

Welcome

We are glad that you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center for information on our ministries and visit us online at firstumc.org. When you're ready, we invite you to **Explore First** to learn more about the life of the church and how to get involved. To find out when you can **Explore First** or for information on how to become a member, contact Diana (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Sunday school takes place at 9:30am.

Children

(On the ground floor of the C building)

Crib room	C-001
Toddlers	C-001
Two-year-olds	C-006
Three-year-olds	C-008
Four-year-olds	C-010

(On the first floor of the C building)

Kindergarten	C-111
First grade	C-110
Second grade	C-102
Third grade	C-105
Fourth grade	C-107
Fifth grade	C-106

Youth

6th-12th grade	F-1
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Adults

(On the second floor of the C building)

BYKOTA Class	C-207
Genesis Class	C-202
Koinonia Class	C-205
Searchers Class	C-206
Sendero Class	C-204
Storyline Class	C-201C
Vanguard Class	C-203
Homebuilders Class	Chapel

Sunday Morning Childcare During Worship

Check in on the ground floor of the C building.

- **8:15am service:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001.
- **9:30am service or Sunday school:** provided for children six weeks through Pre-K four. Infants & Toddlers are in C-001 and C-002, Nursery 2 is in C-006, Pre-K 3 is in Room C-008 and Pre-K 4 is in Room C-010.
- **11am and 11:20am services:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001 and C-002.

Nursing Room: C-013

Worship service activity bags for children are in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Lobby of the Fellowship Center. Ask an usher for assistance locating them!



The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a **worship plus three church**.

Worship plus three is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God's work in our lives.

Worship Times:

8:15 & 11am Traditional, Sanctuary
 9:30 & 11:20am Contemporary, Fellowship Center
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Rev. David McEntire, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Melissa Stump, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Lee Lallance, Minister of Music & Fine Arts
 Rev. Candace Lewis, District Superintendent
 Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Area Bishop

8:15am & 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	Prelude on <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> / Corl	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO
*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
	(8:15am) Marlon, Katrina, Chloe, Amelia and Mitchell Lynn	
	(11am) Charlie, Wipa and Charlotte Rich	
*HYMN 211	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 886		Andy Whitaker Smith
*GLORIA PATRI, 70		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> / arr. Culloton	A Cappella Praise
PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Anna Brook Opalinski
MEDITATION	<i>Simple Christmas: Faith</i> / Mark 10:14, 15 and Matthew 18:2-4	David McEntire
INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON, Hymnal page 12		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen</i>	Lee Lallance, piano
	(11am) <i>Advent Jubilate!</i> / Parker	Chancel Choir
		Melissa Stump
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Hymnal page 17		
GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP		
*HYMN 206	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	HOUSTON
*BENEDICTION		David McEntire
*RESPONSE 204	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	MCGEE
POSTLUDE	Toccata on <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> / Corl	Matthew H. Corl, CAGO

9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>Joy, Unspeakable Joy</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS (please sign & pass the registration pad)		Waite Willis/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>What Can I Do?</i>	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE	Jonathan, Audra, Sebastyen, Tobey and Ellyn Montalbano	
CONFESSION AND PARDON		Waite Willis
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Joyful; O Come All Ye Faithful; He Shall Reign Forevermore</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Anna Brook Opalinski
OFFERTORY	<i>Always Carry You</i>	Carlene Skiles
MEDITATION	<i>Simple Christmas: Faith</i> / Mark 10:14, 15 and Matthew 18:2-4	David McEntire
GIVING OF THE BREAD & CUP (please join in singing: <i>We Believe</i> and <i>Breathe</i>)		
BENEDICTION		David McEntire

11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER TOGETHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Andy Whitaker Smith
PASSING OF THE PEACE		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Brian, Emily and Grace Waters
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Waiting Here for You; Oh, How I Need You; The Way</i>	
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Andy Whitaker Smith
OFFERTORY	<i>When I Think Upon Christmas</i>	
SERMON	<i>Simple Christmas: Faith</i> / Mark 10:14, 15 and Matthew 18:2-4	Andy Whitaker Smith
CONFESSION AND PARDON		
COMMUNION	<i>How He Loves</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Andy Whitaker Smith

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Worship Notes

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance on the registration pad before passing it on to your neighbor. Thank you for helping ensure our records are accurate.

