

PRAYER REQUESTS

August 30-September 5

Members

Dotsy Reynolds	Peggy Covington
Carl Anderson	Our homebound and shut in members
Jean Crouch	Jean Haltiwanger
Ashby Scott	Mary Ellen Kindley
Roy and Frances Shepard	Elizabeth Alexander
Denny Glennon	Sam and Ava Nance
Henry Meacham, Jr.	Barbara McLain
Mabel Mossor	Billy Reynolds
Juanita Sinclair	Helen Goodman
Faye Poplin	Aileen Traylor
Doris Baxley	Dorothy Hendricks
Charlie and Patsy Bankhead	Bruce Simmons
Hannah Cole Shaw	Daphne Smith
Aurelia Cannon	Krista Edwards
Bob Gilmore	Caroline Johnson
Bebe Blackmon	

Sunday:

Monday:

The Family of Billy Baldwin	The Family of Alice Thomas
Deborah Vaughn	Heather Jacobs
The Family of Austin White	Trudy Shaw
The Family of Francis Dwight	Jane Dawkins

Tuesday:

Brad Harvey	Brad Benton
Teresa Brown	Larry Johnson
Nathan Dirk	Betty Phillips
The Family of Clarence Beaver, Jr. (Genevra Kelly's brother)	Keith McKenzie

Wednesday:

Gaye York	The Family of Nancy Fieg
Vickie Nelson	Jackie Leviner
Jeanette Gardner	Francis Dwight
The Family of Tom Holtsclaw	Horace Stedman (Ann Poe's brother)
Carroll Riggan	

Thursday:

Fumiko Davis	Frank Boyette (David Boyette's father)
James and Sue Smith	Jerry Sheppard
Linda Griffith (Lee Griffith's mother)	Betty Brigman

Friday:

Danny McLean (Jimmy McLean's father)	Nancy White
Gene Bullard	The Family of Charlie Knight
The Family of Rig McInnis	Betty Horne
Robert Dobbins	Nancy Edwards

Saturday:

The Family of Gay Garris Rhyne	Trudy Shaw
The Family of Polly Matheson (Bill Matheson's aunt)	Wayne Maples
The Family of Janie Sauls	Jane Clark
Brenda Long	Alberta Bivens
James Hinson	Butch Meacham
Norm Thurow	

