Cox, Eric Fox, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn, Tidy Singleton, Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

**Nursery Volunteers:** Michael Brooks, Sallie Goldfinch, Julie Whitten

**Stewardship & Attendance**

<u>Sunday, December 23</u>		<u>Christmas Eve Offerings</u>	
<b>Operating</b>	<b>6,359.32</b>	Operating	840.10
Chancel Choir Fund	500.00	Shepherd's Table	261.00
Good Samaritan	15.00	Music Discretionary	500.00
Missionary Fund	1500.00	Building Fund	2.00
CAP	75.00	Total	1,601.10
UMW	400.00		
Music Discretionary Fund	50.00	Morning Worship (12/23)	214
Poinsettia	34.00	Christmas Eve	307
Children's Discretionary	195.00		
Red Bird Mission	50.00		
Shepherd's Table	25.00		
Building Fund	3057.00		
Total	12,260.32		

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, December 30**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

**Tuesday, January 1**

Church Office is Closed  
 Happy New Year!



# First United Methodist Church

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First Sunday after Christmas  
 December 30, 2012

11:00 a.m.

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**Welcome to First United Methodist Church**

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.

# First Church at Worship

*On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC Tidelands Duo

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 240 *Mendelssohn*  
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881  
The Apostles’ Creed

*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 No. 70 *Meineke*

## MORNING PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Tidelands Duo

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON OT Pg. 246  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

This is the word of God for the people of God  
*Thanks be to God.*

SPECIAL MUSIC Tidelands Duo

THE EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 NT Pg. 201

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

SPECIAL MUSIC Tidelands Duo

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52 NT Pg. 59

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS Mr. Tim

Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children’s Church in room 123.  
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON Tim Whitten

\* RESPONSIVE PRAYER

*Leader: It is you, loving God, who lights our paths with truth.*

**People:** Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

Leader: In his light, draw all to the manger

**People:** to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

Leader: In his light, draw all to the manger

**People:** to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

Leader: In his light, draw all to the manger

**People:** to sing for joy with all the angels.

Leader: In the brightness of his life

**People:** cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

Leader: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

**People:** In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 249 *Christmas Song*  
“There’s a Song in the Air”

You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.  
Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

OFFERTORY Tidelands Duo

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 246 *Antioch*  
“Joy to the World”

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Lynn Arthur Koch  
“Cold December Flies Away”

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of the birthday of Keith Gawith,  
all our love, Jan Gawith and Family.

The Evening Service in the Hut  
Hymns and Carols  
6:00 p.m.

Today we welcome **Tim Whitten**, Director of Christian Education, to lead us in worship. Let us lift up Tim in our prayers this morning as he brings God’s word to us this day.

We welcome today **Darleen Smith** as our guest organist today. Ms. Smith lives in North Myrtle Beach and is a member of the Grand Strand Chapter of American Guild of Organists.

We also welcome today the **Tidelands Duo**, Tamar Ben-Pazi and Amy Tully. Both are members of Long Bay Symphony and are frequent players at First UMC.

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## NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Gloria Patri, Doxology, and Psalter are from the United Methodist Hymnal found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

## Prayer Concerns

### Assisted Living Facilities

**Kingston:** Ruth Coy; **Emeritus:** Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis, **Medstar:** Bob Rice; **Laurinburg, NC:** Carolyn Cox; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault

**At Home:** Joe West, Karlene Rudolph, Sadie Rae and Genair Hutchinson, Jane Gore, Gwen Mishoe, Mildred Jones, Diane Rodwell, Wallace Singleton, Tootsie Atkins, Frankie Hart, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.