PRAYER REQUESTS
November 29-December 5

Members

Helen Goodman
Carl Anderson
Jean Crouch
Mary Ellen Kindley
Roy, Frances and Gladys Shepard
Sam and Ava Nance
Henry Meacham, Jr.
Mabel Mossor
Juanita Sinclair
Faye Poplin
Doris Baxley
Nell Lewis
Hannah Cole Shaw
LaWanda Walker
Brianna Gerald
John and Eleanor Page
Gaby Campbell

Peggy Covington
Our homebound and shut in members
Jean Haltiwanger
Patsy Bankhead
Elizabeth Alexander
Aurelia Cannon
Barbara McLain
Billy Reynolds
Dotsy Reynolds
Aileen Traylor
Bruce Simmons
Sylvia Ballard
Carole Jenkins
Daphne Smith
Paula Haines
Bill Rohleder
Peggy Coward

Sunday:
Noel Roach

Monday:
Brenna Bendell Husel
Danny Sullivan
Vicky Nelson

The Family of Jack Webb (Steve Webb's father)
Jeanette Gardner
The Family of Virginia Marshall (Rev. Sykes's sister)

Tuesday:
The Family of Faye Lockman (Karen Mace's mother)
The Family of Hughes Rhodes (Ellen Covington's brother)
The Family of Billie Caulder

The Family of Ken White
Rachel and Gene Bullard
Morrison Prison Ministry

Wednesday:
Shirley Smith
The Family of Betty Haywood

Frank Butcher

Thursday:
Statha Osborne
Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother)
Richard Lynch
Pauline Humphries

Cathy Wilson (Rev. Farrah's mother)
Jordan Lear
Hannah Smith
Family of Alston Walters

Friday:
Kay Cook
Linda Griffith (Lee Griffith's mother)
Family of Thomas Allen (Jean Crouch's brother)

Beth Parker

Saturday:
Justin Alford
Jane Pittman (Irene Aiken's mother)
Ralph Harris, Jr.

Jerry Howard
Amy Wilson
Patricia Eastabrook

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.

Presence

Last week's attendance:

Sunday School:	88
Worship:	223

Gifts

O***perating Budget for 2015***	**$ 522,394.16**
Operating Budget Needed to Date	477,263.80
Given to Date	415,597.27
Percentage Given	87.08%
Weekly amount needed to meet remaining 2015 budget	**$21,359.37**
Budget offering last week	$ **7,140.50**
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,813.50
Zoe pennies collected in October	15.00

Service for November

Ushers:	Benson Crotts Team
TV Ministry	Randall Mace
Heat/AC	Hilton Haines/Jim Haines
Crucifer:	Cole Deane
Acolytes:	Kalei Grant/Abigail Miller
Nursery:	Kim LeBerth
Greeters:	Teddy Moseley, Gaynelle Moon
Hedge Prayer:	Susanne McInnis
Hermitage Volunteer:	
Sunday Morning Fellowship:	This Sunday: Glenn Alexander Next Sunday:

Calendar

Sunday	**November 29**
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
Monday	**November 30**
5:30 pm	Handbell practice
Tuesday	**December 1**
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
5:00 pm	UMW Executive Meeting, Bynum Bldg.
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday	**December 2**
4:00 pm	Children's Choir practice
6:00 pm	Circle 8, Dianne Stafford's home
7:00 pm	Choir practice
Saturday	**December 5**
10:00 am	Parent's Day Out
10:30 am	Children's Choir Practice

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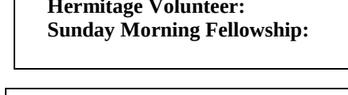
Secretary: Beth McQueen — fumcrhamsecretary@gmail.com
Program Director: Mary Griffith — marygriffith@carolina.rr.com
Choir Director: Statha Osborne/Chuck Wright — Sexton: Al Floyd
Organist/Pianist: Helen Alexander — Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller



First United Methodist Church

10:55 am — **November 29, 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 **November 29, 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

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour — Helen Alexander

Prelude — *Fling Wide the Door* — Balcombe

Call to Worship — *When Words Alone Cannot Express* — Thornburg

*Opening Prayer — Rev. Allison Farrah

*Advent Hymn No. 211 — *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle — The Eteo Family

