



Welcome to
First United Methodist Church
 Siler City, North Carolina

*Our hearts, our minds,
 and our doors are always open.*

AN ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

March 11, 2018, 10:00 AM
 Fourth Sunday in Lent

*We are so glad you are here to worship today.
 When the prelude begins, please prepare your heart for
 worship through silent prayer and meditation.*

(* denotes congregation standing if able)

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** by Albert Zabel

WELCOME & GATHERING
(Please sign and pass the pew pads.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let those redeemed by the Lord say:
God's steadfast love endures forever.

When we cried out to God in our distress,
God saved us in our hour of need.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN **To God Be the Glory** Hymnal p.98
(The Light of Christ brings us together to worship.)

*OPENING PRAYER (Jer 31, John 12)

**Glorious God, write your name on our hearts. Inspire us
 with your law of love, that we might proclaim this truth:
 You are our God, and we are your people. In your holy
 name, we pray. Amen**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy
 Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word
 proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
 Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 21: 4-9
Pew Bible p. 139

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2: 1-10
Pew Bible p. 192
Lay Reader: Brenda Dunn

ANTHEM **At The Cross** by Patti Drennan

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** Hymnal p. 381

*THE APOSTLES' CREED Hymnal p. 881

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal p. 70

**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.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal p. 895

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
 WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **Children of the Heavenly Father** by Jeffrey Honore

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal p. 95

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

MESSAGE **John 3: 14-21** Rev. Carl Belcher

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

*HYMN **Grace Greater Than Our Sin** Hymnal p. 365

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal p. 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who
 has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made
 flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the
 Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate
 God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist
 evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
 In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not
 alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US TO SERVE IN THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** Hymnal p. 381

*The Altar Rail is a place for dedication, rededication or special prayer.
 You may come during the hymns and remain as long as you desire.*

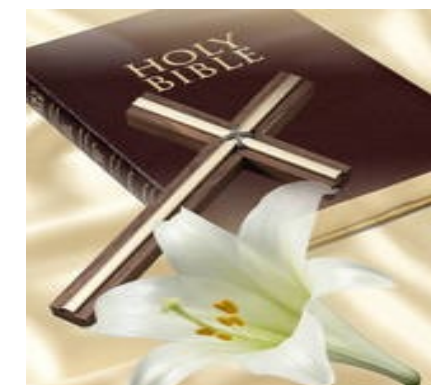
Communion is held the first Sunday of every month during the 10:00am
 service and in the Chapel at 9:45 on all other Sundays.

Please sign our Pew Pads. Thank you for worshipping with us today,
 and please join us again soon.

Childcare is available for all children from infant to 1st grade.
 Please turn right out of the Sanctuary and through double doors.
 Turn right and the Nursery is straight ahead.

Children's Worship Bags are available in the Narthex. Please enjoy and
 return the bags at the end of worship.

Hearing Aid Devices are available from the ushers.



SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry - *Rice*

The church will be ordering Easter Lilies again this year in honor of and in memory of individuals to place on the altar during Easter. Please complete and return an order form by Monday, March 19th to the offering plate or church office. Order forms are located on the table in the narthex and in the church's office.

There will be a meeting for all those interested members in reaching out and involving young adults and the youth in our church community on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:30pm. Please join us, as all ideas are welcomed and appreciated.

The Missions will be feeding the collegiate students who have so graciously given their time and a helping hand to Habitat for Humanities to help those in need. This will take place on March 15th. Please see Mary DeAngelo if you are interested in helping out. She welcomes all helping hands.

Apostle Build will be working with Habitat for Humanities on their next missions project on March 24th. Anyone interested in helping out or needing more information can contact Mike DeAngelo.

Our March Madness Canned Food Drive sponsored by FUMC's Missions is underway and will run through basketball season. So get your game on and let's make it the largest and most competitive collection event ever! Our goal is to collect more than last years 1,206 cans. Currently, Duke is in the lead with 131 cans, NCSU with 101 cans, UNC has 41 cans and Wake Forest has 0.

FUEL-UP will meet March 15, 22, and 29. Anyone interested in helping out meet in the FUEL-UP room to pack bags for those in need at 1pm. Please join us if you can; we have a great time!

Don't forget you can submit your offering online. Simply go to www.fumcsilercity.org. At the top of the first page there is a link to the online giving sign up. If you would like help getting signed up or if you would like more information, please contact Pam Whitaker at 919-742-2722.

The church newsletters and bulletins can be accessed online by going to the church's website at www.fumcsilercity.org. Check us out on Facebook by searching for Siler City First United Methodist Church.

If your contact information has changed or you have a preference for how to be contacted please email or call YoLonda in the office.

Remember to pray and reach out to your 2018 Prayer Partner whenever possible. Everyone appreciates a "pick-me-up," especially during this time of year. It can be as simple as a thinking of you card, email, or phone call.

Have a prayer request that you would like to add to the prayer list? Send the information to office@fumcsilercity.org or call 919-742-2722. Please include first and last names when submitting the information.

The flowers are given in loving memory of Mary DeAngelo's brother, Captain Gregory P. Kernahan, Jr. who was killed in Vietnam 50 years ago this month.

