

**THIS WEEK AT CHURCH**  
 8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

# First United Methodist Church

201 S. Road Street (Corner of Church and Road Streets)  
 Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909

**COME ALIVE THROUGH CHRIST, CONNECT TO OTHERS, REACH OUT TO SERVE!!**

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
 (Broadcast over WGAI Radio Station, AM 560)  
 Email: [funcecc@raleigh.tvcbc.com](mailto:funcecc@raleigh.tvcbc.com)

April 22, 2012 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 11:00 a.m.

As we enter the Sanctuary, greet and fellowship with one another, find a stranger and make a friend;  
 then as the Prelude begins, please pray for God's blessing and direction in our worship.

**GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER**

**WELCOME**  
*PRELUDE (A time of centering)*  
**THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO WORSHIP** Acolytes  
**\* CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**\* GREETING**  
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
 And also with you.  
 The Risen Christ is with us.  
 Praise the Lord!

**\* INTROIT**  
**\* OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**  
 Eternal Father, we praise you today for your work in our hearts, lives, and world. As you displayed your  
 Great love for us through your son Jesus, let us be your examples, that others may know you through our  
 /e. Amen.

**\* HYMN # 568** *Christ for the World We Sing*

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881** The Apostles' Creed  
**\* GLORIA PATRI #70** *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
1 John 3:1-7  
 Reader: Tammy Campbell

**CHILDREN'S TIME**  
**CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**ANTHEM** *Savior, Thy dying Love*  
arr. D. Lantz III

**SUNDAY, April 22**  
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 p.m. - UMYF  
**MONDAY, April 23**  
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Cooking for Christ  
 Boy Scouts Meet  
**TUESDAY, April 24**  
 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Knitters  
 7:00 p.m. - Music Team Rehearsal  
**WEDNESDAY, April 25**  
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Practice  
**THURSDAY, April 26**  
 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. – District Board of Ordained Ministry (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee  
**SUNDAY, April 29**  
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 p.m. - UMYF

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 8, 2012**

Budget for 2012	\$460,530	Sunday School Attendance	47
Needed each week	\$8,856	Worship Service Attendance	262
Budget received last Sunday	\$11,460	Early Worship Attendance	65
Needed to date	\$132,840	Total Worship Service	327
Received to date	\$127,951		
Net Receipts	(\$4,889)	Maudy Thursday	110

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR APRIL 15, 2012**

Budget for 2012	\$460,530	Sunday School Attendance	54
Needed each week	\$8,856	Worship Service Attendance	156
Budget received last Sunday	\$3,369	Early Worship Attendance	53
Needed to date	\$141,696	Total Worship Service	209
Received to date	\$131,320		
Net Receipts	(\$10,376)		

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**  
**RADIO ANNOUNCER** – Dave Thomas  
**GREETERS** – Mary Ann and Clay Foreman

**SS GREETERS** – Men's Bible Class  
**DRIVER** – Paul Foreman  
**ACOLYTES** – Will Robertson and Libby Robertson  
**ALTAR GUILD** – Judy Peel, Betty Meggs and Stephanie York

**Every Baptized Member is a Minister**  
 Joe Casteel, Pastor, (w) 335-1771 (h) 335-7292  
 Diane Carver, Office Administrator, (h) 426-9206  
 Billy Caudle, 8:30 a.m. Music Director  
 Ray Meiggs, 11:00 a.m. Music Director

**Staff**  
 Jane Wyson, Preschool Director (w) 335-7615  
 Jeanie Biggs, Bookkeeper, (h) 426-4713  
 Shirley Ferebee, Housekeeping, (cell) 339-3517  
 Danny Peck, Interim Director, Youth- (cell) 339-0801

SERMON

"NOT AN ACCIDENT"

Danny Peck

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

\*HYMN # 378

*Amazing Grace*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION  
CHORUS OF PREPARATION # 328

WOLFE

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*He Lives*

\* HYMN # 310

\* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US OUT TO SERVE

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

(\*) Congregation please stand as you are able

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP ENDS: OUR WORSHIP IN SERVICE BEGINS

During church, nursery and toddler care is available each week on the first floor in the preschool area. Children's Church for 3 year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is offered every week. They meet on the first floor in the preschool area of the church near the restroom.

*Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us today. We hope that you will find a spirit of friendship in our gathering and that you will be blessed through this service of worship.*

**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Noel Coltrane by Mary Lou, son, Noel III and Family.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Faye Sawyer, Jimmy Vaughan, Lorra Wann, Patty Hoggard and Garland Singletary for sitting in the church office while I was on vacation. Diane Carver

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are now available in the church office. Any high school senior and current undergraduate or graduate students may apply for the FUMC scholarship. The scholarship application forms are due, along with recommendations, in the church office by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships will be awarded on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Senior Sunday.

**PLEASE CALL** Mary Leigh Barrett at 331-2961 if you will have an event in which you will need paper products.

**LENTEN FOLDERS** Don't forget to turn in your Lenten Offering. The money collected from this goes to our missionaries. If you would just like to write a check, please note on the memo line "Lenten Offering".

**NEW COOLING SYSTEM**.... We had hoped to get the new cooling system for the sanctuary installed before Easter, however, the equipment will not be installed until the first week of May. If it gets hot outside before it is installed, please dress appropriately.