

THE FIRST WORD

2020-07 First United Methodist Church – 109 West College Street – Winnsboro, SC 2020-07



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Dear Congregation:

Greetings! As we move forward during these trying times, we are in the midst of opening our Sanctuary to the congregation. Rev. Mac Kinnett started the process for us and now our incoming pastor, Rev. Steve Elkins is here to ensure protocols are in place for our return.

Rev. Elkins will begin his appointment on Sunday, July 5, 2020 with a worship service in the sanctuary for those who wish to attend (guidelines follow this letter) and he will also stream live for those who wish to continue worshiping from home. Live streaming will be a permanent part of our “new normal.” Rev. Elkin’s sermons will be recorded and placed on our website at www.firstumewinnsboro.com. We will continue to send you the link to view his sermons via email.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through these strange and different times for our church and our everyday lives. Please help us give Rev. Steve Elkins and his wife, Stephanie the warm FUMC welcome that we are know for! We look forward to Rev. Elkins sharing his leadership and the word of God with us beginning Sunday, July 5.

Peace and Grace and most of all, Stay Safe

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Guidelines and Directives for Worship Services in the Sanctuary at First United Methodist Church

Following is a list of some things that will be in place when we gather for worship again. We are aware that not everyone will feel comfortable attending worship at this point, and that is ok with us. There should be no sense of judgement upon those who choose to remain at home in the weeks ahead for their own sense of security and safety. There should also be no feeling of superiority or self-righteousness by those who choose to gather in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. These are unusual and challenging times. We all pray that our Lord will see fit to mitigate all threats of the virus soon, allowing us to return to full worship soon.

- We will ensure that proper social distancing practices are followed, meaning that only families will be allowed to sit closer than 6 feet of one another. An usher will seat you. Only designated pews will be available. Cushions have been removed. If you would like to bring your own cushion, please do so but take it with you when you leave. Once the maximum number of people are seated in compliance with social distancing, you will be seated in the Fellowship Hall.
- All attending worship will be required to wear masks. Some masks will be available for those who have not been able to get one. Your temperature will be taken prior to entering the sanctuary.
- We will observe a strict “no touching” policy, asking worshippers not to shake hands with one another or hug each other.
- The offering plates will not be passed. There will be an offering plate inside the sanctuary at each door so you can drop your offering in one of the plates either when you enter the sanctuary or leave the sanctuary. You can always mail your offering to First UMC, 109 West College Street or send in your tithe or contribution online through our website. www.firstumcwinnsboro.com.
- There will not be printed bulletins to handout and handle. They will be available in a digital format on the website and Facebook page.
- You will exit the same door you enter. Both front doors will be open and ushers will be responsible for locking the doors after service begins and again when service is over.
- There will be no nursery or children’s church as we resume in person worship. When we can resume those activities will be determined as we move forward.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in several places in the sanctuary.

- Hymnbooks and pew Bibles will be removed for a period of time. There will be no singing.
- We will dismiss worship pew by pew to help with social distancing.
- We encourage you to use the restroom prior to coming to Worship.
- Someone will take attendance (names of everyone entering the Sanctuary) for contact tracing purposes.
- Services will continue to be livestreamed so that those who are not yet comfortable in returning to large gatherings can still worship with us.
- If you have been sick or are feeling bad, please wait until you are well to come to worship. If you have been around anyone with the virus, please wait fourteen days before you come to worship (or go anywhere).

These protocols and procedures will be practiced as long as they are deemed necessary. The protocols and procedures will continually be evaluated and adjustments made when they can be and need to be. Please understand the need for these measures. We want to get back together as soon as we can and these protocols and procedures will allow us to do so in a way that keeps everyone as safe as possible.

Psalm 28:7-8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.





**TO MEMBERS
OF OUR
CHURCH
FAMILY WITH
BIRTHDAYS IN
JULY**

**If you do not see
your birthday on
the list, please let us know!**

- July 2 Roy Barnett
- July 3 Eddie Watford
- July 11 Jaycie Johnson
- July 12 Shirley Bittinger
- July 17 Jackie Wilkes
- July 20 Martha Martin
- July 21 Jim Baughman
- July 29 Molly Claire Caldwell
- July 31 Sarah Boulware

**When you can, remember to send a card, call
or visit:**

Brent Dorrier, NHC Parklane, Room 236,
7601 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223

Doris Myfelt 3195 Rio Dosa Drive #2103,
Lexington, KY 40509 (859)309-9284

Dot Yon Goodwin House Apt. #401, 3440 S.
Jefferson Street Falls Church, VA 22041

Lisa Lewis Meyer (recently moved. Will get
address asap.)

