

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

January 24 - 30

**Members**

Elizabeth Alexander	Henry Meacham, Jr.
Carl Anderson	Andy Morse
Patsy Bankhead	Mabel Mossor
Doris Baxley	Sam and Ava Nance
Bob and Peggy Boyette	John and Eleanor Page
Gaby Campbell	Faye Poplin
Aurelia Cannon	Dotsy Reynolds
Jan Clay	Bill Rohleder
Peggy Covington	Roy, Frances, and Gladys Shepard
Peggy Coward	Bruce Simmons
Jean Crouch	Juanita Sinclair
Emma Edwards	Daphne Smith
Audrey Ewing	Sam Till
Brianna Gerald	Aileen Traylor
Helen Goodman	LaWanda Walker
Jean Haltiwanger	Our Homebound and Shut-In Members
Carole Jenkins	
Mary Ellen Kindley	

**Sunday:**  
Wanda Auman Caldwell

**Monday:**  
The Family of Janice Hunsucker      Jesse Sheppard (Nelson Sheppard's father)  
Terri Kennedy (Doris Denney's daughter)      Rev. Marvin Taylor  
Tonya Little      Amy Wilson  
The Family of Harold Quick      The Family of Christy Yarborough

**Tuesday:**  
The Family of Barbara Upright (Shelia Webb's mother)      Mary Williamson  
The Family of Rev. James Hinson      Donald Dawkins  
The Family of Sharon Dowd      Youth Attending Chrysalis  
The Family of Buck Snead      Tripp Holstead

**Wednesday:**  
Alice Bryant      Cindy Coble  
The Family of Peggy Honeycutt      Mitzi Warful  
The Family of Gail Preslar

**Thursday:**  
Linda Griffith (Lee Griffith's mother)      Mike Ussery

**Friday:**  
The Family of Thomas Bivens      The Family of Bess Jarrett  
Celeste Maynard      Dan McInnis  
The Family of Greg Short      Morrison Prison Ministry

**Saturday:**  
The Family of Debbie Arey      Betty Gibson  
The Family of Dorothy Gaddy      Charles Collins  
Susan Foreman (Audrey Ewing's daughter)

*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.*

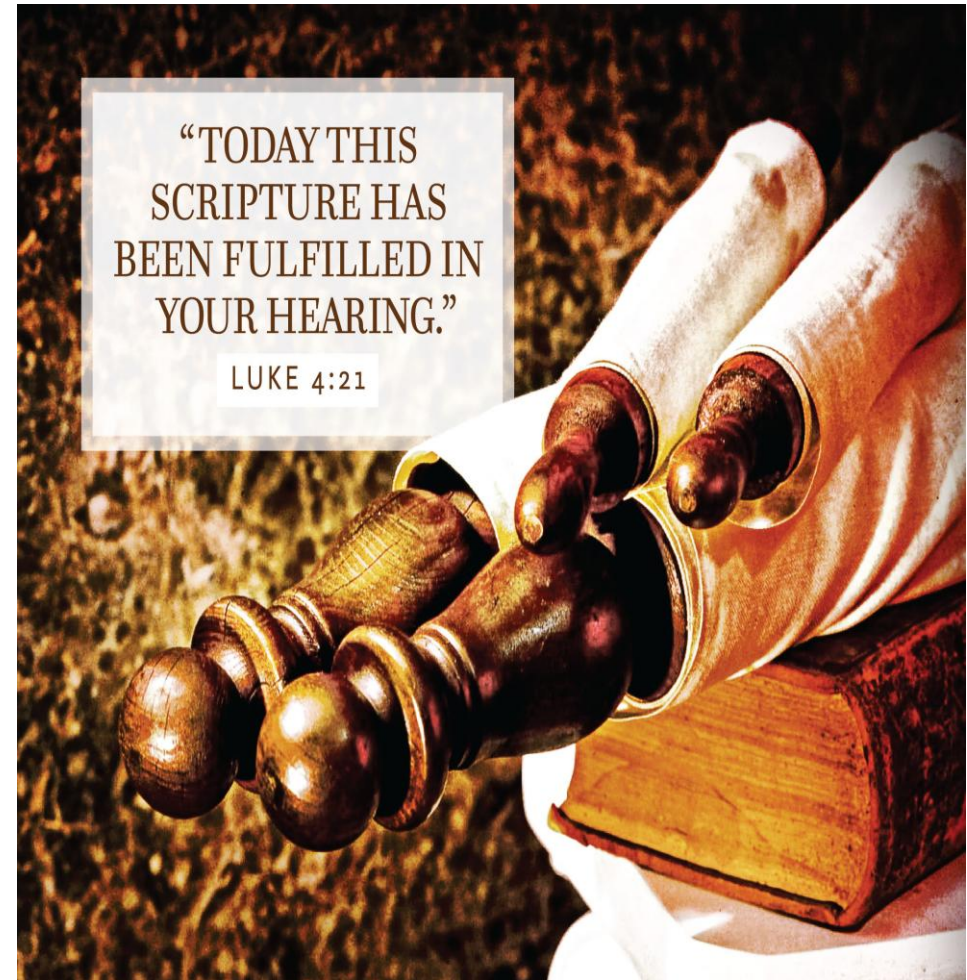
Presence	
<i>Last week's attendance:</i>	
Sunday School:	72
Worship:	153
Chrysalis	13

Gifts	
<i>Operating Budget for 2016</i>	<b>\$ 515,532.91</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$29,742.27
Given to Date	\$28,939.91
Percentage Given	97.30%
<i>Amount needed each week to meet 2016 budget</i>	<b>\$9,914.09</b>
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	\$13,702.19
<b>Final Budget Total for 2015</b>	<b>\$537,285.14</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,888.00
<b>Zoe pennies collected in December</b>	12.00