Acolytes and Crucifers:

8:15am: Chloe Lynn and Jack Shanks
11am: Abbey Wood and Michael Cabrera

Communion Servers:

8:15am: Audrey Lussier, Kathy Otto, Alice Ray Overstreet, Frank & Darcy Shinn and Barbara Whetton

11am: Bob & Faye Fannin, Mont Duncan, Doug Hallman, Rosie Helms and Vicki Hobbs

Opportunities

Pastors' Monthly Bible Studies are Tue, Dec 4, at 6:30pm:

- Women's Bible Study with Melissa Stump in Room C-204
- Men's Bible Study with David McEntire in Room C-203

Sights and Sounds: Join us Sun, Dec 9, at 4pm and 7pm in the Sanctuary as we celebrate *The Sights and Sounds of Christmas*, featuring our children, youth and adult choirs and the Handbell Ringers and Singers, A Cappella Praise and the Sights & Sounds orchestra. Make this wonderful concert a part of your family's holiday plans. Admission is free and childcare is provided for ages six weeks through four years old. Fine Arts Patrons and Sponsors will enjoy reserved seating in the front of the sanctuary.

Giving life to missions is the mission statement of "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop.

Shop Mon, Tue and Thu from 10am-5:30pm, Wed from 10am-7pm, Fri from 10am-4pm and Sun from 9am-12:30pm. Save 20% on all Nativities through Christmas!

We want everyone included in our Church Directory - including winter visitors.

Schedule your appointment at firstumc.org/directory for the final sessions Jan 29 to Feb 2. Appointments can also be made at sign-up tables on Sun mornings in Jan. Everyone receives a \$10 off coupon and seniors (60+), military and first responders are eligible for another 20% off.

Our Brain Fitness Club begins in Jan 2019:

This program, designed for early memory loss patients, will help them learn healthy brain activities and lifestyle adaptations. Each session is 14 weeks long and the club meets twice weekly.

Prayer Yoga: Sun evenings in the Fellowship Center, join Rev. Morgan Whitaker Smith and Dion Koch for a time of Prayer Yoga. Using Yoga poses and prayer prompts, you will have the opportunity to connect mind, body and spirit in an accessible and non judgmental environment. All fitness levels are welcome. A signed waiver is required to participate, found under the 'Prayer Yoga' tab at: www.firstumc.org/adults.

Annual Pecan Sale: Pecans are available from the UMW for holiday baking and gifts. \$9/ cinnamon or chocolate and \$12/pieces and halves. Purchase in Our Giving Tree Bookstore and Gift Shop, at Wednesday evening PHOENIX, at Tracy's Hair Designs, 1211 S Florida Ave (863-688-5962) or by contacting Pat Bradford (863-859-3339 or Pbrad65034@aol.com). They will be sold outside worship areas and in the fountain courtyard on Dec 9.

United Methodist Women: All women are invited to the Dec General Meeting on Dec 10 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Center. The program is: *Incarnation: The Sacred Space of God with Us/in Us*. Make your lunch reservations by Dec 5 to UMWreservations@firstumc.org. (\$4/full lunch).

Our Wed afternoon Advent class continues: Led by Jason Rogers, the group is using Magrey deVega's book *Awaiting the Already*. This study takes us on a tour through the Gospel narratives, showing us what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel, and helps us to recognize that each Gospel writer invites us to encounter a fresh experience of the birth of Christ. Weds through Dec 19, 4pm in Room C-205. Register at firstumc.org/advent or call 863-682-1912.

How are you observing a Holy Advent? Explore the many opportunities for a meaningful Advent on our website at firstumc.org/advent. You'll find info on the #PictureAdvent daily photo challenge, studies, online classes and retreats, daily devotions, prayer practices and more.

From Hurt to Hope: Sun at 9:30am through Dec 30 in Room C-201B. If you find this season of the year difficult or simply want to be around people who are seeking support, understanding and joy, we invite you to attend. Led by Rev. Terry Heck. Register at firstumc.org/adults, email Grouplife@firstumc.org or call 863-682-1912.

Missions

College students and young adults: We will send a team to serve with Costa Rica Mission Projects Jun 15-22, 2019. Join us for an information meeting on Dec 23 at 10:30am in the Parlor. Contact Forrest White for more information (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

kidsPACK USA: Help hungry children in our community by assembling meals Wed, Dec 5, at 4pm in the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Nelson Kimball (nrkimball@aol.com) or Forrest White (863-686-3163 or fwhite@firstumc.org).

Mission Opportunity: On Dec 15 we will serve at the Florida Annual Conference. Disaster Recovery. Contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-86-3163) for information and paperwork due Dec 1.

Adult Sunday School

Classes are from 9:30-10:30am. We welcome visitors to any class. For more info, contact Warren Pattison (wpattison@firstumc.org or 863-682-1912). You can listen live to Rev. Brian Tiffany's lesson with the Homebuilders Class - dial 863-225-0968 at 9:30am.

