

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

March 29-April 4

**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	Peggy Coward
Denny Glennon	Sam and Ava Nance
Henry Meacham, Jr.	Annie Short
Mabel Mossor	Myers Waddell
Juanita Sinclair	Helen Goodman
Faye Poplin	Claudette Brownley
Myra Waddell	Krista Edwards
Aileen Traylor	Doris Baxley
Marie Davis	Elizabeth Alexander
Eleanor Page	Bruce Simmons
Chuck Wright, Jr.	

**Sunday:**

Bailey Thompson	Debbie McAdon
The Family of Kenny Long	

**Monday:**

Mike Snead	The Family of Rev. James C. P. Brown
------------	--------------------------------------

**Tuesday:**

Nancy McInnis	Morrison Prison Ministry
Earline Bray (Martha Scarborough's sister)	The Family of Paul Capel (Tim's father)

**Wednesday:**

Tommy Infinger	Tom Ingle
Billy Baldwin	The Family of Jimmy Hall
The Family of Keith Riggan	Matthew McKenzie
Terry Lee	Danny McLean
The Family of Lucille Covington Goodwin	

**Thursday:**

John Wilson	Betty Yount
Tommy Adeimy	

**Friday:**

The Family of Bill Eustler	Olin Price
Martha Vetter	Richard Phillips

**Saturday:**

The Family of George Robinson	The Family of Camilla Lloyd
The Family of Susie Smith	The Family of Sue Glennon
Leroy Fair	The Family of Dan Shedd
Shirley Forrester	The Family of Dean Smith
The Family of Buddy Cooper	Lisa Johnson
Travis Graves (Susie Graves' grandson)	Mark Jenkins (Carole Jenkins' son)

\*\*\*\*\*

*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:	71
Worship:	212

Gifts	
<b>Operating Budget for 2015</b>	<b>\$ 522,394.16</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	120,552.48
Given to Date	112,666.67
Percentage Given	93.46%
Needed each week for the budget	\$10,046.04
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	<b>\$6,955.94</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,240.50
<b>Zoe pennies collected in February</b>	<b>123.00</b>

Service for March	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Benson Crotts Team
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Randall Mace
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Randy and Tommy Leak
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Michael Saunders
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Meredith Gerald/Rebecca Clay
<b>Nursery:</b>	Worship Service: Jami Graham Next week: Paige Bailey
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jean Cain Wiley and Judy Mabe
<b>Hedge Prayer:</b>	Susanne McInnis
<b>Hermitage Volunteer:</b>	Audrey Ewing
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship:</b>	This Sunday: John Thomas Next Sunday: Jeff Hughes

Calendar	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 29</b>
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
12 noon	Holy Week service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
12 noon	Holy Week Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
12 noon	Holy Week Service
6:30 pm	Disciple Practice
7:00 pm	Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 2</b>
6:30 pm	Disciple IV class
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mike Sykes	mikesykes@carolina.rr.com
Assistant to Pastor: Rev. Allison Farrah	allisoncoltrane@carolina.rr.com
Secretary: Cornelia McKenzie	corneliamakenzie@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

“Blessed  
is the  
one  
who comes  
in the  
name  
of the  
Lord!”

*Mark 11:9, NRSV*

<b>First United Methodist Church</b>
<b>10:55 am</b>
<b>March 29, 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** **March 29, 2015**

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

Prelude Helen Alexander

Gathering Time and Welcome Hilton Haines, Lay Leader

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

Chiming of the Hour

\*Processional Hymn *The Palms* Handbells

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

Hymn *Majesty* The Handbell Choir

Call to Prayer Rev. Allison Farrah

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Kinney

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 from the Psalms Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Glenda Haines

Anthem *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* Martin

\*Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-11 page 57

Sermon *Palm Sunday* Rev. Sykes

\* Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Dismissal with Blessing

\*Choral Benediction *Alleluia, Amen*

\*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

\*Postlude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Broughton

**\*Please stand as you are able**  
.....

**The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Lucille Taylor by Debbie Taylor and Olivia, Steve and Claudia Cohen.**

**The UMW will be holding its third luncheon today** immediately after the Worship Service. We will have a potato bar with lots of toppings for you to choose from along with wonderful home-baked desserts. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying time to visit with church friends and family. Donations will be accepted. Thank you for your continued support of the United Methodist Women of FUMC.

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

**Wonderful Wednesday will meet this week.**

**Circle 8 will meet at the home of Sylvia Ballard at 6:00 pm.**

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Monday:** noon service, Rev. Mike Sykes will bring the message. Lunch by First Methodist, \$4.

**Tuesday:** noon service, Rev. Dwight Williams will bring the message. Lunch by First Presbyterian, \$4.

**Wednesday:** noon service, Rev. Jim Nelson will bring the message. Lunch by First Baptist, \$4.

Dress rehearsal for Maundy Thursday program at 6:30 pm

**Thursday:** Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 pm. Disciples please arrive at 6:00.

**Easter Sunday:** Sunrise service at 7:00 am. Bring your flowers for the cross. UMM will serve ham biscuits following the service.

*The Palms*

**Verse 1**

O'er all the way  
Green palms and blossoms gay  
Are strewn this day  
In festal preparation  
Where Jesus comes  
To wipe our tears away  
E'en now the throng  
To welcome Him prepare

**Chorus 1**

Join all and sing  
His name declare  
Let every voice  
Resound with acclamation  
Hosanna praise to the Lord  
Bless Him who cometh  
To bring us salvation

**Verse 2**

His word goes forth  
And peoples by its might  
Once more regain freedom  
From degradation  
Humanity doth give  
To each his right  
While those in darkness  
Find restored the light

**Repeat Chorus**

Verse 3  
Sing and rejoice  
Oh blest Jerusalem  
Of all thy sons sing  
The emancipation  
Thro' boundless love  
The Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings faith and hope  
To thee forevermore

**Repeat Chorus**

CCLI Song No. 51838  
© Public Domain  
Jean Baptiste Faure  
For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved.  
www.ccli.com CCLI License No. 768372

John Wesley's Rules for Christian Living

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can.  
At all the times you can, to all the people you can.  
As long as ever....YOU CAN!!