

2/23- Attendance -171 Sunday School -53

Visitor(s):Mike Harlick

Pray for Members: David Lowe, Linda Shields, Linda Smith, Mary Robinson, Emily Childs, Peggy Lippard, Daniel Denapoli, CB Wolfe, Donna Parker, Sarah Lantz, Virginia Myrick, Larry Garner, Brenda Ballard, Doris Lail, Jim Lail, Mike Pittman, Kay Polhill, Bobbie Robinson, Sloan Robinson, Ken Mace, Grace Johnson, Kay Marks, Ken Marks, Rosie Modlin, Kathy Dellinger Kirksey, Sharina Komen, Suzette Holbrooks.

Shut In List: Hazel Robinson, Jo Huss, Donna Conner Morris, Nancy Boulware, Carolyn Dellinger, Verna Rufini.

This Week at FUMC

Sun. 10:00 am - WOW Choir rehearsal, 9:45 am –Sunday School, 11:00 am-Worship

Mon. 7:00 pm- Scouts, 7:00 pm - Seek & Find Bible Study

Tues. 5:45 pm-Spiritual Yoga, 6:00 pm -Girl Scouts, 6:30 pm-Prison Ministry

Wed. 9:30am-Prayer group-Annex, 6:00 pm- Handbell Choir, 7:00 pm– Choir Practice

Crock Pot Café – TODAY following worship. Come and enjoy the delicious food, support the Columbarium fund and get answers to any questions you may have.

March 2-Safe Sanctuary Committee will meet in Annex at 7:00 pm.

March 3 – Gratefully Helen Combs Circle will meet in the Annex at 2:00pm



Help us keep our buildings secure. Please remember to make sure the doors are locked if your group has used one of the church buildings.

Acolytes

Mar 1 Lucas Demofonte

Mar 8 Lulu King

Liturgist

Mar 1 Joe Southards

Mar 8 Lulu and Reed King

Children’s Sermon

Allison Thompson

Mary Cagle

Pewkeeper(s)

Kathy Valentine

Sherry Reinhardt

Greeters

Bobbie Robinson, Joann Parker

Bo and Carol King

Safe Sanctuary Rover

Beverly Beal

Keith Dedmond

Altar Guild

Mary Ann Rankin

Valet

Steve Cain

Charlie King

Ushers: John Lineberger, Jeff Noles, Diane Hames, Keith Dedmond, Wanda Lutz, Danny Richard

FUMC CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Rev. Tony H. Matthews Pastor’s Cell 704-918-3585 Church Office: 704-735-7489

Church website: www.fumclincolnton.com: Visit the website for the newsletter, bulletin and church activities. Online giving is also available on the church website.

Meet the staff

Rev. Tony Matthews

Senior Pastor

Mrs. Joanna Underwood

Music Director

Rev. Phillip Cole

Pastor Emeritus

Mr. Neil Underwood

Organist

Mr. Robbie Combs

Director of Ministries

Mrs. Kelly L. Kinard

Children’s Choir

Mrs. Christie Sain

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Mr. Steve Herman

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Mrs. Patty Ferris

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Ms. Samantha Ferris

Nursery Attendant

Mrs. Elizabeth Demonfonte

Nursery Attendant

First United Methodist Church Lincolnton, NC



March 1st, 2020

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LINCOLNTON

First Sunday of Lent

Eleven O'clock A.M.

March 1st, 2020

GATHERING AND GREETING

(Please use this time to greet those around you, sign and pass the pew pads)

Welcome and Announcements

A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Choral Call to Worship

Organist / Acolytes

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Michael Southards

Leader: **The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,**

People: but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

Leader: **Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.**

People: Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence.

Leader: **Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us;**

People: Leader: the barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

People: **In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.**

Leader: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

People: **Come, let us worship God!**

*** Opening Hymn**

"Amazing Grace"

UMH # 378

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Michael Southards

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.

***Glory Be to the Father**

UMH # 71

Children's Time

Allison Thompson

Special Music from the WOW choir

TIME OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Old Testament Lesson

Anthem

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Chancel Choir

Michael Southards

A TIME OF JOY AND GIVING

Invitation to Offering:

As we share our gifts today, we celebrate God's love and abundance in the world. In our generosity, we recognize that we are all part of God's family. In our giving, we dare to imagine that God will use our gifts in the world to do great things; more than we can imagine! Let us give generously.

Amen

The Offertory

(Giving our tithes, and contemplation of how God has blessed us.)

***Doxology**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH # 94

A TIME OF PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4: 1-13

Message

"When Opportunity Knocks"

Rev. Tony Matthews

Sacrament of Communion

UMH# 12

Gluten free wafers are available

***Closing Hymn**

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH# 620

A TIME TO GO FORTH AS THE CHURCH

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

SENT FORTH, READY TO SERVE

***Postlude**

Organist

The flower dedication was accidentally omitted from last week's bulletin and were dedicated as follows:

*The flowers in the Chancel area are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in memory of Chad Goodson
by his parents, John and Nelva Goodson.*

*Stand as you are able