Presence	
<i>Last week's attendance:</i>	
Sunday School:	70
Worship:	155

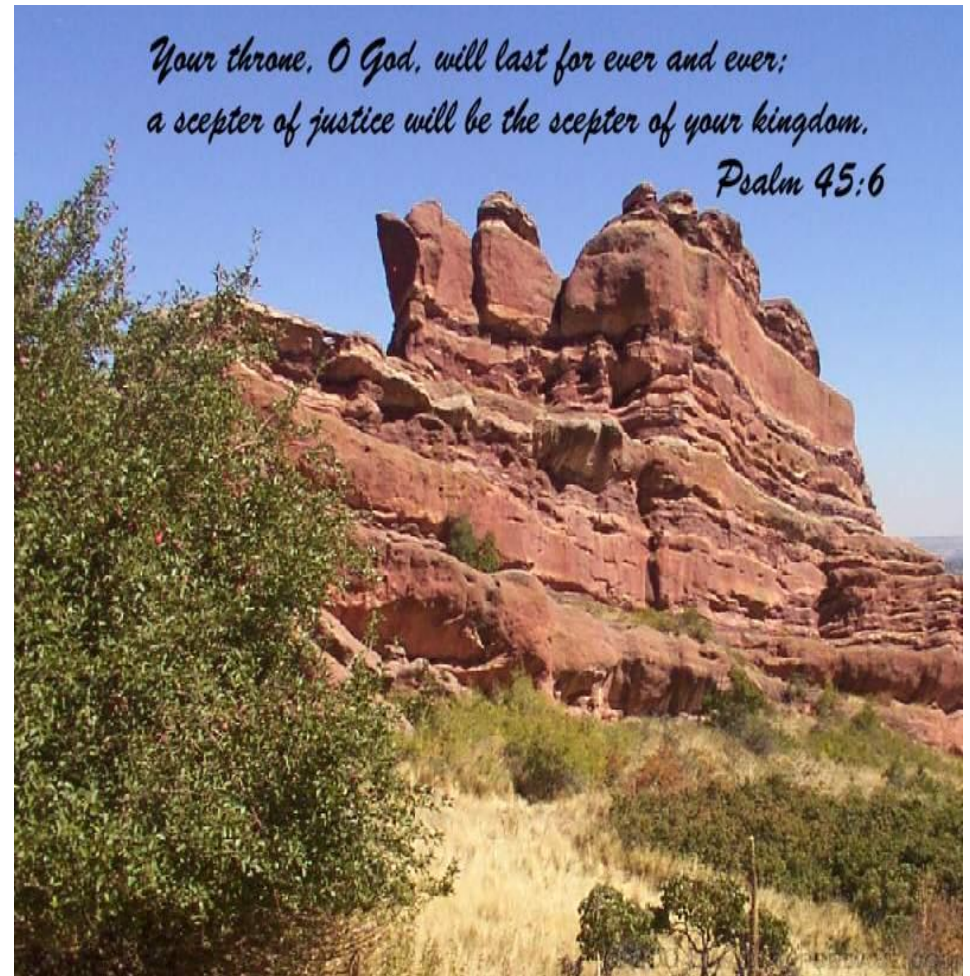
Gifts	
Operating Budget for 2015	\$ 522,394.16
Operating Budget Needed to Date	341,665.36
Given to Date	299,299.41
Percentage Given	87.60%
Weekly amount needed to meet remaining 2015 budget	\$12,394.15
Budget offering last week	\$4,244.00
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,745.50
Zoe pennies collected in July	21.00

Service for August	
Ushers:	Steve Webb Team
TV Ministry	Duff Morse
Heat/AC	Hilton and Jim Haines
Crucifer:	Shelby Matheson
Acolytes:	Shelby Diggs/Jason Thomas Graham
Nursery:	Worship Service: Mindi Grant
Greeters:	Cassandra Crump
	Jerry and Connie Eteo
Hedge Prayer:	Susanne McInnis
Hermitage Volunteer:	Audrey Ewing, Randy & Margaret Leak
Sunday Morning Fellowship:	This Sunday: Jeff Hughes
	Next Sunday: Bill Rohleder

Calendar	
Sunday	August 30
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
5:00 pm	Youth and Family Gathering
Tuesday	September 1
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday	September 2
6:00 pm	Circle 8 meet at the home of Jean Way
7:00 pm	Choir Practice

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mike Sykes	mikesykes@carolina.rr.com
Assistant to Pastor: Rev. Allison Farrah	allisoncoltrane@carolina.rr.com
Secretary: Cornelia McKenzie	corneliamakenzie@gmail.com
Program Director: Mary Griffith	marygriffith@carolina.rr.com
Choir Director: Statha Osborne/Chuck Wright	Sexton: Al Floyd
Organist/Pianist: Helen Alexander	Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today at First United Methodist Church. Please sign the pew pad and pass it down. So that we may greet each other by name, please return the pew pad to the starting point. If you would like to know more about the church, please speak to an usher or one of the pastors



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First United Methodist Church	
10:55 am	August 30, 2015
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	

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 am **August 30, 2015**

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

Gathering Time and Welcome Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader
Holy Smoke Sharon Nichols

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* Schrader

Call to Worship *Rejoice the Lord is King*

*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

*Hymn of Praise No.110 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles' Creed*

*Gloria Patri No. 70 *Glory Be to the Father*
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession Rev. Allison Farrah
**God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from
You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life,
characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us
into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our
back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love.
Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your
words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in
all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage
to truly be your witnesses in this world. AMEN**

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests Rev. Farrah

Chorus No.3177 *Here I Am to Worship* Hughes
**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me. (Repeat)**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Worship of God with God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory *Be Still, My Soul* Larson

*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. Sykes

Children's Time Mary Griffith
Children 4-10 years old are invited to children's church upstairs in room 410)

Reading of the Psalms Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Glenda Haines

Anthem *Day by Day* Innes

*Gospel Lesson Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 page 51

Sermon *But It's Tradition* Rev. Sykes

* Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No.533 *And Are We Yet Alive*

Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction *Threefold Amen* Danish

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

*Postlude *Rise Up and Serve the Lord* Harris

***Please stand as you are able**

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The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Lee and Mary Griffith in honor of their son, Josh, for his 16th birthday.

