

PRAYER REQUESTS

February 21 - 27

Members

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| 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 |
| Peggy Covington | Bill Rohleder |
| Peggy Coward | Roy, Frances, and Gladys Shepard |
| Jean Crouch | Bruce Simmons |
| Emma Edwards | Juanita Sinclair |
| Audrey Ewing | Daphne Smith |
| Brianna Gerald | Sam Till |
| Bob Gilmore | Aileen Traylor |
| Helen Goodman | Earline Waddell |
| Jean Haltiwanger | LaWanda Walker |
| Carole Jenkins | Our Homebound and Shut-In Members |
| Mary Ellen Kindley | |

Sunday:
The Family of T. B. Greene

The Family of Norman Lantz

Monday:
The Family of Joseph Braddock, Jr.
Jerry Garris
Lucille Henderson (Luanne Morse's mother)
Steve William

Madison Eteo
Harris Hawkins
Tom McInnis

Tuesday:
Joseph Griffith
Mitzi Warfal

The Family of Jean Hatcher

Wednesday:
Jessica Allen
Russell Bennett
The Family of Brian Thomas (Jean Way's nephew)
The Family of Allison Wiggins

Donald Smith
The Family of Jim Lockman (Karen Mace's father)
The Family of Nell Long
Morrison Prison Ministry

Thursday:
Dorothy Brumette
Wanda Auman Caldwell

Bob Simenette
Rev. Pat Sykes

Friday:
The Family of Janice Hunsucker
Terri Kennedy (Doris Denney's daughter)
Tonya Little
The Family of Harold Quick

Jesse Sheppard (Nelson Sheppard's father)
Rev. Marvin Taylor
Amy Wilson
The Family of Christy Yarborough

Saturday:
The Family of Barbara Upright (Shelia Webb's mother)
The Family of Rev. James Hinson
The Family of Sharon Dowd
The Family of Buck Snead

Mary Williamson
Donald Dawkins
Youth Attending Chrysalis
Tripp Holstead

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 | |
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| <i>Last week's attendance:</i> | |
| Sunday School: | 75 |
| Worship: | 153 |
| Tuesday Meal: | 27 |

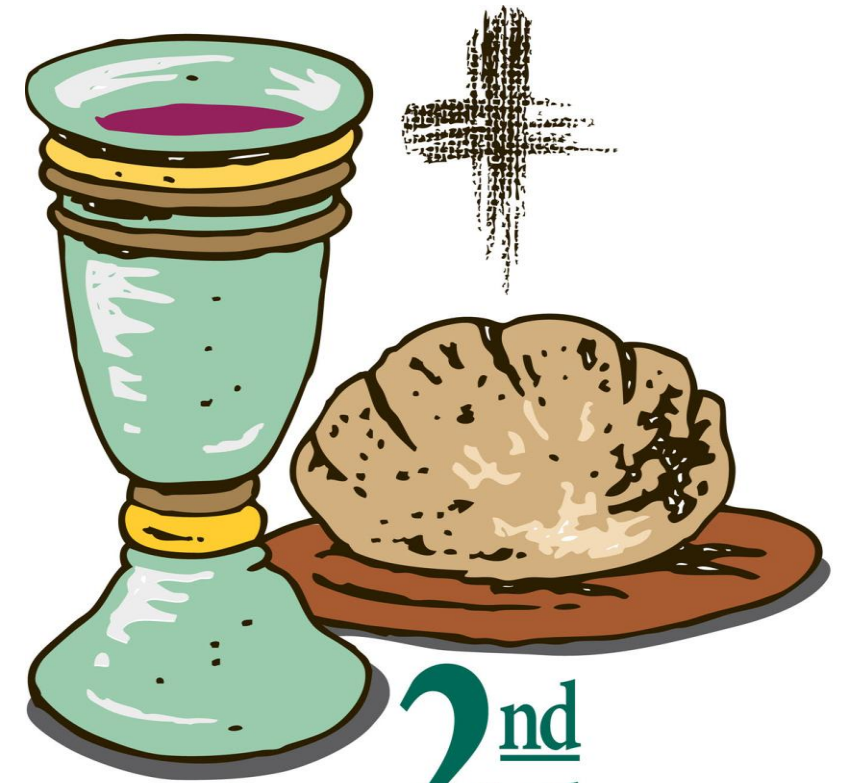
| Gifts | |
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| <i>Operating Budget for 2016</i> | \$ 515,532.91 |
| Operating Budget Needed to Date | \$69,376.63 |
| Given to Date | \$66,094.72 |
| Percentage Given | 95.27% |
| <i>Amount needed each week to meet 2016 budget</i> | \$9,914.09 |
| Budget offering last week | \$5,564.00 |
| Final Budget Total for 2015 | \$537,285.14 |
| Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected) | 9,920.00 |
| Zoe pennies collected in January | 42.00 |

| Service for February | |
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| Ushers: | Steve Webb Team |
| Heat/AC | Hilton Haines/Jim Haines |
| Crucifer: | Mason Bailey |
| Acolytes: | Kalei Grant/Abigail Miller |
| TV Ministry: | Duff Morse |
| Nursery: | Paige Bailey |
| Greeters: | Joe and Priscilla Kindley; Patsy Bankhead |
| Richmond Co. Soup Kitchen Leader: | Hilton and Glenda Haines |
| Hedge Prayer: | Cross Currents Class |
| Hermitage Volunteer: | Robert Cain and Joyce Smith |
| Sunday Morning Fellowship: | This Sunday: UMM Next Sunday: Benson Crotts |

| Calendar | |
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| Sunday | February 21 |
| 9:30 am | Sunday School Fellowship |
| 9:45 am | Sunday School for all ages |
| 10:55 am | Worship Hour |
| 5:00 pm | UMYF |
| Monday | February 22 |
| 10:00 am | First Place Bible Study |
| 5:30 pm | Handbell Practice |
| Tuesday | February 23 |
| 10:00 am | Tuesday Morning Bible Study |
| 6:30 pm | Tuesday Night Bible Study/Eat,Pray,Learn |
| Wednesday | February 24 |
| 3:30 pm | Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool |
| 6:00 pm | SPRC Meeting, Bynum Bldg. |
| 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Thursday | February 25 |
| 7:00 pm | God's Gorgeous Butterflies, Ms. O's Home |

