

**PRAYERS REQUESTS**

December 25-31

**Members**

Dave Andersen  
 Carl Anderson  
 Mac Bennett  
 Bob and Peggy Boyette  
 Misty Campbell  
 Peggy Covington  
 Peggy Coward  
 Jean Crouch  
 Clyde Davidson  
 Audrey Ewing  
 John Foster  
 Beverly Goodman  
 Helen Goodman  
 Jean Haltiwanger  
 Clara Heath  
 Dorothy Hendricks  
 Billy Ray Herring  
 Our Service Men and Women

Mary Jo Hutchinson  
 Mary Ellen Kindley  
 Barbara McLain  
 Henry Meacham, Jr.  
 Mabel Mossor  
 Sam and Ava Nance  
 John and Eleanor Page  
 Faye Poplin  
 Billy and Delma Reynolds  
 Dotsy Reynolds  
 Rene Rohleder  
 Martha Scarborough  
 Frances and Gladys Shepard  
 Aileen Traylor  
 Earline Waddell  
 Myra Waddell  
 LaWanda Walker

**Sunday**

Claudia Adams  
 The Morrison Ministry  
 The Family of Ed Vuncannon

Franklin Bivens  
 The Stephen Ministers

**Monday**

J.C. Autry  
 The Family of Eva Thomas

Raymond Lomax

**Tuesday**

David Backus  
 Dan McInnis  
 JoAnn Nutting (Faye Poplin's Sister)  
 The Family of Anita Shepard

Betty Gibson  
 Dianna Monroe  
 Hazel Rhyne

**Wednesday**

Don Allred  
 The Family of Sue Baldwin

Monroe Williams  
 The Family of Ron Jones

**Thursday**

Rebecca Baynes  
 The Family of Leon McRae

The Family of Linda Martin

**Friday**

The Family of Zane Adams  
 Josh Austin  
 The Family of Rev. Lester English  
 Donovan Young

Edward Alexander  
 Liz Carey  
 Bob Smith

**Saturday**

Marlene Brigham  
 Terry Cornelius (Beth McQueen's bro-in-law)  
 Sandra Gaddy McKenzie (Cornelia McKenzie's daughter-in-law)

Gaby Campbell

<i>Attendance</i>	
Sunday School:	61
Worship:	178
UMM Breakfast	53
Youth and Children's Christmas Program	105

<b>Gifts</b>	
<b>Operating Budget for 2016</b>	<b>\$515,532.91</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$505,596.79
Given to Date	\$476,948.69
Percentage Given	94.33%
<b>Amount needed each week to meet 2016 budget</b>	<b>\$38,584.22</b>
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	<b>\$24,650.50</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$10,599.00
<b>Zoe pennies collected in November</b>	<b>\$51.00</b>

<b>Service for December</b>	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Webb Team
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Randy Leak and Tommy Leak
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Jessie Matheson
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Lilly Matheson and Abigail Miller
<b>TV Ministry:</b>	Duff Morse
<b>Nursery:</b>	Jason Deane
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cole Deane
<b>Richmond Co. Soup Kitchen Leader:</b>	Church of God of Prophecy-Ghio
<b>Hedge Prayer:</b>	The Ladies Bible Class
<b>Hermitage Volunteer:</b>	Randy and Margaret Leak; Audrey Ewing
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship:</b>	Jeff Hughes
	Next Sunday: Glenn Alexander

<b>Calendar</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 25</b>
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
<b>10:55 am</b>	<b>Worship Hour</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 26</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 27</b>
	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 28</b>
11:00 am	Richmond Cty. Soup Kitchen-Church of God of Prophecy-Ghio providing the meal
	<b>NO Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 29</b>
10:00 am	Art Guild, Rm 101
7:00 pm	God's Gorgeous Butterflies, BB

**The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jim and Sarah McKenzie by their family.**

**No Children's Time or Children's Church today. Children's Bulletins are in the Narthex.**

**Today is Zoe Sunday.** Please take your Zoe offering to the Zoe Bucket on the altar during the Offering time.

**There will be NO Tuesday morning Bible Study on Dec. 27. It will resume on January 3.**

**Rev. Joel Perry will be on call for Revs. Pat and Mike while they enjoy time away.** If you should have a need for Rev. Perry, please call the Church Office and he will be contacted for you.



