

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

November 15-21

**Members**

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

**Sunday:**

The Family of Faye Lockman (Karen Mace's mother)  
The Family of Ken White

**Monday:**

Virginia Marshall (Rev. Sykes's sister)	Shirley Smith
The Family of Betty Haywood	Frank Butcher

**Tuesday:**

Statha Osborne	CathyWilson (Rev. Farrah's mother)
Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother)	Jack Webb (Steve Webb's father)
Sarah Vetter	Richard Lynch
Hannah Smith	Pauline Humphries
Family of Alston Walters	Jordan Lear

**Wednesday:**

Kay Cook	Beth Parker
Linda Griffith (Lee Griffith's mother)	
Family of Thomas Allen (Jean Crouch's brother)	

**Thursday:**

Justin Alford	Jerry Howard
Jane Pittman (Irene Aiken's mother)	Amy Wilson
Ralph Harris, Jr.	Jeanette Gardner
Patricia Eastabrook	Vicky Nelson

**Friday:**

The Family of Martha McDuffie Gibson	Casey Dawkins
The Family of Bebe Bowman (Barbara Thomas' sister)	Louise Hord
James Hinson	The Family of Danny Works

**Saturday:**

The Family of Hilda Langley	Jeff Tyler
Kitt Goodwin (Paul & Pam Dillman's daughter)	Morrison Prison Ministry
The Family of Annie Spillars (Barbara Goodman's mother)	Terry Gilliam
Betty Ingram	Lisa Johnson

*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:	83
Worship:	192
Eat, Pray, Learn Meal:	31

Gifts	
<b>Operating Budget for 2015</b>	<b>\$ 522,394.16</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	457,171.80
Given to Date	402,124.89
Percentage Given	87.96%
<b>Weekly amount needed to meet remaining 2015 budget</b>	<b>\$10,046.04</b>
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	<b>\$10,585.00</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,813.50
<b>Zoe pennies collected in October</b>	<b>15.00</b>

Service for November	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Benson Crotts Team
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Randall Mace
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Hilton Haines/Jim Haines
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Kevin Aiken
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Shelby Diggs/Jason Thomas Graham
<b>Nursery:</b>	Meredith Gerald
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joe and Priscilla Kindley
	Martha Scarborough
<b>Hedge Prayer:</b>	Cross Currents Class
<b>Hermitage Volunteer:</b>	Robert Cain and Joyce Smith
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship:</b>	This Sunday: UMM
	Next Sunday: Jeff Hughes

Calendar	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 15</b>
8:30 am	United Methodist Men
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
2 – 5:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 16</b>
5:30 pm	Eat, Pray, Learn
5:30 pm	Handbell practice
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 17</b>
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm	Church Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 18</b>
7:00 pm	Choir Practice

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mike Sykes	mikesykes@carolina.rr.com
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Secretary: Beth McQueen	fumcrhamsecretary@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

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

<b>First United Methodist Church</b>	
<b>10:55 am</b>	<b>November 15, 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 November 15, 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

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour Helen Alexander

Prelude Te Deum (Thee, O God, We Praise) Charpentier/Ryan

Call to Worship When Words Alone Cannot Express Thornburg

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

\*Hymns of Praise No. 2173 (TFWS) Shine, Jesus, Shine
No. 2140 (TFWS) Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

\*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.

Prayer of Confession
Lord of hosts, look with pity on your people, and remember us. Forgive us for wanting magic words and actions to fix our problems. Forgive us for placing our trust in anything other than you. Forgive us, and remember our foolish deeds no longer, O God. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Chorus No.2025 (TFWS) As the Deer Nystrom
As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory This Is My Father's World Shackley

\*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 ages 4-10 are invited to Children's Church

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 2: 1-2 T. J. Shaw

Anthem Footprints in the Sand Williams

\*Gospel Reading Mark 13: 1-8 Page 60

Sermon Tombstones Tell a Story Rev. Sykes

\*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 701 When We All Get to Heaven

Dismissal with Blessing

\*Choral Benediction No. Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace Whelpton

\*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

\*Postlude Laudate Dominum (O Praise Ye The Lord) arr. Burkhardt

\*Please stand as you are able

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Chuck and Sally Wright in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Hough and Rev and Mrs. Harold Leatherman.

