

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

May 10-16

**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.	Annie Short
Mabel Mossor	Billy Reynolds
Juanita Sinclair	Helen Goodman
Faye Poplin	Aileen Traylor
Clyde Davidson	Cameron Ray
Bruce Simmons	

**Sunday:**

Brett Young	Janette Benoist
Robert Cain	Randy Childers

**Monday:**

Josh Brooks	Johnsye Lunceford Bloomfield
Evonne Moore Leonard	The Family of Jack Cutrer (Caroline Johnson's son-in-law)
Keith and Angie Wiggins	Morrison Disciple Ministry
Family of Verna Mattox (Doris Baxley's sister)	

**Tuesday:**

Sharon Cox	Claudia Stanley
Kitt Goodwin	Cole & Olivia Dillman (Paul & Pam Dillman's grandchildren)
Louise Nigh	Coleman and Hazel O'Neal
Loretta Williams	Adelaide Blalock (Julie Morgan's mother)
Sarah Robbins	The Family of Betty Yount
The Family of Mary Stallworth	

**Wednesday:**

The Family of Nancy McNeil	The Family of C. B. Haywood
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**Thursday:**

The Family of Carlton Millen	Lucille Martin
Pat Caple	The Family of Larry Shankle
The Family of Norma Holder (Sherry McElduff's mother)	

**Friday:**

The Family of Wayne Taylor	Neal Parrisher
Vernon McDonald	Richard Wright
Gabriel Rosales	Lisa Johnson
Phil McNair	James Hinson
Teresa Baxley	The Family of Pam Lassiter
The Family of Wayne Parrish	The Family of Daisy McKinnon
David Woods	Stephanie Hendricks
Steve Estridge (Tabatha Miller's father)	

**Saturday:**

Bailey Thompson	Debbie Makidon
The Family of Kenny Long	
The Family of Jim Iseman	The Family of Joey Sheppard
The Family of Walter Lampley	The Family of Lester Parks
The Family of Robert Coleman	The Family of Chris Terry
The Family of Helen Millen	The Family of Archie Bivens

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 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:	75
Worship:	138

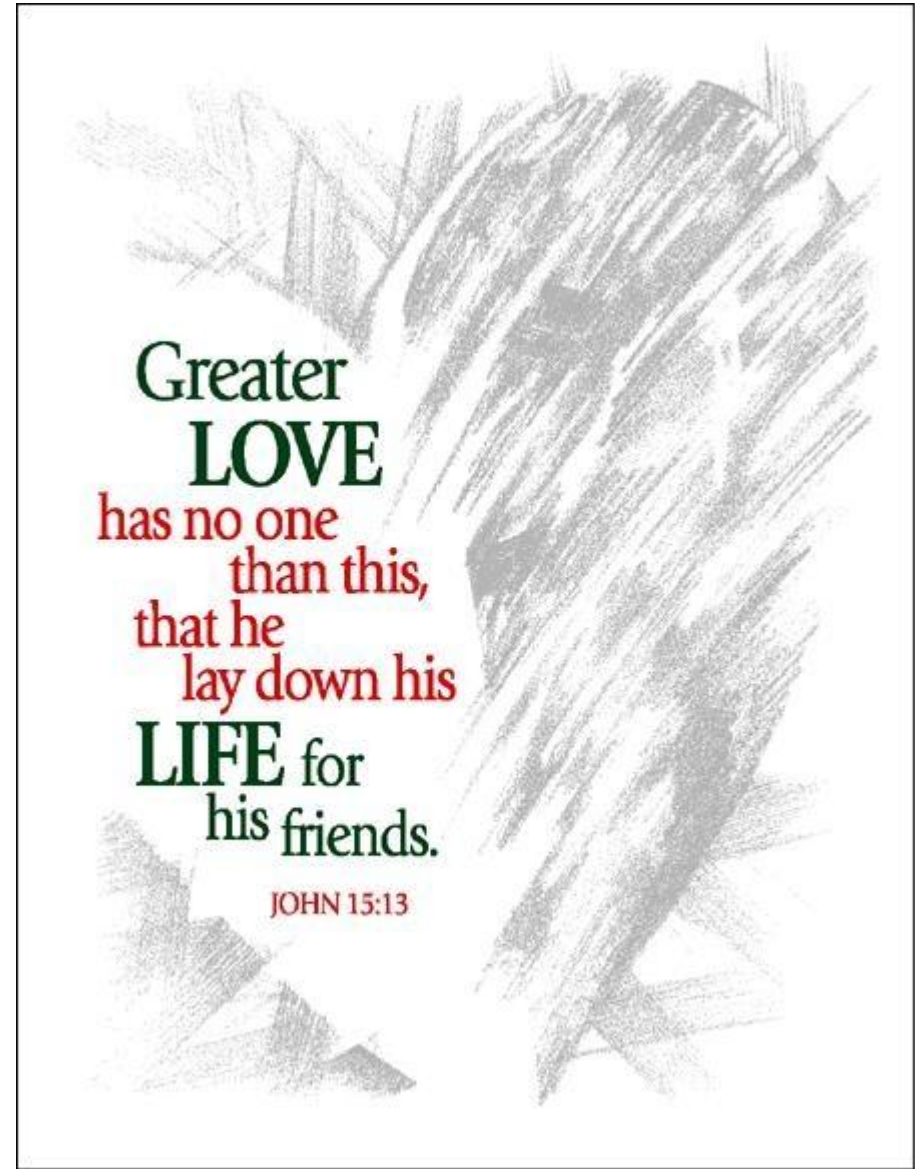
Gifts	
<i>Operating Budget for 2015</i>	<b>\$ 522,394.16</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	180,828.72
Given to Date	169,232.87
Percentage Given	93.59%
Needed to close budget	\$10,046.04
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	<b>\$8,656.00</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,655.50
<b>Zoe pennies collected in April</b>	83.00

