PRAYER REQUESTS
August 9-15

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
Kelly Wheeler	Bruce Simmons
Hannah Cole Shaw	Daphne Smith
Aurelia Cannon	Krista Edwards
Bob Gilmore	Caroline Johnson

Sunday:
Gaye York — The Family of Nancy Fieg

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

Tuesday:
Danny McLean (Jimmy McLean's father) — Austin White
Nancy White — Jean Bullard
The Family of Rig McInnis — Betty Horne
Robert Dobbins — Nancy Edwards
The Family of Charlie Knight

Wednesday:
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

Thursday:
Andy Sampson — Bennie Horn
The Family of Jesse Spencer — Jane Dawkins

Friday:
Pat Black — The Family of Brylan Coward
Gaby Campbell

Saturday:
The Family of Lee Taylor — Ron York
The Family of Jim Clifton (Anna Moseley's father)
The Family of Dr. Thurman Scott
The Family of Tony Belcher (Linda Boyette's brother)

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:	61
Worship:	164

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2015	**$ 522,394.16**
Operating Budget Needed to Date	311,427.24
Given to Date	275,636.40
Percentage Given	88.51%
Weekly amount needed to meet remaining 2015 budget	**$11,750.36**
Budget offering last week	**$12,877.80**
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,745.50
Zoe pennies collected in July	21.00

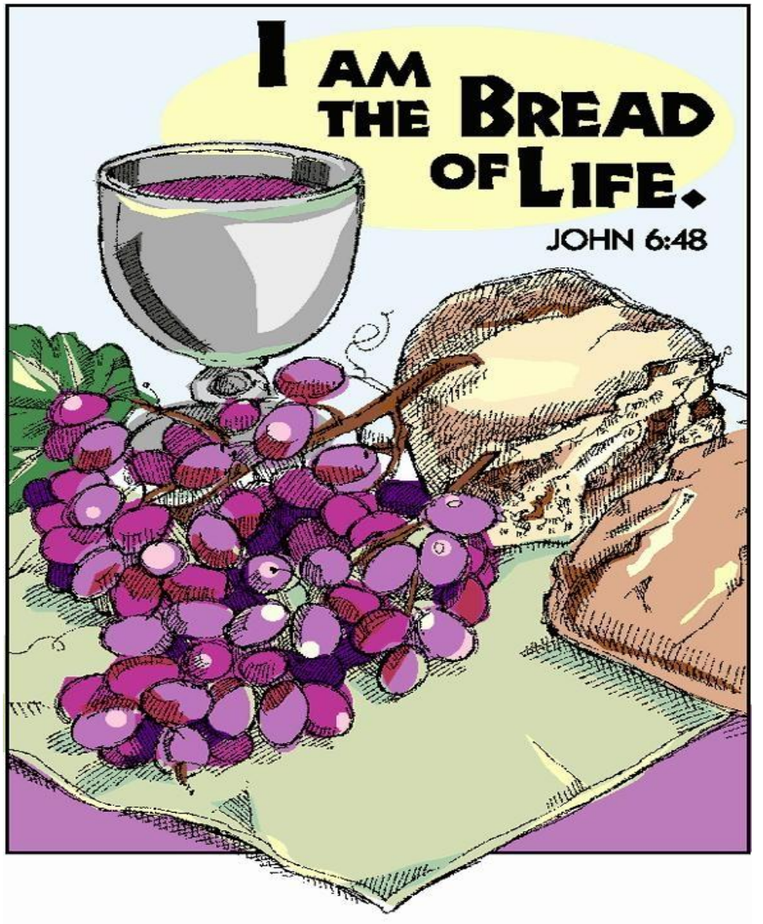
Service for August

Ushers:	Steve Webb Team
TV Ministry	Duff Morse
Heat/AC	Hilton and Jim Haines
Crucifer:	Michael Saunders
Acolytes:	Abigail Miller/Kalei Grant
Nursery:	Worship Service: Leigh Ann Ray
Greeters:	Joe and Priscilla Kindley Martha Scarborough
Hedge Prayer:	The Bible Class
Hermitage Volunteer:	
Sunday Morning Fellowship:	This Sunday: Glenn Alexander Next Sunday: Benson Crotts