Christ Be Our Light!
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.
How long, O Lord, how long?
For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:
Grant your steadfast patience.
For those waiting in the face of uncertainty
Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.
For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:
Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.
For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:
Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
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Call to Prayer — Rev. Farrah
Almighty and most merciful Father, we come to the season of Advent with the brokenness of the world in our eyes, the cries of our fellow human beings in our ears and our own sinfulness in our hearts. We come to Bethlehem as those who need a Savior. We come to the light because the darkness has almost overwhelmed us, but the darkness can never overcome you. We come to Bethlehem as invited guests; to see, to wonder, and to be changed by the Child Messiah who is Jesus. Forgive our sins. Give us hope and eternal life. Help us to move through a worldly holiday of excess to a worshipful Advent and Christmas. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Chorus No.230 — *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory — *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* — 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. Farrah

Children's Time — **Zoe Sunday**
(Children ages 4-10 are invited to Children's Church Upstairs in Room 410)

Old Testament Reading — Jeremiah 33: 14-16 — Jason Deane

Anthem — *With a Voice of Singing* — Shaw

*Gospel Reading — Luke 21: 25-36 — Page 104

Sermon — Living Expectantly — Rev. Farrah

*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 206 — *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction No. — *Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace* — Whelpton

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity — Helen Alexander

*Postlude — *Fughetta on "Stuttgart"* — Callahan

***Please stand as you are able**

The flowers on the altar today are given by the Webb family to the Glory of God in honor of Ann Webb on her 87th birthday.

The 2016 Flower Chart is up in the narthex near the chapel. Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to put flowers on the altar.

Today is Zoe Sunday! Drop your change in the Zoe bucket!

The Youth and Youth Parents would like to thank everyone for having lunch with us last Sunday. We THANK YOU for all the support you give our youth!

The Youth will not meet tonight.

Circle 5 will meet Tuesday at 11:00 in the Bible Class.

Circle 9 will meet Tuesday at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

The UMW Executive Committee Meeting will be Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the Bynum Building.

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this week.

Circle 8 will meet Wednesday at 6:00 at the home of Dianne Stafford. Please bring money for Our Daily Bread, the homeless, and shut-in gifts.

PARENTS DAY OUT! This Saturday, December 5 from 10:00am-6:00pm
You must register your children by calling the church office at 895-4027 by November 30th. The youth are doing a "Parents Day Out" as a fundraiser. Cost is $15 per child and $10 each sibling from 10:00am-6:00pm on Saturday, December 5th. Bring your children to us for the day while you have a day for YOU! The day will be filled with crafts, story time, music, and more with lunch and snacks provided.

UMW General Meeting will be Sunday, Dec 6 at 2:00 pm. Circle 9 is the hostess circle. Allison Farrah will share experiences from the Haiti mission trip. All ladies are welcome.

NOTICE – CHANGE OF MEETING DATE--Would you like to learn more about the Haiti Mission Project or consider being a part of the 2016 Haiti Mission Team? Then join us **Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a DVD presentation of the 2015 experience, testimonies from Haiti team members, and information about the 2016 project. A traditional Haitian meal of rice and beans will be served.

Would you like to be a part of a "Live Nativity Scene" on December 12th at Hitchcock Creek for the "Night of Lights" and December 24th at our church? If yes, please call the church office by Nov. 30. We will meet Nov. 30 at 6:30 pm in the Bynum Bldg. to be fitted for costumes. We need adults, youth, and children.

Calling all children! We would like the children of our church to sing during Worship on Dec. 13 and at the UMM Breakfast Dec 20. If your children would like to sing with us, we will practice on Wednesdays-Dec 2, 9, and 16 at 4:00pm and Saturday December 5th at 10:30am. Let Mary Griffith know if your children would like to participate. We would love for all our children to sing for Christmas.

This year, **Confirmation Classes for all 7th graders and up** will be held in December with the class joining in Advent. A schedule of the classes will be given upon registration. **Please call the church office to sign up for classes ASAP!**

Youth Ski Retreat is December 30-January 2. Cost of the trip is $200. All money must be turned into the office by December 21.

Chrysalis is January 17-19 for all 11th-12th grade youth. All applications with deposit must be turned in ASAP. Let Mary Griffith know ASAP if you would like to go.

Please return to the church office or place in offering plate
Mail to FUMC, PO Box 637, Rockingham, NC 28380

I am giving $30.00 for rice, beans and oil to feed a family in Haiti for a month.
#_____ in honor of _____

_____in memory of _____

Name and address of the one(s) who should receive this gift card(s)

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