

**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: The Family of Brenda Noles, Beulah Cannon (Rev. Sarah Underwood's mother), Susan Henthorn, Karen Leonhardt, Hal Parker, Randolph Shives

CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, 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, Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Laura Smallwood, Linda Smith, Lula Strachan, David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, our country

NURSING FACILITIES: Brenda Ballard (The Greens), Ann Ford (The Addison), Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Judy Komas (The Addison), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels – Rehab)

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

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Joey Lockman
GREETERS:	Jerry & Gayle Park
ACOLYTE:	Brooks Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Kathy Valentine
ROVER:	Kathy Dedmond
VALET:	Steve Cain

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

PASTOR	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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PRESCHOOL DIR.	Kristen Willis	preschool@fumclincolnton.com

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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Enter to Worship
July 21, 2024

Kneel to Pray
9th Sunday After Pentecost

Rise to Serve
11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE Neil Underwood

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

O God, before whose throne the whole family of heaven and earth bow down in ceaseless adoration: accept, we pray, the praises which we offer this day. Make us to know the joy of thy salvation that with glad hearts we may proclaim thy Word so that the sorrowing may be comforted, the faint in heart made strong, the wayward restored to ways of life and peace, and your saving faith be made known to all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***HYMN** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* UMH #496

***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

Jan Duncan

SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 17: 4-11; 19-23, 32-49

CALL TO PRAYER *Surely The Presence* Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Standin’ in the Need of Prayer* Chancel Choir

SERMON *Summer Stories: Facing Giants with Confidence* Rev. Sarah Underwood

***HYMN** *In The Garden* UMH #314

***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 Beautiful Flowers gracing our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda Noles by The Noles Family.

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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Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

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

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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

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