

**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: Susan Henthorn, Dr. Larry & Diane Kimel, 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, Lula Strachan (Paul Strachan's Mother), David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, our country

NURSING FACILITIES: Ann Ford (The Addison), Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Judy Komas (The Addison), 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:	Billy Howell
GREETERS:	Dianne Putnam & Joann Parker
ACOLYTE:	Owen Krech
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Steve & Jane Morton
ROVER:	Rosalind Welder
VALET:	Steve Morton

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship
June 23, 2024

Kneel to Pray
5th 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 (in unison)**
*God of Love,
You are with us in every transition and change.
As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we
recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.
We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed
us.
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.
We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our
own work.
Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one
another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.*

***HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH #155

***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

Beverly Beal

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Selections from Psalms and Ecclesiastes

ANTHEM *We Hold You In Our Hearts* Chancel Choir

SERMON *Live Like You Were Dying* Dr. Larry Kimel

***HYMN** *God Be With You Til We Meet Again* UMH #672

SERVICE OF FAREWELL

***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 Flowers gracing our sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of our interim minister and his wife, Dr. Larry and Diane Kimel, who generously gave of their time and talents to First United Methodist Church, Lincolnnton.

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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FIRST UMC ONGOING SCHEDULE:

Sunday - Coffee & Conversation – 9:00am - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday – Quilting Ministry – 9:30 am -2nd floor, Middle Bldg
Chancel Choir – 7:00 pm – Choir Room, Middle Bldg

PASTOR'S MOVE IN DATE: The move in date for Pastor Sarah's move into the parsonage will be on July 1. We will need strong arms and backs to help with boxes and furnishings, as well as smiling faces to make her feel welcome! We will update you on a time to meet at the parsonage.

WELCOME MEAL FOR REV. UNDERWOOD: On July 14th, we will have a covered dish meal to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Sarah Underwood, following morning worship. Whether you make a dish or not, all are welcome to join us to meet our new pastor and welcome her to First UMC, Lincoln.

GREETERS AND PEW KEEPERS: We are working on the schedule for the greeters and pew keepers for the remainder of 2024. If you feel called to help with either of these ministries, please contact the church office by June 25th.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 30, 2024

Liturgist: Steve Kirksey
Acolyte: Noah Hardin
Greeters: Chase & Katie Hardin
Time for All God's Children: Cale Thornburg
Pew Keepers: Jason & Jennifer Ellis
Valet: Steve Kirksey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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Soup Kitchen – Most Needed Items for Pantry:

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

Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

- Corn, sweet peas, mixed veggies, mayonnaise

HELP NEEDED – LINC MEAL DRIVERS: Flexible schedule, even for those with busy schedules. Commitment is about an hour to drive and deliver the meals. For additional information, contact Rosalind Welder – 704-472-0128

BACK-UP NURSERY ATTENDANT: We are looking for a back-up nursery attendant to step in on Sunday mornings, as needed. If you feel called to help, please contact Jennifer Ellis or the church office.

MOUNTAIN T.O.P.: Our Mountain T.O.P. is scheduled for July 14-20, with Steve Kirksey leading our building team. There are still some open spots for adults and youth over the age of 14 for this trip. We look forward to commissioning our building team on June 30th. Mark your calendars to support our team.

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Here are some suggestions:

- Use the Priority Mail Flat Rate Small Box
- The cost to mail is ~\$20 (sorry, it's not free like some think)
- You'll need to fill out a customs form so know what you've put in the box before you seal it
- **Needed & Appreciated Items**
 - Cards/Notes to the Servicemember
 - Energy Drink Packets (like Celsius to Go)
 - Beef Jerky
 - Cookies (especially Girl Scout)
 - Candy
 - Jolly Ranchers / hard candy
 - Trail Mix (like individual Kars)
 - Individual Flavor Packets for water (like Crystal Light)
 - K-cups
 - Individual Mac-n-Cheese
 - Other individual foods that are either Ready-to-Eat or easy to prepare
 - Hygiene products
 - Feminine products
 - Crackers

- Fly trap tapes
- Puzzles
- Comic books
- ... Your choice of other products

- If your package is designed for one person, please note that on the box. Normally we open the boxes are mix the contents to be distributed to groups of people.
- **ITEMS NOT ALLOWED**
 - Pornography, or any product that may be suggestive
 - Alcohol
 - Tobacco products, Including vapes, e-cigarettes
 - Gambling products
- We already have a nice supply of bibles and devotionals already. The Upper Room and Portal of Prayer provides us with current issues for free

NOTE: For now, **please only send around a max of 12 boxes at a time**. The Postmaster at the Air Base is a bit snippy when we receive a ton of packages all at once. I will be having a face-to-face with him about this soon.

Mail to:

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By Craig Wiseman and Tim Nichols

He said "I was in my early forties
With a lot of life before me
And a moment came that stopped me on a dime
I spent most of the next days
Looking at the x-rays
Talkin' 'bout the options
And talkin' 'bout sweet time"

And I asked him "When it sank in
That this might really be the real end
How's it hit you When you get that kind of news?
Man, what'd you do?" (and he said)

"I went skydiving, I went Rocky Mountain climbing
I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fumanchu
And I loved deeper And I spoke sweeter
And I gave forgiveness I'd been denying"
And he said "Someday I hope you get the chance
To live like you were dying"

He said "I was finally the husband
That most of the time I wasn't
And I became a friend a friend would like to have
And all of a sudden going fishin'
Wasn't such an imposition
And I went three times that year I lost my dad

I finally read the Good Book,
and I Took a good, long, hard look
At what I'd do if I could do it all again...And then

Like tomorrow was a gift
And you've got eternity to think about What you'd do with it
What could you do with it...What did I do with it?
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