- **The BYKOTA Class** is led by Dr. Doug Hallman teaching "The Characters of Christmas" exploring The Politicians, The Relatives, The Couple, The Bethlehem Locals and The Child. Room C-207
- **The Genesis Class** welcomes you as they begin "Advent Again!" an original study taught by Rev. Jose Bove. Room C-202
- **The Homebuilders Class** is taught by Rev. Brian Tiffany. They follow the Adult Bible Studies curriculum. Dec theme is "Our Love for God." Chapel.
- **The Koinonia Class:** They are exploring the Gospel of Matthew, with Rev. Terry Knight leading. Room C-205
- **The Searchers Class** begins their Advent study of Matt Rawle's book, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, led by Nina Rehberg. Explore Charles Dickens' character from *A Christmas Carol* in a new and engaging way. Room C-206
- **The Sendero Class** is studying *The Gift of the Nutcracker* by Matt Rawle. Discover how this classic whimsical story can help us to understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and the kingdom he came to establish. John Naser leads. Room C-204
- **Storyline:** is an intentionally intergenerational class for adults. Their Advent study is Magrey deVega's book *Awaiting the Already*, led by Jason Rogers. Room C-201C
- **The Vanguard Class:** During Dec, they are exploring the theme "Our Love for God" with texts from Genesis. Bishop Bob Fannin is teaching. Room C-203

Christmas Caroling on Sat, Dec 15: Join your church family for caroling from 5-8pm. Meet in F-1. Church vehicles will be available. Refreshments will be served after caroling.

Children

Sunday School at 9:30am:

- Nursery through fourth grade: Zechariah gets a visit from an angel. Luke 1:13
- Fifth grade: Even though Zechariah loved and served God and even though he and Elizabeth had prayed for a child, he still did not believe the angel when he said God would answer their prayers. Luke 1:18, 20

Tonight: Make n Take! 5-7pm children will make gifts. 4:30pm, is a pizza supper (optional, \$3/person) and the event is 5-7pm.

Mon: Pray & Play from 10-11:30am

Wed: Advent Classes for children from 6:30-7:30pm.

Childcare is available 6:30-7:30pm for children six weeks through PK2 for families participating in events on campus. Reservations are required. Please visit firstumc.org/children.

Thu: Early Connections from 9-10:30am

Sat: Breakfast with Santa from 9-11am. Free! Located in the C Building on the second floor.

For more information, contact Cristi Moore (cmoore@firstumc.org or 863-682-1912).

Youth

Sunday Morning Bible Study (sixth-twelfth grades) at 9:30am in F-1: Join us for in-depth study and discussion.

Tonight: Join us from 5-7pm in F-1 for a meal, recreation, worship and small groups.

Wed Night RECHARGE: 6-7:30pm in the Youth Game Room. Join us for snacks, fellowship and a dynamic discussion on our callings.

Upcoming Events:

- **Mon, Dec 3:** Youth Worker Meeting at 7pm in F-1
- **Thu, Dec 6:** Talbot House Ministries, 5:15pm, meet at Talbot House
- **Fri, Dec 7:** Youth Caroling at 5:45pm in F-1

Sun, Dec 9: No programming. We hope you enjoy the Sights & Sounds of Christmas.

For more information, contact Brett Foster (bfoster@firstumc.org or 863-687-9856).

Prayers, Presence, Gifts

The First United Methodist prayer line is available 24/7. Call 863-686-3163 x*652 and leave your request. The prayer line is regularly checked by our intercessors and your request will be prayed for. (Please note: you must enter the * before the extension). You may also submit a confidential prayer request on our website at firstumc.org.

Prayers

Baptism

Hannah, Gianna and Reece Souvannarath
Nov 25

Hospitalized (as of Nov 26)

Marcia Alley, Rebecca Boyd, Mary Ruth Chesson, Sue Hamm, William Kapp and Donald Knapp

In Memoriam

Shirley Chapman, Nov 13
Eleanor Powner, Nov 22

Presence In Worship Last Sunday

8:15am Traditional:	193
9:30am Contemporary:	501
11am Traditional:	257
11:20am Contemporary:	154
Online viewers week of Nov 18:	97

Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,357
Received on Nov 18: \$ 45,535
Received to Date: \$ 2,942,467

Electronic Donations

VIA QR CODE:
Scan the code with your phone's QR Reader and follow directions.



VIA TEXT: Text the amount you would like to give to 863-617-7899. Make sure to include a "\$" before the amount and follow instructions.

For more information on electronic giving, please contact Harriet Mayes (hmeyes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).