

PRAYER REQUESTS

September 20-26

Members

Dotsy Reynolds	Peggy Covington
Carl Anderson	Our homebound and shut in members
Jean Crouch	Jean Haltiwanger
Mary Ellen Kindley	Charlie and Patsy Bankhead
Roy and Frances Shepard	Elizabeth Alexander
Denny Glennon	Sam and Ava Nance
Henry Meacham, Jr.	Barbara McLain
Mabel Mossor	Billy Reynolds
Juanita Sinclair	Caroline Johnson
Faye Poplin	Aileen Traylor
Doris Baxley	Dorothy Hendricks
Daphne Smith	Bruce Simmons
Hannah Cole Shaw	Bob Gilmore
Aurelia Cannon	Krista Edwards
Bebe Blackmon	

Sunday:

Monday:

The Family of Tommy Infinger (Wilma Yates' son-in-law)	Thomas Turnage
John Grimm	The Family of Betty Horne (Jimmie Miller's mother)
The Family of John Mark Brigman	The Family of Brandon Phagan
The Family of Leigh Anne Coleman	David Moon
The Family of Elizabeth Wood	The Family of Russell Benoy
JackWebb	Jim Brogdan

Tuesday:

The Family of Ott Simmons (Bruce Simmons' father)	
The Family of Keith McKenzie	Donald Caulder
Joaquan Hart	Bart Grimes

Wednesday:

The Family of Jackie Laviner	The Family of Curtis Melton
The Family of Myra Hughes	The Family of Grady Benoist
The Hall Family	Jimmy Newton
Vicky Nelson	James Hinson
Chris Terry	

Thursday:

The Family of Billy Baldwin	The Family of Alice Thomas
Deborah Vaughn	Heather Jacobs
The Family of Austin White	Trudy Shaw
The Family of Francis Dwight	Jane Dawkins

Friday:

Brad Harvey	Brad Benton
Teresa Brown	Larry Johnson
Nathan Dirk	Betty Phillips
The Family of Clarence Beaver, Jr. (Genevra Kelly's brother)	

Saturday:

Gaye York	The Family of Nancy Fieg
Vickie Nelson	Carroll Riggan
Jeanette Gardner	
The Family of Tom Holtsclaw	Horace Stedman (Ann Poe'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: 57
 Worship: 175
 Youth and See You at the Pole Rally: 113
 Merry Makers: 35

Gifts

Operating Budget for 2015	\$ 522,394.16
Operating Budget Needed to Date	371,803.48
Given to Date	327,137.45
Percentage Given	87.99%
Weekly amount needed to meet remaining 2015 budget	\$13,017.11
Budget offering last week	\$7,631.50
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,788.50
Zoe pennies collected in August	43.00

Service for September

Ushers:	Benson Crotts Team
TV Ministry	Randall Mace
Heat/AC	Randy and Tommy Leak
Crucifer:	Cole Deane
Acolytes:	Meredith Gerald/Rebecca Clay
Nursery:	Worship Service: Judy Mabe
Greeters:	Bill and Carole Frye
	Josh Griffith
Hedge Prayer:	Cross Currents Class
Hermitage Volunteer:	Robert Cain and Joyce Smith
Sunday Morning Fellowship:	This Sunday: Benson Crotts
	Next Sunday: UMM

Calendar

Sunday	September 20
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
	Lunch immediately following worship
Monday	September 21
5:30 pm	Handbell practice
6:30 pm	Finance/Stewardship Committee meets
Tuesday	September 22
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm	Church Council
Wednesday	September 23
3:30 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	September 26
11-3:00	Holy Smoke BBQ and Music Festival

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



**“IF ANYONE
 DESIRES TO BE FIRST,
 HE SHALL BE LAST OF ALL
 AND SERVANT OF ALL.”**

MARK 9:35, NKJV

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First United Methodist Church

10:55 am **September 20, 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 **September 20, 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 Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader

Relay for Race Stewardship Campaign Jim Graham, Chairperson

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude Wagner
Flourish on "Lobe den Herren"
Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Call to Worship Stainer
Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord

*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

*Hymn of Praise No.712 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

*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

**We confess how much we are like those first disciples, Lord Jesus. Our
cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We
boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and
gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap
harvests of disorder and conflict. Draw near to us, Gracious God, and
forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness,
the willingness O to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of
seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and
peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests Rev. Farrah