*Christmas*  
**DAY**

**First United Methodist Church**

**10:55 am** **December 25, 2016**

PO Box 637 – 410 East Washington Street  
 Rockingham, North Carolina 28380  
 Telephone No. 910-895-4027  
 Service is shown one week tape delayed on TWC Channel 15  
 Sundays at 7:00 pm

**Love God**

**Love Others**

**Love the World**

**Order of Worship for  
Christmas Day**

**Worship is the way we Love God**

**10:55 am**

**December 25, 2016**

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

Welcome and Announcements Hilton Haines, Lay Leader

**Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!**

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Hayes/Wagner

**HEAR THE BELLS RING!**

*A Service of Carols for Christmas Day*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

***Rev. Mike Sykes***

P: Hear the bells ring! Christ Day has arrived. Let our hearts be one as we come to worship the Christ child on this most joyful day.

**C: We praise Jesus, our King of glory. Amen.**

**\*CAROL No. 220** *Angels From the Realms of Glory* (United Methodist Hymnal)

**\*Opening Prayer**

**CAROL** *O Thou Joyful Day*

*O thou joyful day, O thou blessed day,  
Gladsome, peaceful Christmastide.  
Earth's hopes awaken, Christ life hath taken,  
Praise Him, O praise Him on ev'ry side.*

*O thou joyful day, O thou blessed day,  
Gladsome, peaceful Christmastide.  
King of all glory, We bow before Thee.  
Praise Him, O praise Him on ev'ry side.*

*The Tradition of Christmas Caroling*

***Rev. Mike Sykes***

**CAROL No. 224** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (United Methodist Hymnal)

**PSALM 98**

***Rev. Lee Griffith***

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**C: The Lord's right hand and holy arm have brought victory.**

L: The Lord has made known his victory;

**C: The Lord has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

L: God's steadfast love and faithfulness is remembered by the house of Israel.

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**C: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

L: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

**C: With the lyre and the sound of melody.**

L: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**C: Make a joyful noise before the king, the Lord.**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

**C: The world and those who live in it.**

L: Let the floods clap their hands;

**C: Let the hills sing together for joy,**

L: At the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

**C: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

*Psalm 98 Becomes a Christmas Carol*

***Lilly Matheson***

**ANTHEM**

*Joy to the World*

***Chancel Choir***

*The Angels Sang With Joy*

***Drake Campbell***

**CAROL No. 240** (Stanzas 1 & 3) *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
(United Methodist Hymnal)

Scripture Reading Titus 3:4-7

***Mary Griffith***

*In The Silent Night A Savior Was Born*

***Meredith Gerald***

**CAROL No. 239** (Stanzas 1, 2, 3) *Silent Night* (United Methodist Hymnal)

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 2:1-20

***Hilton Haines***

*From A Little Town Comes A Great King*

***Stephanie Holder***

**CAROL No. 230** (Stanzas 1 & 4) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
(United Methodist Hymnal)

The Worship of God with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Gesu Bambino* **Soloist** ***Chuck Wright***  
*(Come Let Us Adore Him)* *Pietro Yon*

\*Doxology No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication

***Rev. Pat Sykes***

*A Christmas Prayer for Our Children*

***Abigail Miller***

**CAROL No. 217** (Stanzas 1 & 3) *Away in a Manger* (United Methodist Hymnal)

**CHRISTMAS PRAYERS**

***Rev. Pat Sykes***

**SILENT PRAYERS**

***Gaby Campbell***

P: We come as faithful people to offer our prayers to God.

**C: Hear and receive our prayers, O Lord.**

P: We come to Bethlehem and behold our Lord and King.

**C: Hear and receive our prayers, O Lord.**

P: We pray that our hearts would become mangers for the Christ Child, the holy child of Bethlehem.

**C: Hear and receive our prayers, O Lord.**

P: We join our voices with the heavenly choirs of angels, giving praise to God most high.

**C: Hear and receive our praises, O Lord.**

P: We pray for the lonely, the sick, the homeless, the grieving. Reach out, O God, and touch their hearts. We especially pray for those we make personal intercession for now. Be present to them, Lord Jesus.

**C: Hear and receive our prayer, O Lord.**

P: We adore you, O gracious Lord. We give you thanks and praise for hearing our prayers.

**C: Hear and receive our love, O Lord. Amen.**

**The Baptismal Covenant, Confirmation, and Reception into Membership**

*The Faithful Worship Christ The Lord*

***Rev. Mike Sykes***

**\*CAROL No. 234** (Stanzas 1, 2, 3) *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
(United Methodist Hymnal)

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: And now may the blessing of the Christ child go with you this holy Christmas Day. Go and celebrate the Savior's birth. Go and hear the bells ring. "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth." Go in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go adoring Christ the Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*He Is Born*

Young