Today is Zoe Sunday!

The youth and their families are invited to a Family Night and Cook out today at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. This will be a time to get to know all the youth and their parents. Hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

The Nominations Committee will meet on Monday and Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the Bynum building.

Circle 8 will meet Wednesday night at 6:00 at the home of Jean Way. Please money for the nursery and the homeless.

The UMW will hold its General Meeting on next Sunday, September 6th at 2pm in Room 101. Circle 8 is serving as the hostess circle. The annual UMW Candleburning will be conducted during the worship service on September 6th.

The FUMC Youth will have a car wash on Saturday, September 12th from 10-3:00. Donations only! All money will be used for youth trips/events for 2015/16. Rain date is October3rd.

Promotion Sunday will be September 13th: All students will change to their new Sunday school classes on the 13th. There will be

refreshments in each class to celebrate promotions! **All rising 3rd graders will receive a Bible during Worship Service on this day so please contact Mary Griffith if you have a rising 3rd grader.**

HOLY SMOKE needs YOU!

Become a Hospitality Ambassador for the **HOLY SMOKE** BBQ and Music Festival on Saturday, September 26 from 11-3. It's a family fun day with BBQ and pizza, a beach music band and a gospel group on stage. The children's area will have the dunking chair, ring toss, basketball, other games and face painting etc. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed in ALL areas of the festival! (Set-up, information table, ticket sales, food servers, children's area, traffic control) Volunteers work only 2-hour shifts so everyone can help somewhere. **SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE HALLWAY.** Please write your name TODAY in the area and the time spot where you wish to help and fill in the T shirt order form. AND...sponsorships are available! For a nominal investment your business logo will be added to all **HOLY SMOKE** T shirts and promotional materials. Deadline for Sponsors is Sept. 11. For more information on Sponsors or **VOLUNTEERS**, please call Sharon 910-331-9965 or email holysmoke@mnlisn.com.

REGISTER NOW FOR EAT, PRAY, LEARN

NAME _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

**EAT, PRAY, LEARN is a 7-week study Sept 29 thru Nov 10
All sessions meet Tuesday nights at 5:30 for a meal together
then separate into three study groups 6:30-8:00**

() **EPL 1: SIX WAYS WE ENCOUNTER GOD:** When we live, when we worship, when we pray, do we really encounter God? And if we encounter God, do we change by that experience?

() **EPL 2: DARE TO DREAM:** Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life - This startling and inspiring study helps us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out prayerfully and enthusiastically.

() **EPL 3: THE GOD WE CAN KNOW:** Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus - This study explores what Jesus meant when he said "I Am...the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Good Shepherd; the True Vine; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the Resurrection and the Life."

() **EPL 4: Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief-** a small group study for those who have lost a loved one to death. Within the sanctity of a small group, there will be opportunity to share with others and receive the spiritual and emotional encouragement that leads to a life of renewed hope and joy. It uses references from the Bible to illuminate the unfamiliar emotions and question, explains the spiritual and practical issues of grief and suggests coping strategies. As those who grieve journey together, *Beyond the Broken Heart* guides the way back to the fullness of life. This study is well-suited for anyone who has lost a loved one- spouse, parent, child, sibling, any family member or friend.

RETURN THIS FORM (PO BOX 637, ROCKINGHAM 28380) TO REGISTER FOR THE STUDY OF YOUR CHOICE.

STUDY BOOK IS \$10. PAY FOR IT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION (BOOKS MUST BE ORDERED) Come be a part of this exciting new study ministry at FUMC when we will 'Eat, Pray, Learn' together!