

**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)

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**In your daily prayers, please pray for:**

**CONTINUING:** Thomas Allen, Beverly Beal, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Colton (Friend of Karson Shrum), Elvie Cranford, 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, Susan Henthorn, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Lessie Pendleton, Mae Reasoner, Gracie Sceascea, 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, Rosie Modlin, Donna Connor Morris, Bobbie Robinson, Mary Robinson, Verna Rufini

**THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

<b>MINISTERS:</b>	All Members of First UMC
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Jennifer Ellis
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Tim & Rosemary Leonard
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Lucas Demofonte
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Ernie & Betty Parker
<b>ROVER:</b>	Keith Dedmond
<b>VALET:</b>	Carl Henline

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Dr. Tim Roberts	336-293-3698	troberts@wncumc.net
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<b>FINANCIAL ASSIST.</b>	Letha Owen		lrowen520@gmail.com
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**First United Methodist Church  
Lincolnton**

*Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.*

Godspeed.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Enter to Worship*

*Kneel to Pray*

*Rise to Serve*

February 25, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

11:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE** *Peace, Like a River* Handbell Choir

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION MOMENT:** Why First UMC? Ron Metzger

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** Chancel Choir  
*You Are Welcome Here*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: The people of God were made for worship:  
To sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.

**PEOPLE: The people of God were made for God’s presence:  
For pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.**

LEADER: Come, holy people, God’s chosen disciples:  
Gather for worship, come from all places!

**PEOPLE: We have come to God’s temple, gathered together,  
We have come to praise God and enjoy him forever.**

**\*HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH #400

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN** Jan Duncan

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Handbell Choir

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** Dr. Tim Roberts

**ANTHEM** *I Have Felt the Touch of God* Chancel Choir

**SERMON** *Godspeed* Dr. Tim Roberts  
*Joshua 1: 1-9*

**\*HYMN** *Shalom to You* UMH #600

**SENDING FORTH INTO SERVICE** Gordon Hubbell

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Neil Underwood, Organ  
Robbie Combs, Piano

**\*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!.

**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.

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**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.

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**LENTEN LUNCH SERVICES:** Join us this Wednesday, Feb 21, for our Lenten Lunch Service. Lunch is served from 12:00 until 12:30 (with a suggested donation of \$6.00), and the service is from 12:30 until 1:00 pm. Pastor Reed Conley from Artisan Church will be the preacher for this week's service.

**GRIEFSHARE:** A new session of our Griefshare group will begin on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Annex. To register, visit our website [www.fumclincolnton.com/ministries-missions](http://www.fumclincolnton.com/ministries-missions) and click on the Griefshare link. You can also see Joey Lockman with any questions.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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This gift has meaning in its design.

Each lap quilt consists of 70 hand cut squares, with 7 columns representing our spiritual growth through the 7 churches.

The 10 rows represent the 10 Commandments. We have been given instructions on how we are to live by The Ten Commandments.

Each quilt is unique by fabric and colors, most having two basic fabrics and colors which demonstrates our one-on-one relationship with the Lord.

As with the different fabrics, we weave our lives together with His.

They are not perfect; neither are we. But His love is.

Some quilts will have 4 corners in a contrasting color. This represents the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John who recorded the life and ministry of Jesus.

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