

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

September 13-19

**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:**

The Family of Tommy Infinger (Wilma Yates' son-in-law)	Thomas Turnage
John Grimm	The Family of Betty Horne (Jimmie Miller's mother)

**Monday:**

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

**Tuesday:**

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	

**Wednesday:**

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

**Thursday:**

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

**Friday:**

Gaye York	The Family of Nancy Fieg
Vickie Nelson	Carroll Riggan
Jeanette Gardner	
The Family of Tom Holtsclaw	Horace Stedman (Ann Poe's brother)

**Saturday:**

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

*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:	48
Worship:	137
Merry Makers	38

Gifts	
<i>Operating Budget for 2015</i>	<b>\$ 522,394.16</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	361,757.44
Given to Date	319,505.95
Percentage Given	88.32%
<i>Weekly amount needed to meet remaining 2015 budget</i>	<b>\$12,340.35</b>
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	<b>\$6,897.91</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,788.50
<b>Zoe pennies collected in August</b>	43.00

Service for September	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Benson Crotts Team
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Randall Mace
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Randy and Tommy Leak
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Cameron Ray
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Kalei Grant/Abigail Miller
<b>Nursery:</b>	Worship Service: Aimee Diggs
<b>Greeters:</b>	Myers and Earline Waddell
	Michael Saunders
	The Bible Class
<b>Hedge Prayer:</b>	
<b>Hermitage Volunteer:</b>	
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship:</b>	This Sunday: Glenn Alexander
	Next Sunday: Benson Crotts

Calendar	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 13</b>
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
2:00 pm	UMW General Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 14</b>
5:30 pm	Handbell practice resumes
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 15</b>
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm	Trustees
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 16</b>
3:30 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 17</b>
7:00 pm	Circle 10 meets, Bynum Building

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

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 Sexton: Al Floyd  
 Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller



*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

<b>First United Methodist Church</b>	
<b>10:55 am</b>	
<b>September 13, 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** **September 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Willis

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

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

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

\*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

**O God, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart. Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests Rev. Farrah

Chorus No.3040 *You Are My All in All (Jesus Lamb of God)* Jernigan  
**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.**  
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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Larson

\*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 Psalm 19 UMH 750  
sing response 2

Anthem *Find in Me* Hinnant

\*Gospel Lesson Mark 8:27-38 page 53

Sermon *Crosses Half Price* Rev. Sykes

\* Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No.2129 (TFWS)  
*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Dismissal with Blessing

\*Choral Benediction *Sixfold Amen* Moore

\*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

\*Postlude *Praise the Lord* Sleeth

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

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**The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Audrey Ewing in loving memory of her parents, William and Josephine Martin.**

The Youth will meet at 5:00 in the Bynum Building, bring \$5 for pizza. At 6:30 we will host the *See You at the Poles Youth Rally* in Bynum Building. All Youth Groups are invited-We will have praise and worship along with grouping the schools together so they can make plans for SYATP Prayer Day at their school on Sept. 23.

**\*\*\*Pilgrimage Deposit of \$45 is Due TONIGHT-cost of the trip is \$90!\*\*\***

**The Nominations Committee will meet Monday night at 6:30 in the Bynum building.**

**The Trustees will meet Tuesday at 6:30 in the Bynum building.**

**Wonderful Wednesday will resume for the new school year this week at 3:30. If you would like to volunteer please contact Mary Griffith.**

**Circle 10 will meet Thursday at 7:00 in the Bynum building.**

**We are making plans for our UMW Luncheon to be held next Sunday after our 11 am Worship Service.** Plans are for this to be a mini-version of our Salad Buffet that was held annually in September for so many years. We look forward to hosting this time of fellowship for you all---please mark September 20th on your calendars----it is certain to be a treat! As always, thank you for the many ways that you support our United Methodist Women!

**The UMM will meet Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.**

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@mnlsln.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**

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!