

PRAYER REQUESTS

March 1-7

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	Peggy Coward
Denny Glennon	Sam and Ava Nance
Henry Meacham, Jr.	Annie Short
Mabel Mossor	Myers Waddell
Juanita Sinclair	Helen Goodman
Faye Poplin	Claudette Brownley
Myra Waddell	Krista Edwards
Aileen Traylor	Doris Baxley
Marie Davis	Elizabeth Alexander

Sunday:

John Wilson	Betty Yount
Tommy Adeimy	Keith Riggan
Kenny Long	

Monday:

The Family of Bill Eustler	Olin Price
Martha Vetter	Richard Phillips

Tuesday:

The Family of George Robinson	The Family of Camilla Lloyd
The Family of Susie Smith	The Family of Sue Glennon
Leroy Fair	The Family of Dan Shedd
Shirley Forrester	The Family of Dean Smith
The Family of Buddy Cooper	Lisa Johnson
Travis Graves (Susie Graves' grandson)	Mark Jenkins (Carole Jenkins' son)

Wednesday:

The Family of Susie Hardy	Betty Rice
The Family of Betty K. Dunn (G. R. Kindley's sister)	Richard Wright
Billy Baldwin	Robin Boyette (son of Bob & Peggy Boyette)
The Family of Lee Matthews (Doris Denney's sister)	Paul Caple (Tim Caple's dad)

Thursday:

The Family of Carleen Austin	The Family of Jordyn Beck
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Friday:

The Family of Pansy Strickland	Mary Stallworth
The Family of Johnny Watson	Earline Bray
Edwina Shore Gilliam (Statha's mother)	The Family of David Ford (Faith Ford's son)
Morrison Disciple Ministry	

Saturday:

The Family of Ann Covington	The Family of Myra Benoist
The Family of Ruby Whitley	The Family of Norma Byrnes
Bowman Thompson (Terry Thompson's father)	Mary Sparks
Leslie Womack	Ann Lewis
Gracie Street	Vernon McDonald
Priscilla Coble	
The Family of Vernon Henderson (Luanne Morse's father)	

Presence

Last week's attendance:
 Sunday School: 74
 Worship: 173

Operating Budget for 2015	\$ 522,394.16
Operating Budget Needed to Date	80,368.32
Given to Date	78,619.79
Percentage Given	97.82%
Needed each week for the budget	\$10,046.04
Budget offering last week	\$5,995.10
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,240.50
Zoe pennies collected in February	123.00

Service for February

Ushers:	Steve Webb Team
TV Ministry	Randall Mace
Heat/AC	Randy and Tommy Leak
Crucifer:	Cole Deane
Acolytes:	Kalei Grant/Claire High
Nursery:	Worship Service: Mindi Grant
	Next week: Kim Adams
Greeters:	Sharon Nichols
	Thomas and Daphne Smith
Hedge Prayer:	Discovery Young Adult Class
Hermitage Volunteer:	East Rockingham UMC
Sunday Morning Fellowship:	This Sunday: Jeff Hughes
	Next Sunday: Glenn Alexander

Calendar

Sunday	March 1
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
	BBQ lunch immediately following worship
Monday	March 2
5:30 pm	Handbell practice
Tuesday	March 3
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday	March 4
6:00pm	Circle 8 meeting in room 101
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	corneliamckenzie@gmail.com
Choir Director: Statha Osborne/Chuck Wright	Organist/Pianist: Helen Alexander
Program Director: Mary Griffith	Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller
Sexton: Al Floyd	

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.



First United Methodist Church
10:55 am **March 1, 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
 Sunday at 7:00 pm

Order of Worship
Worship is the way we Love God

10:55 am **March 1, 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: Welcome and Announcement Hilton Haines, Lay Leader

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus* Wood

Call to Worship *This Is The Day* Edwards

*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

*Hymn of Praise No.261 *Lord of the Dance*

Call to Prayer Rev. Allison Farrah

Words of Assurance

Chorus No. 3040 (W&S) *Jesus, Lamb of God*
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Pastoral Prayer

Imagine No Malaria Report

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

Offertory *My shepherd Will Supply My Need* Limbaugh

*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

Reading of the Psalms Psalm 22:23-31 Jim Haines

Anthem *Here at the Table of Love* Mengel

*Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38 page 53

Sermon *The Cross* Rev. Sykes

Hymn of Preparation No.617 *I Come With Joy*

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 2129 (TFWS)
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*Choral Benediction *Go Now in Peace* Sleeth

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude *Epilogue* Ritter

***Please stand as you are able**

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Buddy Way by Jean.

Everyone is invited to the much delayed Fat Tuesday BBQ immediately following worship services today. Donations only which will go to Imagine No Malaria, Zoe Ministries and the Haiti Mission Fund.

Thanks again to our wonderfully generous congregation!! We raised \$735.00 from our second soup/sandwich luncheon held February 22nd. Thank you so much! Our circles have enjoyed serving you and providing this mealtime and fellowship. We will sponsor another luncheon, March 29th after our Worship Service. We will have a potato bar and desserts. Hope you will plan to join us then! Again, our thanks for your support of UMW!

Youth will meet tonight from 5:00-7:30 for MYF and dinner.

Everyone is invited to join us for another Haiti lunch on Tuesday at 11:15 in the fellowship hall. Donations only.

The Finance meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled.

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this week.

Circle 8 will meet Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in Room 101.

We have a few crosses for the Lenten season available in the office.

On Friday, March 13th the youth are going to Winter Jam 2015 Tour Spectacular in Raleigh, NC. --Tickets are \$15. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:00pm doors open at 6:00. We will call parents on the way home for the return time. You will need food and spending money the night of concert.

On Saturday, March 28 the youth are going to Faith and Family Night: Concert and Charlotte Hornets Basketball Game. Cost is \$25 plus you will need dinner and spending money. We have to pre-order the tickets so **YOU MUST let Mary Griffith know TODAY if you want go with us!**

Sherry Boyette will be leading another Bible study, Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus by Lisa Harper, beginning March 3rd. Classes will meet in the Bynum building at 6:30. For more information or to sign up see Sherry or call the church office. This is the way we Love Others!

Imagine No Malaria update: As of today we have **680 nets**. We are well on our way to meeting our goal of 1,000 by June 2015. Keep up the **GOOD** work!!

<p>Interested in becoming a member of First UMC? Sign on the pew pad with contact information or see Mike, Allison, Mary, or call the church office at 895-4027.</p>

Ponder this...

I counted dollars while God counted crosses.
I counted gains while He counted losses.
I counted my worth by the things gained in store,
but He sized me up by the scars that I bore;
I coveted honors and sought for degrees.
he wept as He counted the hours on my knees.
And I never knew 'til one day at a grave
how vain are the things that we spend life to save.

Author unknown

At the very heart of the Christian gospel is a cross --
the symbol of suffering and sacrifice,
of hurt and pain and humiliation and rejection.
I want no part of a Christian message
which does not call me to involvement,
requires of me no sacrifice,
takes from me no comfort,
requires of me less than the best I have to give.

The duty of a Christian is to be faithful,
not popular or successful.

Donald Wildmon