

**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: Susan Henthorn, Lula Strachan (Paul Strachan's Mother), Judy Komars, Rev. Sarah Underwood

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Beverly Beal, Richard Beeker, Arlen & Sue Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Jeremiah Buff, 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, Denise Hobbs, LoisMary Hoehne, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Jerry McClure, Thurman Melton, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal & Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, 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:	Steve Morton
GREETERS:	Tim & Rosemary Leonard
ACOLYTE:	
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Peggie Shuford
ROVER:	Liz Strachan
VALET:	John Lantz

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship
May 26, 2024

Kneel to Pray
2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Neil Underwood

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
Awesome God

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: You who are poor, why have you come?

People: To hear good news.

Leader: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

People: To heal our hearts.

Leader: You who are captive, why have you come?

People: To hear words of freedom.

Leader: You who are prisoners, why have you come?

People: To be released from what binds us.

Leader: You who mourn, why have you come?

People: To receive comfort.

Leader: Then you are welcome here in this place, at this table, where Jesus offers blessing for all.

ALL: Amen

***HYMN** *Because He Lives* UMH #364

***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 Suzanne Peeler

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM *In Remembrance of Me* Chancel Choir

SERMON *What Do You Do With A Towel?* Dr. Larry Kimel

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN** *Seek Ye First* UMH #405

***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TO ALL FIRST UMC WOMEN: Women of the church, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 9th as we gather together to talk about and plan a covered dish reception lunch for Sarah Underwood's first Sunday. Plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am to grab a cup of coffee and share ideas. After that we will also share our thoughts regarding a new and easier structure for UMW. All women are invited.

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT HICKORY CRAWDADS: The WNC Conference is sponsoring a United Methodist Night at the Hickory Crawdads baseball game on Friday, June 7. Doors open at 6 pm and the game start at 7. The first 500 fans receive a UM/Crawdads T-Shirt, and following the game, there will be a fireworks display. If you are interested in attending as a church, group sale tickets are \$6.00 with a group of 20 or more. Please note that the LP Frans Stadium is now a CASHLESS venue, and they require that any bags brought into the stadium be CLEAR.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 9, 2024

Liturgist: Gordon Hubbell

Acolyte: Karson Shrum

Greeters: Bill & Karen Leonhardt

Time for All God's Children: Jan Duncan

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

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