

**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 _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Richard Beeker, Judy Komas

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), Brenda Noles (Heath House), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels – Rehab)

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

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Jason Ellis
GREETERS:	Dianne Putnam & Vickie Andrews
ACOLYTE:	Karson Shrum
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
ROVER:	Bo King
VALET:	Steve Kirksey

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
March 31, 2024

Kneel to Pray
EASTER SUNDAY

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

On The Third Day

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is our strength and might;

People: today, the Lord has become our salvation!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is God’s handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH #327

***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

Beverly Beal

RECEPTION OF OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 1-16

ANTHEM

Honored, Glorified, Exalted

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Looking

Dr. Larry Kimel

***HYMN**

He Lives

UMH #310

***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!.

The Easter Lily Badge on the cross is given to the glory of God and in honor of the 2024 Confirmation Class of First United Methodist Church of Lincolnton.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: The offering plates are located at each entrance for you to give of your weekly tithe and offerings. You may also choose to use our online giving portal at: www.fumclincolnton.com/give-online

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Beginning in April, Dr. Kimel will be in the office on MONDAY mornings from 10:00 am until Noon. To make an appointment with him, please contact the church office.

GRIEFSHARE: Our Griefshare group meets each Monday morning, at 10:00 am in the Annex. See Joey Lockman with any questions.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: All are invited to join us every Sunday morning, from 9:00 am until 10:00am in the fellowship hall for a time of coffee and conversation, prior to morning Sunday School.

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Abernethy Laurels, 102 Leonard St, Newton, NC 28658
North Tower, Noble West, Room 2107A

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Liturgist: Levi Stroud

Acolyte: Brooks Hardin

Greeters: Peggie Shuford & Wanda Lutz

Time Mostly for Children: Billy Howell

Pew Keepers: Vickie Andrews

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:

Emergency Services is requesting:

- Backpacks for the homeless
- Jeans waist size 30 and 32
- Men's underwear – all sizes
- Tennis Shoes for Men and Women – Any size
- Women's undergarments (new underwear and bras) – any size

Soup Kitchen – Most Needed Items for Pantry

- Crackers, Peanut butter, breakfast foods, detergent, bar soap, toilet paper

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*EASTER LILIES GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
IN HONOR OF:*

Our Children & Grandchildren, by Bo & Carol King

Our Children, by Jason & Jennifer Ellis

Brenda Noles, by Jeff Noles

Randolph & Teresa Shives, by Rosalind Welder & Carl Henline

*EASTER LILIES GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:*

Bobbie Robinson, by Michael, Letha, Alex, Emily, Jeremy and Owen

Sherry Noles & David Noles, by Jeff Noles

Our Parents, by Bo & Carol King

Our Parents, by Michael & Letha Owen

Reid and Hilda Parker & Howard and Nancy Steele, by Ernie & Betty Parker

Bob Rankin and Helen & Elbert Combs, by Mary Anna Rankin

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Asbury, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Combs, Rev. Bob Combs, Carolyn A Dysart, by Shirley and Robbie Combs

Joe and Consie Melton, by Thurman Melton

Donna Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hefner, Dean Parker and Ralph Parker, by Larry Parker

Our Parents - Ruth & Joe Leonard and Barbara & Clarence Papetti, by Tim & Rosemary Leonard

Frankie & Curt Broome, by Frances and Charles Hupfer

Our Parents, by Michael & Letha Owen

Nancy Stowe by Bob, Sharon & Grant Gazdeck

Barbara & Frank Barnette and Elizabeth Valentine by Steve & Kathy Valentine

Don Smith, by Linda Smith

David Duncan, Gwin Novotny and Robert Novotney, by Jan Duncan

Our Parents, by Jerry & Gayle Park

My Parents – Steve & Milly Hemmann by Marjorie Stula

Elliott Beal, by Lou Beal

Carol Connor, by Charles & Wanda Lutz