

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

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PRAYER CONCERNS
In your daily prayers, please pray for:
OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Vickie Andrews, Deanie Auton, Elvie Cranford, Jody Cronland, Shirley Drum, Jan Duncan, Jennifer Ellis, Jane Finger, Steve Ford, Ed Hatley, Carl Henline, Susan Henthorn, Billy Howell, Randi Kolseth, Ginger Lowe, Judy Lowe, Pat Maddux, Faye Morris, Jerry Owen, Betty Parker, Joann Parker, Steve & Suzanne Peeler, Randy Ramsey, Linda Shields, Randolph & Teresa Shives, Rev. Sarah Underwood, Linda Wolfe.
FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Avery (Mountain Top Leader), Thomas Allen, Laurie Anne Beyer, Terry Bruner, Jeremiah Buff, James Calvert, Lyn Campbell, Les Canipe, Eddie Cannon, Greg Clarke, Rob Coles, Anthony & Cathy Davis, Janice Dellinger, Kenny Dellinger, Greg Eldridge, Ronnie Engle, Callen Evans, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Fitzpatrick, Jim Fortenberry, Dale Gilmore, Nancy Harris, Donald Hartsell, Jayce Heff, Denise Hobbs, Butch Humphrey, Mark Johnson, Shelby Jones, Dolly Jones, Jack Jones, Isla Keener, Jane Kerr, Danny Kirkpatrick, Jim Love, Linda & Tom McCarthy, Ellis Grace McPherson, Grant Newsome, Danny Nicholson, Patsy Nicholson, Mary Novotny, Suzy Otterman, Joyce Parlier, Kristin Parrish, Rachel Roy, Gracie Sceascea, Shedlass Family, Anna Shuford, Laura Smallwood, Rhonda Swafford, Greer Stamey, Doris Taylor, Harold & Cindy Towery, Kevin Turner, Jamie VanDohlen, Veofa Wilfong, Margret Wetz, Rev. David and Denise Wyant, Joe & Josephine Young
HOMEBOUND: Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Mary Robinson
CARE FACILITIES: Ron Ballard (Lincoln Rehab), Linda & Phillip Graham (The Wexford House, Denver)

THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY	
MINISTERS:	All Members of First UMC
LITURGIST:	Katie Hardin
GREETERS:	Jason & Jennifer Ellis
ACOLYTE:	Helen Claire Hames
HEAD USHER:	Carl Henline
MEDIA TECHS:	Tim Leonard, Ron Metzger & Thurman Melton, Levi Stroud, Mike Owen
PEW KEEPERS:	Jeremy & Emily Krech
ROVER:	Kay Hermann
VALET/SECURITY:	Steve Herman & Jason Ellis

STAFF OF FIRST UMC		
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Lincolnton

Love God. Love All. Be Like Jesus.



<i>Enter to Worship</i>	<i>Kneel to Pray</i>	<i>Rise to Serve</i>
October 18, 2026	CHILDREN'S SABBATH	11:00 A.M.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
Surely The Presence (Congregation please join)

***OPENING PRAYER: (in unison):**

**Great God,
guard the laughter of children.
Bring them safely through injury and illness
so they may live into the promises you give.
Do not let us be so preoccupied with our purposes
that we fail to hear their voices,
or pay attention to their special vision of the truth;
but keep us with them,
ready to listen and to love,
even as in Jesus Christ you have loved us,
your grown-up, wayward children. Amen.**

***A CHILD'S LITANY OF THANKSGIVING** see insert

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #7

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Cale Thornburn

SPECIAL MUSIC from the FUMC PRESCHOOL

SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 17 (selected verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC FUMC Handbell Choir
Deep River

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Borning Cry

SERMON *Facing the Giant* Rev. Sarah Underwood

HYMN *Jesus Loves Me* **UMH #191**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

****You are invited to stand, as you are able****

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.

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