Service for January	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Benson Crotts Team
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Randall Mace
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Tim Capel and Steve Webb
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Shelby Matheson
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Meredith Gerald/Rebecca Clay
<b>Nursery:</b>	Courtney Deane
<b>Greeters:</b>	Martha Gandy; Deborah Thomas
<b>Hedge Prayer:</b>	Ladies Bible Class
<b>Hermitage Volunteer:</b>	Randy & Margaret Leak, Audrey Ewing
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship:</b>	This Sunday: John Thomas Next Sunday: Bill Rohleder

Calendar	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 24</b>
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
4:00 pm	Haiti Commitment Meeting, Rm. 101
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 25</b>
10:00 am	First Place Bible Study, Rm. 302
5:30 pm	Handbell Practice
6:30 pm	SPRC Meeting, Bynum Bldg.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 26</b>
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm	Tuesday Night Bible Study, Bynum Bldg.
6:30 pm	Church Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 27</b>
3:00 pm	Mission Committee, Bynum Bldg.
3:30 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool
7:00 pm	Choir Practice

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Choir Director: Statha Osborne/Chuck Wright	Sexton: Al Floyd
Organist/Pianist: Helen Alexander	Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller



*Third Sunday After the Epiphany*

<b>First United Methodist Church</b>	
<b>10:55 am</b>	<b>January 24, 2016</b>
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** **January 24, 2016**

*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 *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Manz

Call to Worship *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet* Sleeth

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

\* Hymn of Praise No. 662 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Hymn Calling Us to Prayer No. 557 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*  
(Stanzas 1 & 2)

Prayer of Confession Rev. Allison Farrah

**Rock of our salvation, we know the faults we try to hide from you and those around us. We have not cared for people in the same way. We do think some are more gifted, or better, or lovelier. We would much rather celebrate with someone, than to bear the suffering of another. We are really not that sure that the poor should be given hope, or the outcast a seat at the table.**

**Redeemer of all people, including us, grant us your mercy. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, so that our eyes might be opened to see how others truly live. Enlarge our hearts with the gentleness of your touch, so we might embrace the opportunities we will have to serve. Anoint us with your Spirit. Open our ears so we can listen to what Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, teaches us about your love and grace for our lives. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Chorus No. 2164 (TFWS) *Sanctuary* Thompson/Scruggs  
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory *Trust and Obey* 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 Rev. Sykes  
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to children's church upstairs in Room 410)

Reading of the Psalms *Psalm 19 (Sing Response) Hymnal Page 750*

Anthem *We Are The Church* Besig

\*Gospel Reading *Luke 4: 14 - 21* Page 74

Sermon *Who Are You?* Rev. Sykes

\*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 600 *Wonderful Words of Life*

Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Sykes

Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless and Keep You* Strathabee

\*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

\*Postlude *Postlude in G Minor* Ritter

\*Please stand as you are able

**The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Bill Rohleder in loving memory of his mother, Myrtle Rohleder.**

**The Commitment Meeting for the 2016 Haiti mission trip will be TODAY at 4:00 in Room 101. Commitments must be made at this meeting. The Haiti Mission Trip is scheduled for July 12-20, 2016.**

**Youth will meet tonight from 5:00 - 7:30 pm for UMYF and dinner.**

**SPRC will meet on Monday, January 25 at 6:30 pm in the Bynum Bldg.**

**First Place will resume tomorrow, Monday, January 25 at 10:00 am. We will preview our new study. Join us in Room 302.**

**Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 pm.**

**The Mission Committee will meet Wednesday, January 27 at 3:00 pm in the Bynum Bldg.**

**Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this Wednesday.**

**Zoe Sunday is next Sunday---don't forget your pennies!**

**We are in desperate need of help for the TV booth.** If you would like to help during the worship services, or if you can help during special services such as funerals, please see Rev. Sykes or Randall Mace. If we can get some volunteers we will set up a time for training.

**Hamlet Soup Kitchen** needs leaders and volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Please consider this worthwhile ministry. Call the church office or speak to Mike Sykes if you are interested in serving.

**Upcoming Events.....**

**Souper Lunch** - The UMW will have lunch of Homemade Soups, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, and a variety of Desserts on **Sunday, January 31** immediately following Worship Service. Donations will be accepted to support UMW Programs/Projects. Please make plans to attend!

**Mark your Calendars for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Entertainment!** The youth and parents will sponsor a spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, February 13 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.** All proceeds will go towards the youth trips. If you have a funny act, a song to sing, poem to read, or any special talent and would like to be a part of the entertainment, please call Mary Griffith at the church office.

**Winter Jam 2016 Tour with over 10 Christian Bands in Greensboro, NC on Saturday, February 27. Any your or adults, who would like to go to Winter Jam must prepay by February 7—Tickets are \$15.** We will leave the church parking lot at 2:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm. We will call parents on the way home for the return time. You will need food and spending money the night of the concert.

**Mark your calendars!** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Hoofing It for Haiti 5K will be Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8:30 am at the Mary Ellen Kindley Fitness Trail on the campus of RCC.** Whether you choose to walk, run, volunteer, or serve as a sponsor, there is a place for you. Check out the bulletin board just outside of the choir room. You will see all the sights of last year's big event and will be excited to get involved. Remember 100% of entry fees go toward rice, beans, and oil for Haiti.

Ponder this.....

By blood and origin, I am all Albanian.  
My citizenship is Indian.  
I am a Catholic nun.  
As to my calling, I belong to the whole world.  
As to my heart, I belong entirely to Jesus.  
Mother Teresa

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Jesus Christ will be Lord of all  
or he will not be Lord at all.  
Augustine