PRAYER REQUESTS

December 13 - 19

Members

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Helen Goodman	Peggy Covington
Carl Anderson	Our homebound and shut in members
Jean Crouch	Jean Haltiwanger
Mary Ellen Kindley	Patsy Bankhead
Roy, Frances and Gladys Shepard	Elizabeth Alexander
Sam and Ava Nance	Aurelia Cannon
Henry Meacham, Jr.	Barbara McLain
Mabel Mossor	Billy Reynolds
Juanita Sinclair	Dotsy Reynolds
Faye Poplin	Aileen Traylor
Doris Baxley	Bruce Simmons
Nell Lewis	Sylvia Ballard
Hannah Cole Shaw	Carole Jenkins
LaWanda Walker	Daphne Smith
Brianna Gerald	Paula Haines
John and Eleanor Page	Bill Rohleder
Gaby Campbell	Peggy Coward
Carole Jenkins	Jan Clay

Sunday:

Dorothy Gaddy

Monday;

James Hinson Chuck McLean Herbert Kirkley Barry Craven Barbara Upright (Shelia Webb's mother) The Family of Steven McNeil The Family of Beth Peek Michelle Fuller Edwina Shore Carol Parks Clarence and Rebecca Frazier Vicky Nelson

Tuesday:

Noel Roach The Family of Patricia Estabrook The Family of Colleen Hoover Jim Nemachek

Wednesday:

Brenna Bendell Husel The Family of Jack Webb (Steve Webb's father) Danny Sullivan Jeanette Gardner The Family of Virginia Marshall (Rev. Sykes's sister)

Thursday:

The Family of Faye Lockman (Karen Mace's mother) The Family of Ken White The Family of Hughes Rhodes (Ellen Covington's brother) Rachel and Gene Bullard The Family of Billie Caulder Morrison Prison Ministry

Friday:

Shirley Smith Frank Butcher The Family of Betty Haywood

Saturday:

Statha Osborne Cathy Wilson (Rev. Farrah's mother) Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother) Jordan Lear Richard Lynch Hannah Smith Family of Alston Walters Pauline Humphries

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:	80
Worship:	175

Gifts			
Operating Budget for 2015	\$ 522,394.16		
Operating Budget Needed to Date	497,355.88		
Given to Date	442,425.58		
Percentage Given	88.96%		
Weekly amount needed to meet 2015 budget	\$26,656.19		
Budget offering last week	\$14,362.05		
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,876.00		
Zoe pennies collected in November	62.50		

Service for December

Steve Webb Team **Ushers:** TV Ministry **Duff Morse**

Heat/AC Randy Leak/Tommy Leak

Mason Bailey **Crucifer:**

Acolytes: Meredith Gerald/Rebecca Clay

Nursery: Mindi Grant

Greeters: Bob and Shelia Gilmore, Joshua Griffith

Hedge Prayer: The Bible Class

Hermitage Volunteer:

Sunday Morning Fellowship: This Sunday: John Thomas Next Sunday: UMM

Calendar	
Sunday	December 13
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
5:00 pm	Youth Christmas Party
Monday	December 14
5:30 pm	Handbell practice
Tuesday	December 15
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday	December 16
3:30 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
4:00 pm	Children's Choir practice
7:00 pm	Choir practice

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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First United Methodist Church

10:55 am

December 13, 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

December 13, 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 Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts Saint-Saëns/Bish

Call to Worship Emmanuel

*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

* Hymn of Praise No. 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

*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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Jason, Courtney, Trent and Rhett Deane

Christ Be Our Light!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day! Grant us vision to behold your glory.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day! Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day! Make us vessals of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day! For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst;

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

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Call to Prayer

Rev. Allison Farrah

Prayer of Confession

How can we think of rejoicing, God of all times, when we face our world, and who we are? Called to gentleness, we can be angry and hurtful people. Called to generosity, we tighten our grip on our clothes, our goods, and our love. Called to fairness, we can easily reject those who are different from us. Yet, you are our salvation. Joy of our hearts, and you forgive us. Renewed in your love, we can be more loving; restored to new life, we can give ourselves away to others; as you rejoice over us with gladness, may we share the joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with everyone we meet. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Chorus No.230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Purifoy

*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 Choir Innkeeper

(Children ages 4-10 are invited to Children's Church Upstairs in Room 410)

Youth Choir

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Mary Catherine Coltrane

Anthem

The First Song of Isaiah

*Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 7-18

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Sermon What should we do?

Rev. Sykes

*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin Benediction

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Helen Alexander

*Postlude

Peterson

*Please stand as you are able

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Martha Hamer in honor of every member of our church family. Thank each of you for your part in making our church such a special place.

A Canticle of Yuletide Joy

The flowers on the organ today are given to the Glory of God in memory of Robert and Larry Moon by Aimee, Shelby and Gaynelle.

Youth Christmas Party will be TONIGHT at 5:00 pm at Mrs. O's house. Bring your \$10 wrapped gift and your favorite food to share.

Wonderful Wednesday children will have their Christmas party this Wednesday, December 16. Children can bring a \$1.00 wrapped Christmas gift.

We invite you to join us for a Blue Christmas Service at the Episcopal Church in Rockingham (right behind First Baptist) tomorrow evening, Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm. This meaningful service is for anyone but especially those dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with disease that puts a question mark over the future, or any life situation that make this season painful or less joyful. Led by the ministers of FUMC, First Baptist, and First Presbyterian, this will be a sacred service that allows time for reflection, acceptance, and the promise healing and hope.

The UMM Breakfast is next Sunday, December 20 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Handbells will play and the Children's Choir will sing.

On Wednesday, December 23, our Young Adult and Youth families together, will serve a meal at the Soup Kitchen in Hamlet to the homeless in our community. What better way to celebrate this season of giving as we reach out to those in need. We need 10 people to prepare a pan of lasagna (Stouffer's family size is great). We also need bread, desserts, and tea and/or soft drinks. We will have a drop off time at the church to bring your items on Wednesday. We also need a group to help serve on Wednesday, December 23. Please call the church office Monday, if you would like to help.

Youth Ski Retreat is December 30-January 2. Cost of the trip is \$200. All money must be turned into the office by December 21.

Chrysalis is January 17-19 for all 11th**-12**th **grade youth.** All applications with deposit must be turned in ASAP. Let Linda Boyette, Mrs. O, or Mary Griffith know ASAP if you would like to go.

Confirmation Classes have been moved to the months of January and February. See Mary Griffith, Rev. Sykes or call the Church Office to register.

Ponder this.....

There can be no question but that Church membership
has been made too cheap.
It has become largely a convention.....
At present our churches draw and hold the settled
and cramp or repel the venturesome,
which is precisely the reverse of the New Testament Church.

Henry Sloane Coffin

Please return to the church office or place in offering plate Mail to FUMC, PO Box 637, Rockingham, NC 28380	?
I am giving \$30.00 for rice, beans and oil to feed a family in Haiti for a month # in honor of	
#in memory of	
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