Service for May	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Benson Crotts Team
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Randall Mace
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Hilton and Jim Haines
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Cole Deane
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Meredith Gerald/Rebecca Clay
<b>Nursery:</b>	Worship Service: Debbie Morrison
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joe and Priscilla Kindley
	Martha Scarborough
	The Bible Class
<b>Hedge Prayer:</b>	
<b>Hermitage Volunteer:</b>	
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship:</b>	This Sunday: Jeff Hughes
	Next Sunday: UMM

Calendar	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10</b>
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 11</b>
10:00 am	First Place
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 12</b>
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm	Trustees meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 13</b>
2:00 pm	Missions committee meets
3:30 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00pm	Choir practice

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mike Sykes  
 Assistant to Pastor: Rev. Allison Farrah  
 Secretary: Cornelia McKenzie  
 Program Director: Mary Griffith  
 Choir Director: Statha Osborne/Chuck Wright  
 Organist/Pianist: Helen Alexander

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 Sexton: Al Floyd  
 Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller



*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

<b>First United Methodist Church</b>	
<b>10:55 am</b>	<b>May 10, 2015</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** **May 10, 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 Hilton Haines, Lay Leader

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

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Hayes/Wagner

Call to Worship *Praise Ye the Lord* Cleaveland

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Allison Farrah

\*Hymn of Praise No.77 *How Great Thou Art*

\*Affirmation of Faith No.881 *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Mike Sykes

\*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**

**A Litany for Mother's Day**

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

**All: Thank God for mothers!**

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

**All: Thank God for my mother!**

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.**

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

**All: Thank God for the mothers of today.**

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

**All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.**

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

**All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.**

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

**All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.**

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

**All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.**

**All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do.**

**Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation No. 526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Sykes

**For our lack of faith that fills each day with tension and worry,  
For our lack of hope that clouds our future with despair and anxiety,  
For our lack of love that fails to place you at the center of our lives,  
O Lord, forgive us.**

**Help us to abide in your love and to love one another as you have loved us.**

**For we ask these things in Christ's name, Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Chorus No. 420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Sykes

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. Farrah

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

From the Psalms *Psalm 98* Mary Catherine Coltrane

Anthem *Look at the World*

Epistle Reading *John 15:9-17* page 134

Sermon *No Greater Love* Rev. Farrah

\* Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Dismissal with Blessing

\*Choral Benediction *Benediction Hymn* McIntire

\*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

\*Postlude *Rise Up, O Men of God* Westenkuehler

**\*Please stand as you are able**  
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**The flowers on the altar today are** given for the Glory of God by by W. G. and LaWanda Walker in loving memory of Ollie Kay Walker and in honor of Elizabeth G. Smithby.

**Youth will meet tonight at 6:00pm to practice for Youth Sunday. Youth will also meet on Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 to practice for Youth Sunday. Remember we need ALL youth at all the practices.**

**Trustees will meet Tuesday at 6:30 in room 101.**

**The Missions Committee will meet Wednesday at 2:00 in Rev. Sykes' office.**

**Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this Wednesday. On May 27 will be our WW End of the Year Party at Discovery Place. Cost will be \$5 per person (unless you are a member) and we invite all children and families to join us. Please contact Mary Griffith if you would like to go.**

**Attention Merry Makers:** We will wrap up the year with a trip to the Bob Timberlake Gallery and Museum in Lexington... and what do you think of when you hear Lexington? BBQ, of course- so our day will be made with delicious Lexington BBQ and beautiful sights at the Bob Timberlake Gallery. Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. Bring lunch money and a few extra dollars for gas.

**We are honoring all high school and college 2014 Graduates next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Men Breakfast and during Worship Service.** If you are a graduate, please call the church office by tomorrow with your information if you have not done so.

**The UMM would like to invite everyone to their breakfast next week at 8:30 am as they honor this year's graduates.** Please call the church office to let us know how many will be attending with you so we can give the men an estimate.

**Gateway District Youth Presents "Fun In the Sun" Spring Youth Rally** on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at The Well UMC in Fayetteville. **We will leave the church parking lot next Sunday at 1:30.** There will be laser tag, frisbee, awesome worship with youth speaker, music, food, and more. They are asking each youth group to bring Food buckets for Sierra Leone. You can find out more information about this project and how to pack your buckets at <http://nccumc.org/outreach/join-bishop-urgent-food-need-sierra-leone/>. Please let Mary Griffith know if you would like to go.

**Mary Hadley Leath Scholarship applications are available in the church office or see Mary Griffith. Complete packets must be in the office by May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**On Tuesday, May 26 @ 6:30 there will be a special Charge Conference held at the beginning of the Church Council meeting for the purpose of reviewing and taking action on our membership roll. Do you have contact information for any of these members? Do you know of any family members or friends we could ask about them? If you do please contact Mike Sykes or Ann Crotts, call the church office at 895-4027, or drop a note in the offering plate.**

Gertrude Alexander	Ann J. Amos	
Clifton and Patricia Andrews	Richard G. Barnhill	Vera Cooper
Bill Crews	Myrta Crews	Raymond Duehring
Bobby B. Dunn	Etta Ewing	Gayle Farnell
Thomas Ferguson, Jr.	Cecil Fields	Nancy Fields
David Flanagan	Claudia Flynt	Anthony Flynt
Gregg Flynt	Curtis Freeman, Jr.	Kathy Freeman
Jay Gaskin	Sandy Gaskin	Victor Graham