Calendar

Sunday	**August 9**
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
Tuesday	**August 11**
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday	**August 12**
12 noon	Holy Smoke Meeting
6:00 pm	SPRC meets, Bynum Building

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
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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First United Methodist Church

10:55 am **August 9, 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 9, 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 — *Prelude on "Bread of Life"* — Young

Call to Worship — *Rejoice the Lord is King*

*Opening Prayer — Rev. Allison Farrah

*Hymn of Praise No.89 — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*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, creator of heaven and earth, and the sustainer of all life, we confess our sin to you. You have given us the extraordinary gift of life and life eternal, yet we treat it as a common and ordinary thing. You have promised us your presence in all times and all places of our lives, and yet we casually stroll over holy ground, unthinking and unmoved. You are the Living Bread in our midst, but we are so full of ourselves that we leave no room to be fulfilled with your eternal love. Forgive us, O Lord, when accomplishing our agenda becomes more important than following your eternal vision. Empty us; fill our cups to overflowing and fulfill us with Living Bread. In Christ's Name we pray, 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 — Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory — *There is a Balm in Gilead* — Lau

*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)

Reading of the Psalms — Psalm 130 — Glenn Alexander

Anthem — *Gentle Shepherd* — Marsh

*Gospel Lesson — John 6:35, 41-51 — page 120

Sermon — *How Long is Forever?* — Rev. Farrah

Musical Meditation

* Hymn of Invitation No.641 — *Fill My Cup, Lord*

Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction — *Threefold Amen* — Danish

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity — Helen Alexander

*Postlude — *The Heavens Are Telling* — Leatheman

***Please stand as you are able**

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Genevra Kelly in honor of her granddaughter, Margaret Elizabeth Kaufmann, upon her graduation from Davidson College.

The Holy Smoke Committee will meet Wednesday at noon in room 101.

The SPRC will meet Wednesday at 6:00 in the Bynum building.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

For ALL kids in Kindergarten-6th Grade, from 3:30-5:00 on Wednesdays
Bus transportation for LJ Bell and Washington Street School
And Car Riders are Welcome. September 16, 2015-May 25, 2016 (follow school calendar) Snack, Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, and More! Registration Forms are on the church website or call the church office for more details

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program-VOLUNTEERS!
We need volunteers from 3:30-5:00 on Wednesday. You can work one Wednesday or every Wednesday or just be in charge of serving snacks-we NEED your help. Please consider the opportunity to make a difference in our children by volunteering on Wednesday afternoons! It's very easy to be a volunteer-just call Mary Griffith at 895-4027 ext. 103 or email at marygriffith@carolina.rr.com.

First United Methodist Crucifer and Acolytes:
This is an important part of our Worship Service. The Crucifer brings the Cross in to remind us of God's presence. Jesus died on the cross but has been raised from the dead He is with us here and now.
When the Acolytes bring the light into the sanctuary, they are reminding us that God is with us and when they take the light out, it reminds us that as we scatter out into the world, God's light shines on us and He is with us.
This is an important part of our Worship Service and we would like to invite ALL 3rd -12th grade to be a part of our Service. Please call the church office if your child is interested in being Crucifer and Acolytes.

Pilgrimage 2015 is a God center event for youth and adult leaders sponsored by the NCCUMC. Pilgrimage is at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, NC on November 13-15, 2015. Cost of trip is $90.00. **You must RSVP with deposit money of $45 by September 13 to reserve your spot—there are only 25 spots-**so register early! All money must be paid by October 25.

"In the same way, let your light SHINE before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." *Matthew 5:16*

Please be in prayer for Tom (retired) and Jan Holtsclaw. Tom's health has grown fragile and he is under hospice care at home. Please pray for he and Jan, but also for the family as they seek to minister to Tom's needs. Contact is welcomed and cards/letters may be sent to the home at 755 Brooks Dairy Rd., Roxboro NC 27573.

Ponder this…

Something must really change in the world,
and this can come only through people who themselves are changed.
But when a person is changed under the influence of grace,
then not only the state of his soul, but also his whole comportment, is changed.
He is suddenly free from the old habits which kept him imprisoned,
free from the rancor and remorse that consumed him.
(He has) become whole in a broken world.

Paul Tournier

Holy Land

Interested in going to the Holy Land in 2016?
Sign and place in the offering plate for more information:
Name:_____
Email:_____
Phone Number:_____