

**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:

NEW: Jeremiah Buff, Judy Komars, Rev. Sarah Underwood

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Beverly Beal, Richard Beeker, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Les Canupe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Elvie Cranford, Kathy Douglas, Sandy Eldridge, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Rev. Keiko Foster, Donald Hartsell (brother-in-law of Kathy Dellinger), Ed Hatley, Betty Jo Helms, Jayce Heff, Susan Henthorn, Denise Hobbs, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Jerry McClure, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Gracie Sceascea, Linda Smith, Laura Smallwood, Mickie Stevens, David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, our country

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:	Mike Owen
GREETERS:	Rosalind Welder & Carl Henline
ACOLYTE:	Owen Krech
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	
ROVER:	Gayle Park
VALET:	Tim Leonard

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

Kneel to Pray

Rise to Serve

May 19, 2024

**Pentecost Sunday
GRADUATE SUNDAY**

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Pomp and Circumstance

Neil Underwood

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Awesome God

Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God of wind and fire,

People: When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

Leader: God of mighty oceans and still waters,

People: When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

Leader: God of bread and wine,

People: When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

Leader: So pour out your Spirit

People: Let sacred waters flow

Leader: Fill us with holy food.

People: May our hearts and our hands be open wide to receive your gifts of life. Amen.

***HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

UMH #139

***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 FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Robbie Combs

SPECIAL MUSIC from our PRESCHOOL

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 1-2; 22-24

ANTHEM

Spirit of God

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Fire

Dr. Larry Kimel

***HYMN**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH #465

***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!.

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.

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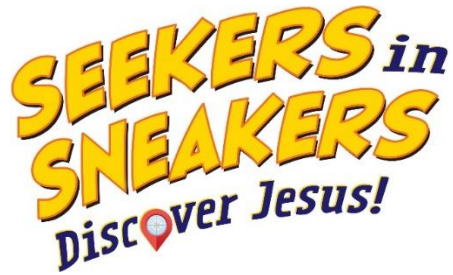
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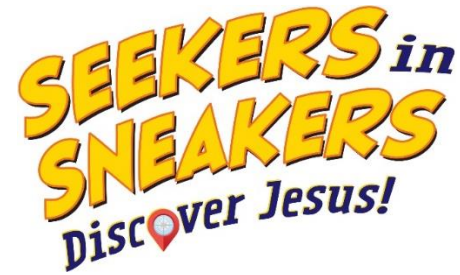
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