

**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: Steve Peeler
CONTINUING: Thomas Allen, Deanie Auton, Joey Barrier, 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, Greg Eldridge, 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, Isla Keener, 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, Kevin Turner, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Jamie VanDohlen, Robin Wooten Wood, Rev. David Wyant,
NURSING FACILITIES: Jo Huss (Chestnut Ridge Rehab) Judy Komas (Terra Bella)
HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Donna Connor Morris, Mary Robinson

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Levi Stroud
GREETERS:	Bo & Carol King
ACOLYTE:	Karson Shrum
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Dianne Putnam
ROVER:	Bo King
VALET:	Jerry Park

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.



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV



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>

HEALTHCARE TEAM NEWS:

- A Caregiver Education class will be offered, beginning on April 29th in the Annex from 4:00 pm til 6:30 pm. This will be a 6-week class designed to offer the non-professional caregiver, usually a family member, some skills and knowledge to help them in their daily care of loved ones. Please register with the church office by April 21st if you wish to attend.

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BOOK CLUB: The 5th Wednesday FUMC Women's Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 30th at 12:00 noon in the church library.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next blood drive will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025 from 2:30-7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Go online to redcrossblood.org and schedule your appointment or see Pat Stevens or Rosemary Leonard to help with scheduling an appointment. Invite your neighbors and friends to donate with you. We still have 20 plus slots to fill. Anyone with O-, O+, A- or B- may consider donating a Power Red. This is double the red cells with the plasma and fluids given back as a replacement. Hope to see you at the drive.

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LINC MEALS FUNDRAISER: Bingo, Meal and Live Entertainment, a LINC meal fundraiser, will be held in our church fellowship hall on Saturday May 3 with the door opening at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 each (includes meal, bingo cards and live entertainment). Advanced tickets are suggested and you can purchase starting today from Rosalind. You can pay cash or write a check to Christian Ministry of Lincoln County. This is a fundraiser to sponsor someone who needs a hot, well balanced meal. Hope to see you there!

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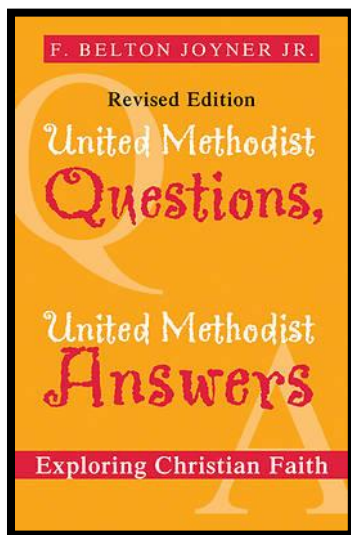
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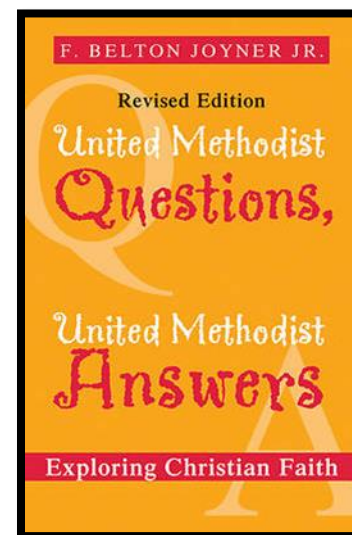
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