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

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Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller



2nd
Sunday
in
Lent

First United Methodist Church

10:55 am **February 21, 2016**

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 **February 21, 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 Hilton Haines, Lay Leader

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Scott

Call to Worship *Praise to the Lord* Klusmeier

*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

*Hymn of Praise No. 159 *Lift High the Cross*

Hymn of Preparation for Prayer No. 141 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Allison Farrah

O God, we must admit that all too often you are not the center of our lives. We find shelter in all the false securities the world offers, rather than grounding ourselves in your promises. Our emotions drive our fears, and so we end up making foolish choices, rather than being guided by your word and heart. We turn to the politicians, the celebrities, the commentators to give us guidelines for living rather than following the One who comes in your name.

We ask one thing of you, our God, that you not hide your face from us, but turn to us with forgiveness and hope. Be gracious to us, so we might share such grace with those around us. Fill our emptiness with your love, so we might become more loving. Open our hearts, as well as our eyes, to see the One who comes to gather us up and lead us into your kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Chorus No. 2037 (TFWS) *I Sing Praises to Your Name* MacAlmon
**I will sing praises to your name, O Lord.
praises to your name, O Lord.
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory *More Love to Thee, O Christ!* Glamanco

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 Mary Griffith
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to Children's Church upstairs in Room 410)

Reading of the Psalms No. 758 Psalm 27 (sing response)

Anthem *Holy is The Lord* Schubert arr. Bock

*Gospel Reading Luke 13: 31- 35

Sermon *Under Protective Wings* Rev. Sykes

*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 419 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Sykes

Choral Benediction *May You Run and Not Be Weary* Murakami/Hanson

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

*Postlude *Christ, Our Strength and Consolation* Broughton

***Please stand as you are able**

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The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by the Wright family.

The roses on the altar today are to honor the births of Bebe Blackmon's two new great-grandsons. Jacob Alexander Smith was born February 10 to Brandon and Crystal Smith. Jameson Keith Macko was born February 16 to Will Macko and Amber Wiggins. Both new mothers are Bebe's granddaughters.

The flowers on the organ are given to the Glory of God by Thomas and Daphne Smith in honor of his mother, Julia Smith, for her birthday.

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

Eat, Pray, Learn Bible Studies and the Tuesday Night Bible Study will meet Tuesday. Meal at 5:30 pm and Studies at 6:30 pm.

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this Wednesday.

The SPRC will meet on Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Bynum Bldg.

God's Gorgeous Butterflies will meet at the home of Ms. O on Thursday, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. This group is open to anyone who has been on a Chrysalis Flight or Emmaus Walk. We would love for you to join us in prayer, fellowship, and commitment in faith each week. Bring your Reunion Card.

The FUMC Youth would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all of you for the support and love that was given at the Spaghetti Dinner. We would not be able to take a youth trip without your help and support.

On Saturday, February 27, the youth are going to the Winter Jam 2016 Tour Spectacular in Greensboro, NC. Tickets are \$15. WE STILL HAVE ROOM ON THE BUS—SO COME JOIN US! We will leave the church parking lot at 2:30 pm. Venue doors open at 5:00 pm. We will call parents on the way home for the return time. Attendees will need food and spending money the night of the concert.

Pennies for Zoe is next Sunday, February 28! Adults can add pennies/money to Pennies for Zoe. You can give your change/money to a child to bring up during Children's Time on Zoe Sunday or leave it by the offering plate for Zoe for a child to empty in the Zoe Pot on Zoe Sunday. Thanks for your help and support for "Pennies for Zoe"!

Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at Ruth Burgin's home. Members are reminded to bring Kleenex for two nursing homes.

Quilting for the Community needs help! We need any used, unstained, washed flat sheets. White, lightly colored or floral are acceptable. The sheets will be used to make rice and bean bags for Haiti. If you wish to purchase new sheets, you can get a twin sheet for \$5 or a double for \$9 at Wal-Mart. Pillowcases are also needed. They will be used to deliver the full bags of rice and beans. Drop your sheets and pillowcases in the collection container located in the hallway by the main stairs. Thank you for your assistance. Cheryl McCaskill, Linda Boyette, Sherry Boyette and Dorothy Hendricks

It's Chili Time!! The UMW will be hosting their second luncheon on Sunday, March 13 immediately following Worship Service. The menu will include homemade chili with a variety of trimmings (sour cream, crackers, cheese, etc.) and delicious homemade desserts. Please join us for another opportunity of food and fellowship with your FUMC family and friends. Donations are welcome and will be used for UMW to continue to support their many projects/programs. Because of your generosity, we raised \$763.00 at the January luncheon. Thank you for your continued support!

28 Days and Counting!! The 2nd 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.

If you would like to place a **Lily** in the church on **Easter Sunday March 27th**, please complete this form and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office. The cost will be \$15.00 each.

*Please make your check payable to FUMC at the time of your order. Thanks!
All orders must be received by March 13th.*

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given By: _____