Mabel Ward 320 Seven Farm Drive, The
Summit Place/Daniel Island, Charleston, SC
29452

*Please, remember in prayer those serving our
country in our armed forces both at home and
overseas.*



Vickie Robinson, Fred Weed, Brigitte
Douglas, Jane Lee-Bonnett Jean
Allison, George Taylor, Mike Taylor,
Louise Taylor, Susan Fowler-Hindall, Lisa Lewis
Meyer, Marie Wood, Frank Martin, Brent Dorrier,
Kenny Martin, Lynne Moore, Dean Gaddy, Bundy and
Betty Bynum..

*People will stay on the prayer list one month. If after
their four weeks you would like the person to stay on
the prayer list, please call the church office.*

**Visit us on our website at
www.firstumcwinnsboro.com
Visit us on Facebook, too!**

Office Hours

**Monday through Thursday
7:30 a.m. until Noon**

Visit www.firstumcwinnsboro.com to see the
calendar for the entire year.

**Rev. Steve Elkins Contact
Information**

Cell Phone: 816 210 1076

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**As soon as Rev. Elkins is settled into a routine,
he will announce his office hours.**

**Wash your hands often
with soap and water for
at least 20 seconds.**





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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship in Sanctuary 11:00 am	6	7	8	9	10	11
5 Worship in Sanctuary 11:00 am	13	14	15	16	17	18
5 Worship in Sanctuary 11:00 am	20	21	22	23	24	25
5 Worship in Sanctuary 11:00 am	27	28	29	30	31	

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK, <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCWinnsboro/>
 THE CHURCH WEBPAGE <https://www.firstumcwinnsboro.com/>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAIL IN YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS, GIVE ON-LINE OR STOP BY THE MAIL DROP LOCATED ON THE COLLEGE STREET SIDE OF THE CHURCH NEXT TO THE BACK DOOR.

Dear First Church Family,

On behalf of the United Methodist Women, I want to thank all who contributed to our Shoes4Water project. Unfortunately, the collection of shoes has been discontinued. We will no longer be collecting shoes at First Church. The digging of wells for clean water in needy areas is continuing, but the project will be funded in other ways. Since March of 2018, 1240 pairs of shoes have been picked up from our church. This large number is another reflection of the kindness and generosity of this church family. Again, thanks for helping us to have a small part in spreading God's word and improving impoverished living conditions.

Blessings to all,
 Beth Caulder

Herman Young
George Floyd
Mary Yongue
Marion Robinson
Julie McMaster

By
Paul and Bobbie Dove

Marion Robinson
By
Fred and Lea Weed

Lee Allen
Mary Yongue
Marion Robinson
Harriett Albert
John Johnson
Oliver Johnson
Mitzi Renwick

By
Steve and Herron McDonald

Mitzi Renwick
John Johnson
Oliver Johnson
Win McMaster
Mary Yongue
Julie McMaster
Marion Robinson
Waymon Morris

By
Charles and Susan Dove



Win McMaster
Mary Yongue
Dr. Clyde McCants
Marion Robinson
Julie McMaster

Mrs. Bundy
By
Roy and Frances Barnett

Marion Robinson
Dr. Clyde McCants
Julie McMaster

By
Jim and Jo Ann Futrell

Julie McMaster
Marion Robinson
Mary Yongue

By
Tony and Beth Caulder

Marion Robinson
By
Bill and Margaret DuBard
Larry and Nancy Stevenson
Eric and Jena Johnson

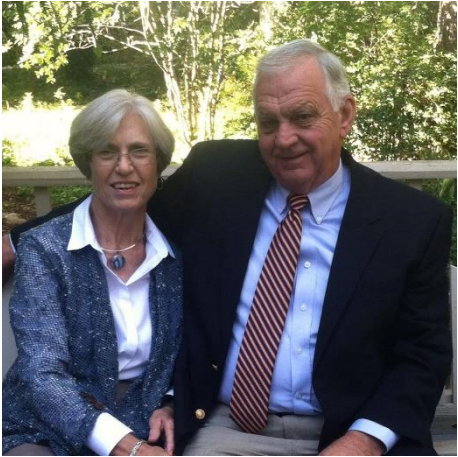
Mary Yongue
By
Peggy H. Ayers
Jack and Martha Wilkes

Evon Estes
By
Amelia Butler

SOME OF OUR SMILING FACES OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST



DON'T YOU MISS SEEING EVERYONE!



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