

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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:** The Family of Brenda Noles, Beulah Cannon (Rev. Sarah Underwood's mother), Susan Henthorn, Mountain T.O.P. Building Team

**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), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels – Rehab)

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

**THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

<b>MINISTERS:</b>	All Members of First UMC
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Jan Duncan
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Steve & Kathy Valentine
<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>	Vickie Andrews
<b>ROVER:</b>	Keith Dedmond
<b>VALET:</b>	Paul Douglas

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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<b>DIR. OF MUSIC</b>	Joanna Underwood	junmor61@gmail.com
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<b>FINANCIAL ASSIST.</b>	Letha Owen	lrowen520@gmail.com
<b>FACILITIES MGR.</b>	Steve Herman	paherman@charter.net
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**First United Methodist Church  
Lincolnton**

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



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Enter to Worship*  
July 7, 2024

*Kneel to Pray*  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

*Rise to Serve*  
11:00 A.M.

**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)

**GATHERING**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE** Neil Underwood

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sometimes we are shepherds and sometimes we are sheep.  
**People: We may lead or we may follow. Our gifts and our hearts will guide our words and deeds in doing both.**  
Leader: When we lead, let us understand that an attitude of humility is how Jesus led all who followed him.  
**People: Righteous leadership is a high calling, sometimes misunderstood. If we lead others, we bear great responsibility both to God and those we lead.**  
Leader: Both Elder and Flock are at their best when humble and united in purpose.  
**People: If we follow, we still have responsibility to understand.**  
**ALL: Both leaders and followers must work together for the glory of God and both are necessary to God’s kingdom. Our God of Love is also a God of Justice and Honor.**

**\*HYMN** *To God Be The Glory* UMH #98

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #881

**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** Billy Howell

**SCRIPTURE READING** I Peter 5: 1-5

**CALL TO PRAYER** *Surely The Presence* Chancel Choir

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Chancel Choir

**SERMON** *Things to Know About Pastors* Gordon Hubbell, CLM

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Rev. Charles Stevens

**\*HYMN** *America* UMH #697

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** Chancel Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*\*\*You are invited to stand, as you are able\*\*\**

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**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!

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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **FIRST UMC ONGOING SCHEDULE:**

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Monday – Quilting Ministry – 9:30 am -2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Middle Bldg

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**OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR SARAH:** Beginning on Monday, July 8, Pastor Sarah will have office hours at the church from 9 am-12 Noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. Appointments may be made through the church office or calling her directly at 704-678-0813. She will be off on Fridays, but available in the event of an emergency. Her email address is [sunderwood@wnccumc.net](mailto:sunderwood@wnccumc.net).

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – July 14, 2024**

Liturgist: Jennifer Ellis

Acolyte: Karson Shrum

Greeters: Peggie Shuford & Wanda Lutz

Time for All God's Children: Suzanne Peeler

Pew Keepers: Beverly Beal

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

### **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:**

Soup Kitchen – Most Needed Items for Pantry:

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

Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

- Instant Rice, Egg Noodles, Penne Noodles, Gallon Size Tea Bags

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES IS ASKING FOR:**

- Tennis shoes ALL sizes MEN'S, women's boys & girls
- Women's undergarments new (underwear and bras) any Size

**\*\*WE NEED QUART SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS FOR OUR PANTRY AND OUR CLOTHES CLOSET\*\***

**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. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their trip. We will look forward to a full report of their mission week upon their return.

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NEED TO KNOW:

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SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BY  
1:30 PM**

**\*\*IF YOU SIGNED UP TO MAKE HOMEMADE TREATS FOR  
WEDNESDAY, YOU MAY BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH  
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