2016 Flower Chart is up in the narthex near the chapel. Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to put flowers on the altar.

Our youth have been at the NCCUMC Youth Conference Pilgrimage 2015 this weekend in Fayetteville and will return today. Please pray for safe travels as our 33 youth and 4 chaperones return this afternoon.

Thanksgiving Meal "Volunteer Meeting" is tomorrow night at 6:30pm at East Rockingham UMC. We are joining East Rockingham UMC on November 21 with serving over 500 Thanksgiving meals to families in our community. Volunteers are needed. Call Mary Griffith if you know of someone who would like a meal.

Church Council will meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this week.

Potato Bar Luncheon is NEXT Sunday, November 22 right after our Worship Service. The youth and parents would like to invite everyone to stay for lunch and fellowship on November 22! Donations only and proceeds will go towards youth mission trip this summer.

Everyone is invited to the Community Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church on November 22 at 6:00 pm. Rev. Sykes will bring the message.

Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas -We need volunteers to help the Worship Committee to decorate our church and Sanctuary on Sunday, November 22 from 3:00-5:00pm and Monday night from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a wonderful family tradition to prepare our sanctuary for Christmas-everyone is invited to help!

Would you like to learn more about the Haiti Mission Project or consider being a part of the 2016 Haiti Mission Team? Then join us Sunday, November 29 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a DVD presentation of the 2015 experience, testimonies from Haiti team members, and information about the 2016 project. A traditional Haitian meal of rice and beans will be served.

PARENTS DAY OUT! Saturday, December 5 from 10:00am-6:00pm
Do you need a "Parents Day Out"? If yes, then call the church office at 895-4027 by November 30th to register your child! The youth are doing a "Parents Day Out" as

a fundraiser. Cost is \$15 per child and \$5 each sibling from 10:00am-6:00pm on Saturday, December 5th. Bring your children to us for the day while you have a day for YOU! Lunch and snacks provided. Please call Mary Griffith with any questions or to register your children.

Would you like to be a part of a "Live Nativity Scene" on December 12th at Hitchcock Creek for the "Night of Lights" and December 24th at our church or help build props and decorate? If yes, please call the church office by November 30th. We need adults, youth, children, and live animals.

Calling all children! We would like the children of our church to sing on December 20 at the UMM Breakfast and on a Sunday during Worship Service for Christmas. If your children would like to sing with us we will practice on Wednesdays at 4:00pm and Saturday December 5th at 10:30am. Let Mary Griffith know if your children would like to participate or if you have any questions. We would love for all our children to sing for Christmas.

A very special Thank You to the following persons who come very early before the church family gathers to provide heat or a/c so that we can be comfortable. Thanks to the following for taking on this vital ministry: Hilton Haines, Jim Haines, Tim Capel, Steve Webb, Randy Leak, and Tommy Leak.

The season of giving is upon us and once again we have the opportunity to support our vital mission project in Haiti. The Haiti Mission Team invites you to consider giving rice, beans and oil in honor or in memory of a loved one this Christmas. Your \$30.00 gift will feed a family in Haiti for an ENTIRE MONTH. Your giving will go directly to the purchase of rice, beans and oil. The Haiti Mission Team will once again deliver the food when we return to Haiti in 2016. Because of your generosity last year, the Haiti Mission Team delivered over 21,000 pounds of food to those in desperate need during our 2015 mission trip.
A list of those honored and remembered this Christmas will be printed in the worship bulletin the Sunday before Christmas. Your loved one or friend will also receive a gift card acknowledging that a gift was given in their honor or in memory of their loved one. You may pick up the gift cards in the church office if you choose to give the gift directly. Otherwise we will mail the gift card on your behalf. Please fill out the necessary information below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to FUMC, with Haiti Mission Fund rice, beans and oil in the memo line. Your gift will go a long way to filling the tummies with food and hearts with the love of Jesus. May God bless you and yours during this most sacred time of year.
"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

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 \_\_\_\_\_
Name and address of the one(s) who should receive this gift card(s)
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