

**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:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Deanie Auton, Sally Brookins, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Susan Henthorn, Kelly Kinard, Randi Kolseth, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Pat Maddux, Faye Morris, Joann Parker, Steve & Suzanne Peeler, Randy Ramsey, Nancy Rhyne, Mary Catherine Robinson, Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Linda Wolfe

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Thomas Allen, Laurie Anne Beyer, Terry Bruner, Jeremiah Buff, James Calvert, Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles (son of Lyn Campbell), Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Rev. Keiko Foster, Dale Gilmore, Nancy Harris, Donald Hartsell, Jayce Heff, Ray Hemmann, Denise Hobbs, Mark Johnson, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Isla Keener, Jane Kerr, Danny Kirkpatrick, Jim Love, Mark Ludwig, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Mary Novotny (Jan Duncan's mother), Suzy Otterman, Rico (from The Meating Place), Rachel Roy, Gracie Sceaseca, Shedlass Family, Kenny Shrum, Anna Shuford, Laura Smallwood, Rhonda Swafford, Doris Taylor, Harold & Cindy Towery, Kevin Turner, Jamie VanDohlen, Veofa Wilfong, Margret Wetz, Carolyn Wirth, Rev. David Wyant

HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Mary Robinson

CARE FACILITIES: Ron Ballard (Lincoln Rehab)

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY

MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Joe Lockman
GREETERS:	Carl Henline & Rosalind Welder
ACOLYTE:	Helen Claire Hames
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton
PEW KEEPERS:	Chase & Katie Hardin
ROVER:	Pam Metzger
VALET/SECURITY:	Carl Henline/Paul Douglas

STAFF OF FIRST UMC

PASTOR	Rev. Sarah Underwood	sunderwood@wnccumc.net
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DIR. OF MUSIC	Joanna Underwood	junmor61@gmail.com
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Neil Underwood	nunderwoodband@gmail.com
FACILITIES MGR.	Steve Herman	paherman@charter.net
PRESCHOOL DIR.	Kristen Willis	preschool@fumclincolnton.com
PARISH NURSE	Betty Parker	bparker2787@gmail.com
LYNC PROG. DIR.	Ashlyn Rhyne	Ashlyn.e.rhyne@gmail.com

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



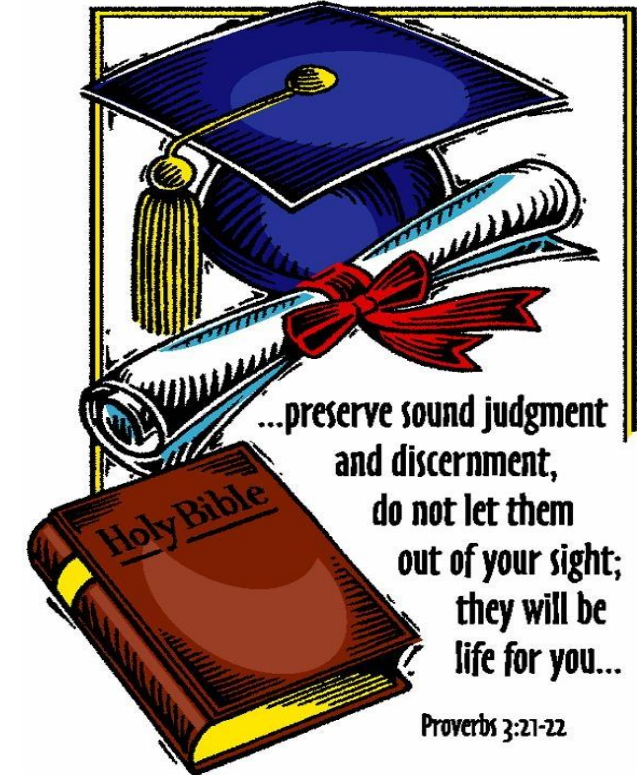
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

201 East Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092
704-735-7489



**First United Methodist Church
Lincolnton**

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor.

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ACTIVITIES FOR MAY: May LYNC Activities will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2639 NC Hwy 150, Lincolnton.

- LYNC Youth - Sunday, May 17th – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- LYNC Kids - Wednesday, May 20th – 5:00 pm until 6:30

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- ****WE ARE IN NEED OF Diapers size 2 & 3****
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NOTES OF THANKS:

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Best Wishes,
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