

**WELCOME GUESTS
AND MEMBERS!**

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s)

Name(s)

Street Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email

- I would like to become a member
- I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission
- I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

List each person present and update any info

Name(s)

Name(s)

Street Address

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Phone

Email

PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Elvie Cranford, Susan Henthorn, Faye Morris

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Beverly Beal, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Catherine Douglas, Kathy Douglas, Sandy Eldridge, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Pam Freeman, Donald Hartsell (brother-in-law of Kathy Dellinger), Ed Hatley, Betty Jo Helms, Jayce Heff, Denise Hobbs, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Lessie Pendleton, Scott Sain, Gracie Sceascea, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Linda Smith, Laura Smallwood, David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless

NURSING FACILITIES: Ann Ford (The Addison), Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Judy Komas (The Addison), Brenda Noles (Heath House), Mary Jean Rollins (Summit Place - Mooresville)

HOMEBOUND: Brenda Ballard, Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Jo Huss, Donna Connor Morris, Bobbie Robinson, Mary Robinson, Verna Rufini

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Robbie Combs
GREETERS:	Jerry & Gayle Park
ACOLYTE:	Brooks Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Vickie Andrews
ROVER:	
VALET:	Ron Metzger

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship
January 7, 2024

Kneel to Pray
Baptism of the Lord

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Christmas Prayer

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

People: May our hearts be open to trust you.

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

People: May our eyes be open to see you.

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

People: May our hands be open to serve you.

***HYMN**

This Is My Father's World

UMH #144

TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

Suzanne Peeler

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6: 25-27; Isaiah 41:10

ANTHEM

Thanks Be To God

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Fear
1st in Series:
Glimpses of Hope

Dr. Tim Roberts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH#474

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

****You are invited to stand, as you are able****

WELCOME: To all who need a church home, who mourn and need comfort, who are lonely and need friendship, who know how to pray and who do not, who sin and need a Saviour, who are displaced and are searching for community, who are tossed in turbulent waters and are seeking a safe harbor, and to whosoever will – First United Methodist Church opens wide its heart, mind, and doors, and in the name of Jesus the Christ says: WELCOME!.

Communion Assistants: Steve & Kathy Kirksey; Amy Lockman

PRAYER CONNECTIONS

Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you will receive it, and it will be so for you."
- Mark 11:24 (CEB)

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer concern that you would like for the church and/or the pastor to pray with you about, please let us know by writing it down on the slip below and dropping it in the offering plate.

Check here to have your prayer request to be shared with the church. Otherwise, it will remain confidential.

Use the space below to list any requests for more information about events or to provide additional information about yourself. Please place this slip in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:

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- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Wash and Body Lotion
- Backpacks for the homeless
- Jeans waist size 30 and 32

Current Food Needs:

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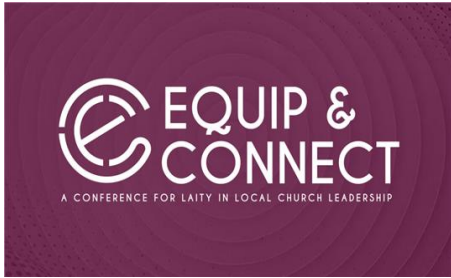
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Find the complete, detailed schedule, visit the following link.
<https://www.wnccumc.org/equip-connect-2024>

Registration Details:

Register for Equip & Connect 2024 as soon as possible, as all workshops are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will close as they fill up. We know there are so many great options that you may want to attend them all, but rest assured that they will be recorded. Choose the topics in each breakout session where you most relate and would like to participate in conversation. Attending the session will help you participate in dialogue, watching the session later will help you glean information.

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