

**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

Please update any change in information

Name(s) _____

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PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Kenny Shrum, Ed & Lyn Campbell, Kathy Eaker, Judy Payseur (preschool teachers), Robin Wooten Wood, Mark Ludwig, Will & Ryan Conrad, Jamie Strom
CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Debi Ballard, Laurie Anne Beyer, Caylor Brinkley, Jeremiah Buff, Les Canipe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Elvie Cranford, Kathy Douglas, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Rev. Keiko Foster, Billy Harkey, Donald Hartsell (brother-in-law of Kathy Dellinger), Ed Hatley, Jayce Heff, Susan Henthorn, Denise Hobbs, LoisMary Hoehne, Betty Howell, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Karen Leonhardt, Jim Love, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Jerry McClure, Holly McGinnis, Pat Maddux, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Letha Owen, Rob Owen, Hal and Joann Parker, Randy Ramsey, Dr. Tim Roberts, Linda Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Artie & Linda Shields, Randolph Shives, Blake Sigmon, Laura Smallwood, Rhonda Swafford, Jamie VanDohlen, Rev. David Wyant, First UMC, Peace in Europe, Prayers for the homeless, United States of America, Our brothers and sisters in Western NC, First responders, Rescue Teams
NURSING FACILITIES: Beulah Cannon (Cardinal Care), Ann Ford (The Addison), Carroll and Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Jo Huss (Chestnut Ridge Rehab) Judy Komas (The Addison), Verna Rufini (Abernethy Laurels)
HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Gordon Hubbell
GREETERS:	Dianne Putnam & Joann Parker
ACOLYTE:	Noah Hardin
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Vickie Andrews
ROVER:	Mike Owen
VALET:	Steve Morton

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

PASTOR	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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ORGANIST/PIANIST	Neil Underwood	nunderwoodband@gmail.com
FINANCIAL ASSIST.	Letha Owen	lrowen520@gmail.com
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PRESCHOOL DIR.	Kristen Willis	preschool@fumclincolnton.com

CCLI #20422793 (Music), #20422803 (Streaming), CVLI #504379166 (Video)



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**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: The offering plates are located at each entrance for you to give of your weekly tithe and offerings. Our new online giving portal is up and running, and may be accessed through the “Give” page on our church website, or you can visit the following link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMXD>

NATIVITY DISPLAYS: Thank you to everyone who brought in and shared your beautiful nativity sets with us for our Annex Nativity Display. It was truly a beautiful site seeing all the different depictions of the Holy Family. Also, a big thank you to those who organized this event and prepared the space in the Annex. You may begin to pick up your nativity sets immediately following morning worship today, or they can be picked up in the library after Sunday.

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