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Peggy Covington  
homebound and shut in members  
Jean Haltiwanger  
Patsy Bankhead  
Elizabeth Alexander  
Sam and Ava Nance  
Barbara McLain  
Billy Reynolds  
Dotsy Reynolds  
Aileen Traylor  
Nell Lewis  
Bruce Simmons  
Aurelia Cannon  
Carol Pratt  
Gaby Campbell  
Carole Jenkins

Mary Ellen Kindley  
Roy and Frances Shepard  
Caroline Johnson  
Henry Meacham, Jr.  
Mabel Mossor  
Juanita Sinclair  
Faye Poplin  
Doris Baxley  
Daphne Smith  
Hannah Cole Shaw  
Nell Lewis  
Gladys Shepard  
Rev. Allison Farrah

**Sunday:**  
Kay Cook  
Linda Griffith (Lee Griffith's mother)

**Monday:**  
Justin Alford  
Jane Pittman (Irene Aiken's mother)  
Ralph Harris, Jr.  
Patricia Eastabrook

**Tuesday:**  
The Family of Martha McDuffie Gibson  
The Family of Bebe Bowman (Barbara Thomas' sister)  
James Hinson

**Wednesday:**  
The Family of Hilda Langley  
Kitt Goodwin (Paul & Pam Dillman's daughter)  
The Family of Annie Spillers (Barbara Goodman's mother)  
Betty Ingram

**Thursday:**  
The Family of Larry Johnson  
Nathan Motl  
The Family of Charlie Bankhead  
The Family of James Howell

**Friday:**  
The Family of Bobby Jordan  
Logan Smith  
Steve William

**Saturday:**  
The Family of Tommy Infinger (Wilma Yates's son-in-law)  
John Grimm  
The Family of John Mark Brigman  
The Family of Leigh Anne Coleman  
The Family of Elizabeth Wood  
Jack Webb

Jeff Tyler  
Morrison Prison Ministry  
Terry Gilliam  
Lisa Johnson

The Family of Barbara Snead  
Cindy Lee  
The Family of Howard Wall

Ruth Watkins  
The Family of Alan Blackwell  
Sarah Hughes

Thomas Turnage  
The Family of Betty Horne (Jimmie Miller's mother)  
The Family of Brandon Phagan  
David Moon  
The Family of Russell Benoy  
Jim Brogdan

*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	
<b>Last week's attendance:</b>	
Sunday School:	74
Worship:	161
Eat, Pray, Learn Meal:	29
Thursday Night Live:	44

Gifts	
<b>Operating Budget for 2015</b>	<b>\$ 522,394.16</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	422,033.68
Given to Date	370,249.42
Percentage Given	87.73%
<b>Weekly amount needed to meet remaining 2015 budget</b>	<b>\$15,214.47</b>
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	<b>\$4,848.16</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	9,798.50
<b>Zoe pennies collected in September</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Agape Christmas Boxes collected</b>	<b>16</b>

Service for October	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve Webb Team
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Duff Morse
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Tim Capel/Steve Webb
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Stephanie Barrett
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Allie Matheson/Trent Deane
<b>Nursery:</b>	Worship Service: Mindi Grant
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jason and Courtney Deane Jean Cain
<b>Hedge Prayer:</b>	Ladies Bible Class
<b>Hermitage Volunteer:</b>	Randy and Margaret Leak, Audrey Ewing
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship:</b>	This Sunday: Glenn Alexander Next Sunday:

Calendar	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 25</b>
9:30 am	Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am	Worship Hour
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 26</b>
5:30 pm	Handbell practice
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 27</b>
10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
5:30 pm	Eat, Pray, Learn
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 28</b>
3:30 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 29</b>
6:30 pm	Thursday Night Live!

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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Caring for our children: Tabatha Miller



*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

<b>First United Methodist Church</b>	
<b>10:55 am</b>	<b>October 25, 2015</b>
PO Box 637 ó 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	



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God

October 25, 2015

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 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Wagner

Call to Worship No.13 *Praise the Lord* Moore

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Mike Sykes

\*Hymn of Praise No. 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
No. 176 *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

Hymn of Preparation for Prayer

Prayer of Confession Rev. Allison Farrah  
**We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. Help us to be ready for your reformation. AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

Prayer Requests

Chorus No. 3093 *Fill My Cup, Lord* Blanchard  
**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Farrah

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

Offertory *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?* 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

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 34:1-8

Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River* Labbar

\*Gospel Lesson Mark 10:46-52 Page 57

Sermon *The Son of Timeaus Sees* Rev. Sykes

Hymn of Invitation to Baptism No. 349 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

The Sacrament of Baptism (See Insert)

\*Hymn of Going Forth to Serve No. 454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Dismissal with Blessing

\*Choral Benediction *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Moore

\*Chiming of the Holy Trinity Helen Alexander

\*Postlude *Thine Is the Glory* Callahan

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

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**The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in honor of the birthday of Mary Griffith, the best wife, mother and Mimi, given by her husband, Lee Griffith, and their children and grandchildren.**

Today is Zoe Sunday!

YOUTH will meet at 4pm to help with Fall Carnival and Trunk or Treat.

**Fall Carnival & Trunk or Treat is TODAY from 5-7pm here—5-6pm will be Carnival and Hot Dog Supper in Fellowship Hall; 6:15-7pm will be Trunk or Treat in church parking lot. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun! WE HAVE ROOM FOR MORE "TRUNKS" SO COME ON OUT TONIGHT!**

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this Wednesday.



**See you Thursday Night in the Worship Center @ 6:30 for Thursday Night Live!**

The Holy Spirit is God's present activity in our midst. When we sense God's leading, God's challenge, or God's support or comfort, we say that it's the Holy Spirit at work.

In Hebrew, the words for Spirit, wind, and breath are nearly the same. The same is true in Greek. In trying to describe God's activity among them, the ancients were saying that it was like God's breath, like a sacred wind. It could not be seen or held: "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes" (John 3:8). But the effect of God's Spirit, like the wind, could be felt and known. Where do we find the evidence of the Spirit at work? See you Thursday night as we celebrate the beautiful Holy Spirit and share in the Lord's table! Pat Sykes, Pastor of East Rockingham UMC will bring the message.

**Statha Osborne will be going on a mission trip to Nicaragua in February 2016. If you would like to make a donation to support her trip, make checks payable to the church. Deadline is today! Thank you!**

**FUMC COAT DRIVE**

We will begin our "official" Winter Coat Drive November 1, 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity to partner with Rohanen Middle School (grades 6 - 8) to provide coats to the students and families of Rohanen. Adult and children's clean and in good condition coats are needed. More details to follow. As always, thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please contact Sheila Gilmore.

**The 2015 Stewardship Campaign Relay Race for Christ Comes to a Close.**

**Our Scripture passage for this campaign is:**

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus," (Hebrews 12:1-2a) NIV

**Relay Race for Christ Celebration**

Next Sunday, **November 1** is our **Relay Race Celebration for Christ covered dish lunch** following the worship service. Plan to attend and enjoy the meal, fellowship together and hear the results of the Stewardship Campaign. It will be a great time of celebration!

**Holy Land**

**Deadline: November 15th**

Interested in going to the Holy Land in 2016?

Sign and place in the offering plate for more information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_