

**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

Please update any change in information

Name(s) _____

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PRAYER CONCERNS

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

NEW: Family of Ann Ford, Kevin Turner
CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Jennifer Belk, Laurie Anne Beyer, Caylor Brinkley, Jeremiah Buff, Ed & Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lynn Campbell), Shirley Combs, Elvie Cranford, Kathy Douglas, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Rev. Keiko Foster, Chloe Gibson, Billy Harkey, Donald Hartsell, Ed Hatley, Jayce Heff, Susan Henthorn, Denise Hobbs, LoisMary Hoehne, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Danny Kirkpatrick, Randi Kolseth, Pat Lawing, Jim Love, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Mark Ludwig, Jerry McClure, Pat Maddux, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Suzy Otterman, Rob Owen, Joann Parker, Judy Payseur, Randy Ramsey, Linda Rudisill, Gracie Sceascea, Artie & Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Kenny Shrum, Laura Smallwood, Rhonda Swafford, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Jamie VanDohlen, Robin Wooten Wood, Rev. David Wyant,
NURSING FACILITIES: Carroll Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Jo Huss (Chestnut Ridge Rehab) Judy Komar (The Addison)
HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Gordon Hubbell
GREETERS:	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
ACOLYTE:	Karson Shrum
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	
ROVER:	Mike Owen
VALET:	Mike Shrum

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

PASTOR	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
DIR. OF MINISTRIES	Robbie Combs	firstumcministries@gmail.com
DIR. OF MUSIC	Joanna Underwood	junmor61@gmail.com
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Neil Underwood	nunderwoodband@gmail.com
FINANCIAL ASSIST.	Letha Owen	lrowen520@gmail.com
FACILITIES MGR.	Steve Herman	paherman@charter.net
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.



*Second
Sunday in Lent*



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>

GRIEFSHARE: Our Griefshare Group meets each Monday morning at 10:00 am in the Annex. Please see Joe Lockman, Sheila Beeker, Katie Hardin or Jane Finger with any questions, or if you would like to register for this session, you may do so at the following link: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/257893>

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Donations toward her costs can be made by check to FUMC and earmarked for “Mission trip”. A box will be placed in the hallway of the Middle Building for the collection of any donated items. Her mission trip is planned for May 2025.

Thank you for supporting Brittney and this mission.

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