

OUR FAITHFULNESS TO OUR CHURCH VOWS
TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember with prayers, cards, calls, and visits to those in the hospitals, nursing and rest homes, the sick and shut in. If you would like a specific name to send a card or call, please contact the Church Office.

BY OUR PRESENCE

We are thankful that we can participate in worship at our 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 services in multiple ways. You may gather in either the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary. You may watch either 9:45 or 11:00 livestreamed on the FMC App, Website, Facebook and YouTube page. We can all worship!

BY OUR GIFTS

Generosity abounds at FMC! You are continuing to support the mission and ministry through your giving. Thank you for sending your gifts by mail, online banking, or through the FMC app. We need your faithful gifts.

BY OUR SERVICE

We are truly thankful for those who continue to serve here at FMC. For the Ushers and Greeters, for the Musicians, for the Cleaning Teams, for the Receptionists, for the Ministers and Staff.

BY OUR WITNESS

We are witnesses for Christ in all we do! Everywhere! We witness as we live holy lives that point to his grace. We witness as we share the good news of Jesus in word and deed.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rachel Mundine from all that loved her and miss her.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL RAIL are given in celebration and thanksgiving of the baptism of Hayes Wesley Jones given by his great grandmother Sherry Barnes.

STEEPLE LIGHTING

The Steeple is lit for the month of August in honor of Charlotte Mirabella's 100th birthday, given by the Jackie Eure Class.

GREETERS

8:30 Joe & Beth Kirk

11:00 Christine & Carlos Cannon

ACOLYTES

11:00 Kyle Ham

ONLINE GIVING



Prayerfully consider giving to support the missions and ministries of First Methodist Church by scanning the QR code.

For God so loved that He GAVE his Son.

Big Apple Benefit

Thursday, August 21st at 6:00pm

The Chancel Choir has been given an incredible opportunity to sing the Mary McDonald cantata at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City. To help make this dream a reality, we invite you to join us for the Big Apple Benefit, a special fundraiser event in support of their trip. The evening will include a Cajun Pork Roast dinner, dessert, and live music from a jazz quintet, along with wonderful fellowship as we rally together to support our choir in this opportunity. This will be a sit-down dinner where you will be served so dress as if you're heading out for a special night on the town. Make your reservation online or in the church office.

Youth Trip to H2OBX Waterpark

Our youth have been the best volunteers at VBS this week! Let's celebrate their hard work with an epic adventure. This trip is open to Middle and High School youth (rising 6th through 12th). We will leave at 7am and return at 10:30pm. Eat breakfast before you leave. Lunch and dinner will be included. The deadline to register is August 11th. Cost is \$20 per person.

Mark Your Calendar – Promotion Sunday is August 24th!

We're looking forward to Promotion Sunday on August 24th as our children and youth move up to their new Sunday School classes! During the service, children entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 6th grade will receive a Bible to mark this important step in their faith journey.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, August 18th from 9-3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth and Kids Sunday Nights

Fall Kickoff - Sept 7th

Women's Ministry Picnic Lunch

Join us for a Women's Ministry Picnic Lunch on Monday, September 8th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall! Please register in advance even if you're helping with the event. If you need a ride, let us know so we can arrange transportation. And if you're able, please park in the Bridges Street lot to leave the Arendell lot available for those who need closer access.

Global Methodist Church - New Bern District Worship Event

Sunday, September 14th from 3-6pm at First Methodist Morehead City
Guest Preacher: Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent

Waverunners Lunch

The Wave Runners are heading out to lunch on Sunday, September 14th. This is a fellowship ministry for those blessed with over 60 years of life experience. Details and registration will be available soon!

Donations for Ekklesia

Ekklesia Apartments is an independent living community designed for seniors, offering amenities and services to support an active retirement lifestyle. Ekklesia is currently in need of the following donations.

A collection basket is located in the Atrium.

Toilet Tissue, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Hand soap, Bar soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Dental floss, Body Lotion, Hand Lotion, Deodorant, Laundry soap, Dryer sheets, Bleach

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”WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE
PRELUDE

†CHIMING OF THE HOUR & INTROIT

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; we will not be afraid.
One thing we ask of the Lord, this is what we seek:
To live in the presence of the Lord all our days.
We will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
We will be strong, take heart, and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27)

†HYMN“Open My Eyes That I May See”No. 454

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain:

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
(Refrain)

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
(Refrain)

†OPENING PRAYER

Unison

Faithful God, You have given us Your Spirit so we are never alone. Help us to love You by obeying Your Word, and fill our hearts with the peace that only Jesus can give. Keep us steady in Your presence today and always, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

Unison

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.

†GLORIA PATRI

Unison

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:00am

RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God’s new creation and made to share in Christ’s royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Unison

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.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 59:21

²¹ “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the LORD.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Sail On Sailor”
By Mustard Seed Faith

Kris Meyer

†DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”

No. 331

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One;
Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-18, 25-27

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

SERMON

“We Believe in the Holy Spirit”

Pastor Sarah

†HYMN

“O For a Heart to Praise My God”

No. 417

O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free;
a heart that always feels thy blood so freely shed for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek, my great Redeemer's throne;
where only Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part from Christ that dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed and full of love divine,
perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of Love.

†BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you
Share His love by sharing of your faith
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
Every moment, every day!

TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE