

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, May 9

Mother's Day/Holy Communion  
8:45 am Horizon/Wm. Whitehead Sunday School-A  
10:00 am Worship Service-S

### Monday, May 10

7:30 am Community Breakfast-Drive-thru/Walk-up  
8:30 am FUMC PreK  
9:00 am FUMC Preschool & MMO  
**6:30 pm Trustees-A/Zoom**  
7:00 pm Troop 5 -Outside

### Tuesday, May 11

8:30 am FUMC PreK  
9:00 am FUMC Preschool & MMO  
9:00 am Staff/Worship Meeting-A  
10:30 am Meals on Wheels

### Wednesday, May 12

**Orange Conference**  
8:30 am FUMC PreK  
9:00 am FUMC Preschool & MMO  
**9:00 am Preschool Board Meeting-P**  
10:00 am-12 noon Women's Bible Study-A/Zoom  
10:30 am Meals on Wheels  
12:00 pm Weekly Update Sent Out

### Thursday, May 13

**Orange Conference**  
8:30 am FUMC PreK  
9:00 am FUMC Preschool & MMO  
9:00-11:00 am Preschool Chapel Time-FH  
**5:30 pm Into the Future Team Meeting-Zoom**

### Friday, May 7

12:30 pm Church Office Closes

**Church Office Hours**  
Mondays-Thursdays: **8:30 am-4:00 pm**  
Fridays: **8:30 am-12:30 pm**

**Phone Numbers**  
252-977-0400 Office  
252-977-0475 Preschool  
252-977-1748 FAX

# welcome

### WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

The mission of our church is **to know Christ and to make Christ known.**

We invite you to join us in this life-transforming mission.



**"To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"**



**"A Vital Center of Ministry"**  
is the title of the sermon for *next* Sunday.  
The scripture lessons are Matthew 28:16-  
20 and Romans 12:9-18. First United  
Methodist Church is an alive and vital  
center of ministry in Christ's name.

### SPRC News

We are pleased to report that Bill Wood has accepted the permanent position of part-time organist offered to him from the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Organist Search Committee and Pastor Jim Bell.

Bill is such a strong asset to our church's ministry with his musical gifts, vast knowledge and experience, and commitment to collaborative ministry as a team. Please join us in celebrating this joint decision and welcoming Bill back!

**Mother's Day/UM Retirement Homes  
Mother's Day Offering  
May 2, 2021**

100 South Church Street • Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
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**Sunday, May 9, 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day**  
**UM Retirement Homes Mother's Day Offering**  
**10:00 AM**

Prelude	<i>Unashamed Love</i>	Lamont Hiebert
Welcome & Greeting		
Opening Prayer		
Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	BEECHER
	<i>Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.</i>	
	<i>Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.</i>	
	<i>Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing,</i>	

**UM Retirement Homes, Inc.**  
**Mother's Day Offering**

Since 1955, the Mother's Day Offering has been a sanctioned offering for United Methodist Churches in the North Carolina Conference. Funds raised support residents in The United Methodist Retirement Homes communities: Croasdaile Village in Durham, Cypress Glen in Greenville, and Wesley Pines in Lumberton. These residents typically have outlived their resources, have no other means of support and often no family. This offering supports their care and provides a continued quality of life for them.

The Mother's Day offering gives us an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these residents. It takes \$100 to subsidize one day of care for benevolent residents. Residents who benefit from these funds are still living independently and are not yet eligible for any government support. Please carefully consider supporting this Benevolent Care with the Mother's Day Offering **today**.

You may place your donation in the buckets at each entrance or mail your check made payable to FUMC with "UM Mother's Day Offering" on the memo line to: **FUMC, 100 S. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.**

**Your Choice Resource  
Center Baby Bottle  
Blessings**

Help fund the life-saving, life-changing ministry of the Your Choice Resource Center with a check, cash or silver. You may collect your money at home and then deposit your monetary donation in the Big Baby Bottles available, one at each entrance to the sanctuary, **today through Father's Day, Sunday, June 20!**

**What a special way to say  
Happy Mother's & Father's Day!**

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**Ushers Needed at  
Funeral Services**

The church needs men and women to be available to help usher at funeral services in the church. This volunteer opportunity assists church families and others attending services and presents the caring aspect of the church to the community. Please call the church office at 977-0400 or John Williford at 442-3115 or 443-3005.

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**Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course**  
**Saturday, May 15, 2021**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:30/5:00 p.m.**  
**via Zoom**

Ken Ripley, Heritage District Lay Servant Ministry Director, will facilitate this course. The registration fee is \$15.00, and registration is **open until 11 p.m. tonight**. Visit the following link to register: <https://districts.nccumc.org/the-basic-course/>.

## Our Church Family

**We lift up in prayer** Johnny Lewis (Michelle Batchelor's father), Elaine Ray (Grace Sumner's daughter), the Strutton family, Bob Allen, Frances Melvin (Wendy Hinson's mother), Stephanie Ronan, Grace Sumner, Shirley DeBruhl, Beverly Rackley, Bob Steele, Jim Patton, Janet Keyes, Barbara Taylor, Steve and Sandy Pernell.

**Congratulations to** Will and Erin Kornegay on the birth of their daughter, *Dawson Grace Kornegay*, April 30, 2021. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud grandfather is Widgie Kornegay.

## Peacemakers Snack Drive

During the month of May, FUMC will host a snack drive for Peacemakers of Rocky Mount. We will help them meet their goal of collecting over 6500 individual snacks to serve the children during their Freedom School this summer. You can place your contribution of individually wrapped "finger food" snacks in the collection box in the back of the sanctuary or drop them off in the welcome center.

## FUMC Staff

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## Stewardship Report—May 2, 2021

Worship Attendance: 59 (Online) +  
158 (in person) + MMCB 28 = 245  
Tithes & Offering Received: \$6,368.00

## Attention 2021 Graduates! Graduation Sunday, May 23

As a church family, we want to praise and acknowledge your educational accomplishments and encourage you into your next stage of life. We hope to celebrate students graduating from high school, college, and graduate studies.

If you are getting ready to don a cap and gown and receive a diploma, let us know. Please email by **May 14** graduates' full names, parents' names, schools graduating from, schools planning to attend or career paths entering, and a small photo to Wendi Beck at [wbeck@fumcrm.org](mailto:wbeck@fumcrm.org).

A booklet will be created to share with our church family on Graduate Sunday, May 23, so we may continue lifting you up in prayer and love!

*glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Deuteronomy 32:10-12

## Scripture Reading

<sup>10</sup> He sustained him in a desert land,  
in a howling wilderness waste;  
he shielded him, cared for him,  
guarded him as the apple of his eye.

<sup>11</sup> As an eagle stirs up its nest,  
and hovers over its young;  
as it spreads its wings, takes them up,  
and bears them aloft on its pinions,

<sup>12</sup> the Lord alone guided him;  
no foreign god was with him.

## Children's Message

Stephanie Geanes

## Scripture Reading

I John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Message

**"Beloved by God"**

Rev. Matt Seaton

*Discovering our true identity as beloved children of God empowers us to take risks as we grow in love with God and neighbor.*

Song of Reflection

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

Billy Foote

**Verse 1**

*I'm forgiven*

*Because You were forsaken*

*I'm accepted*

*You were condemned*

*I'm alive and well*

*Your Spirit is within me*

*Because You died*

*And rose again*

**Chorus 1**

*Amazing love*

*How can it be*

*That You my King*

*Would die for me*

*Amazing love*

*I know it's true*

*It's my joy to honor You*

*In all I do I honor You*

**Misc. 1**

**(Ending)**

*You are my King*

*You are my King*

*Jesus You are my King*

*Jesus You are my King*

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Communion

Song of Praise

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

*Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.*

*And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till He become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling. Amen.*

Blessings and Sending Forth

Postlude

*This Is the Feast*

Hillert/arr. Callahan

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**The flowers on the Sanctuary altar today** are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of our mothers and special women in our lives. (Mother's Day Brochures are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.)

Participating with the clergy in this morning's service:  
TJ Shirley, Director of Music and Communications  
William Wood, Organist