

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

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**In your daily prayers, please pray for:**

**NEW:** Beulah Cannon (Rev. Sarah Underwood's mother), Susan Henthorn, Luke Rainwater

**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, Karen Leonhardt, Jim Love, Judy Lowe, Jerry McClure, Thurman Melton, Faye Morris, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Hal and Joann Parker, Mae Reasoner, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda H Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Randolph Shives, Laura Smallwood, Linda Smith, Rhonda Swafford, 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)

**HOMEBOUND:** 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>	Bryan Beal
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Steve & Jane Morton
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Noah Hardin
<b>HEAD USHER:</b>	Carl Henline
<b>MEDIA TECHS:</b>	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
<b>PEW KEEPERS:</b>	Jeremy & Emily Krech
<b>ROVER:</b>	Carol King
<b>VALET:</b>	Steve Herman

**STAFF OF FIRST UMC**

<b>PASTOR</b>	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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<b>ORGANIST/PIANIST</b>	Neil Underwood	nunderwoodband@gmail.com
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<b>PRESCHOOL DIR.</b>	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*  
August 4, 2024

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

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

**GATHERING**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**PRELUDE** Neil Underwood

**\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**

**O God, our Father, make this truly a house of prayer and song today. May we call upon you in the confidence that you hear the desires of our hearts and the words of our lips. Help us to surrender to you our selfishness and greed, so that nothing will hinder our proper worship. Amen**

**\*HYMN** *There's Within My Heart A Melody* UMH #380

**\*PSALTER READING** *Psalms 51: 1-5;10* UMH #785

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**P: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless in your judgment.

**P: Behold, I was born into iniquity, and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

**A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**\*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**

Cale Thornburg

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Samuel 12: 1-7

**CALL TO PRAYER** *Surely The Presence*

Chancel Choir

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** *Come To the Table of the Lord*

Chancel Choir

**SERMON** *Summer Stories: God Always Knows* Rev. Sarah Underwood

**\*HYMN** *Come We That Love the Lord* UMH #732

**\*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!

**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.

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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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### **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES UPDATE:**

Soup Kitchen – Most Needed Items for Pantry:

- Crackers, Peanut butter, breakfast foods, detergent, bar soap, pop top canned foods

Wish List for Soup Kitchen:

- Olive Oil, parchment paper, forks, gallon sized storage/freezer 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

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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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