Chorus No.3040 Jernigan
You Are My All in All (Jesus Lamb of God)
**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Franck
Panis Angelicus
(O Lord Most Holy) Chuck Wright, baritone

*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 Rev. Farrah
Children 4-10 years old are invited to children's church upstairs in room 410)

Reading of the Psalms Psalm 1 Mary Catherine Coltrane

Anthem *Assurance* Beck

*Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37 page 55

Sermon *"Becoming Like A child"* Rev. Sykes

* Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No.432 *Jesu, Jesu*

Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction *Sixfold Amen* Moore

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

*Postlude *Moderato from Water Music* Handel

***Please stand as you are able**

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**The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by
Jean Way in honor of her children and grandchildren.**

**The UMW invites everyone to stay and enjoy lunch immediately
following Worship service. Donations only. All money raised goes
to UMW projects.**

**Youth will not meet tonight. We will meet tomorrow, September
21 at 6:00** in the church parking lot to go to the "The Rising" Youth
Revival at East Laurinburg. Our very own Gary Boyette will be one of
the speakers.

The Finance/Stewardship Committee will meet Monday at 6:30 in
the Bynum building to work on the 2016 Relay Race for Christ
campaign.

Church Council will meet Tuesday at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.

See You At The Pole Prayer Day is Wednesday, September 23.
Students all over will gather at their school flag pole to Unite together
to pray for their schools, leaders, pastors, family, community and
friends. "They all met together and were constantly UNITED in
prayer." Acts 1:14

**Wonderful Wednesday will meet this week at 3:30. If you would
like to volunteer please contact Mary Griffith.**

The UMM will meet next Sunday, September 27th at 8:30 am.

Next Sunday is Zoe Sunday. Don't forget your change!

Our FUMC annual Open House - the **HOLY SMOKE** BBQ and Music Festival - is
on Saturday, September 26 from 11-3. This community Family Fun Day will offer
BBQ and pizza with Classic Soul (beach music) and the Lumber River Quartet
(southern gospel) on stage. The children's area will have the dunking chair, ring
toss, basketball, other games and face painting etc. We need tents! If you have a tent
12' X 12' or larger, would you be willing to loan it to FUMC for the day? Please
contact Randy Leak or email holysmoke@mnlisn.com

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: _____

**REGISTER NOW FOR EAT, PRAY, LEARN
LAST WEEK TO REGISTER! CHILD CARE PROVIDED!**

NAME _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

**EAT, PRAY, LEARN is a 7-week study Sept 29 thru Nov 10
All sessions meet Tuesday nights at 5:30 for a meal together
then separate into three study groups 6:30-8:00**

() **EPL 1: SIX WAYS WE ENCOUNTER GOD:** When we live, when we
worship, when we pray, do we really encounter God? And if we encounter God, do we
change by that experience? Leader: Mike Sykes

() **EPL 2: DARE TO DREAM:** Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your
Life - This startling and inspiring study helps us discern God's dream for us and learn to
live it out prayerfully and enthusiastically. Leader: Lisa Ledford

() **EPL 3: THE GOD WE CAN KNOW:** Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus -
This study explores what Jesus meant when he said "I Am...the Bread of Life; the Light
of the World; the Good Shepherd; the True Vine; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the
Resurrection and the Life." Leader: Margaret Leak

() **EPL 4: Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief-** a small group study
for those who have lost a loved one to death. Within the sanctity of a small group, there
will be opportunity to share with others and receive the spiritual and emotional
encouragement that leads to a life of renewed hope and joy. It uses references from the
Bible to illuminate the unfamiliar emotions and question, explains the spiritual and
practical issues of grief and suggests coping strategies. As those who grieve journey
together, *Beyond the Broken Heart* guides the way back to the fullness of life. This
study is well-suited for anyone who has lost a loved one- spouse, parent, child, sibling,
any family member or friend. Leader: Allison Farrah

RETURN THIS FORM (PO BOX 637, ROCKINGHAM 28380) TO REGISTER FOR
THE STUDY OF YOUR CHOICE.

**STUDY BOOK IS \$10. PAY FOR IT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION (BOOKS
MUST BE ORDERED)** Come be a part of this exciting new study ministry at FUMC
when we will 'Eat, Pray, Learn' together!