Last Week's Presence

Sunday School	
Worship Service	60
Stewardship as of Last Sunday January 2018 - December 2018	
General Fund Receipts	38,484.97
General Fund Expenses	-39,914.00
	- \$1,429.03
Online Offering	0

CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays

- 01 Glenn Grigg
- 02 Caleb Graham
- 05 Elizabeth Burke, Jonathan Daniel, Tucker Moore
- 06 Jackie Ellis
- 09 Jane Andrews
- 10 Judy Graham
- 12 Jo Duckworth, Henry Nash
- 13 Oliver Henry Milholen
- 14 Sara Burgess
- 16 Harriett Riley, Whitney Kirkman
- 17 Robert Wrenn
- 18 Meredith Pleasants, Michael Andrews, III
- 21 Robbie Frickey
- 22 Jane Wrenn
- 23 Mary-Douglas Andrews
- 24 Carol Davidson
- 26 Christopher Tanner
- 27 Rod Tidy

April Birthdays

- 02 Shirley Fry
- 03 Harrison Brewer
- 04 Robin Stackhouse, Phyllis Hancock, Olivia Steele
- 05 Louise Adcock, Frankie Tate
- 06 Adam Wrenn, David Brewer
- 07 Rachel Boone
- 08 Emily Tidy
- 09 Bob McKinley
- 10 Lane Snipes, Laurie Nunnery
- 12 Carly Cardman
- 13 Meg Burke, Craig Wood, Lisa Morse, Nancy Ferguson
- 15 Alex Daniels
- 18 Sharon Brewer
- 19 Lilly Milholen, Joe Hairr
- 20 Debbie Fields
- 22 Richard Caviness, Lynda Pore
- 23 Lynda Smith, Mark Murphy
- 24 Tommy Griffin
- 25 Jay Pleasants, Brittany Davis, Jimmy Joyner, III, Cole Milholen
- 27 Shawn Smith
- 30 Jaclyn Griffin, Mary Brewer

March Anniversaries

- 02 Bennie and Trudy Walters
- 08 Henry and Molly Smith
- 16 Ron and Cindy Dameron
- 17 Shawn and Amanda Smith
- 23 Henry and Lynda Smith

April Anniversaries

- 01 Bub and Jackie Griffin
- 10 Steve and Nancy Palmer
- 17 Archie and Louise Adcock
- 30 J. P. and Janet Joyner

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:20 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Communion in Chapel
- 10:00 AM Church Service

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH	APRIL
1st - <i>Dine Around Girls</i> at 11:30am	1st - Easter
1st - FUEL-UP at 1:00pm	1st - Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 followed by breakfast
3rd - District Church Safety Workshop	2nd - Church Office Closed
6th - Choir Practice at 7:00pm	3rd - Choir Practice at 7:00pm
8th - FUEL-UP meets at 1pm	5th - <i>Dine Around Girls</i> at 11:30am
11th - Daylight Savings Time Begins	8th - First day to order Mother's Day flowers
12th - <i>Threads of Faith</i> at 10:30am	9th - <i>Threads of Faith</i> at 10:30am
13th - Choir Practice at 7:00pm	10th - Choir Practice at 7:00pm
14th - "SHARE" meets at noon	11th - "SHARE" meets at noon
15th - Missions feeding Collegiate Kids	12th - FUEL-UP meets at 1pm
15th - FUEL-UP meets at 1pm	16th - <i>JOY</i> meets at 1:30pm
19th - <i>JOY</i> meets at 1:30pm	17th - Choir Practice at 7:00pm
19th - Easter Lily orders due by noon	18th - Church Council Meeting at 7:30
20th - Choir Practice at 7:00pm	19th - FUEL-UP meets at 1pm
22nd - FUEL-UP meets at 1pm	22nd - Community Singing at Siler City Presbyterian Church at 6:30pm
24th - Apostle Build -Habitat for Humanities	23rd - <i>Threads of Faith</i> at 10:30am
25th - Palm Sunday	24th - Choir Practice at 7:00pm
26th - <i>Threads of Faith</i> at 10:30am	26th - FUEL-UP meets at 1pm
27th - Choir Practice at 7:00pm	29th - Dessert Auction
28th - Serving the youth meeting at 7:30	30th - Last day to order Mother's Day flowers
29th - FUEL-UP meets at 1pm	
29th - Holy Thursday Service at 7pm	
30th - Good Friday	

Each Sunday, enjoy coffee & fellowship in the Dining Room following Sunday School.

Community Calendar

- Flexercise, Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30 AM
- Lions Club, 2nd & 4th Mon, 6:30 PM
- Chatham Literacy, Sat 9-12 noon
- Links to Freedom, Sun/Wed/Fri 8 PM
- Cub & Boy Scouts, Each Tues, 6:30 PM
- Threads of Faith, 2nd & 4th Mon, 10:30 AM
- SHARE, 2nd Wed. beginning Sept, 12:00 PM
- JOY, Every 3rd Monday at 1:30 PM
- Seniors On the Go, Last Monday of each month
- Dine Around Girls, 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM
- Choir Practice Each Tues, 7:00 PM



THE CHURCH STAFF

Reverend Carl Belcher (cbelcher@fumcsilercity.org)	<i>Pastor</i> Cell-919-215-5598
Reverend Travis W. Owen	<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>
S. Timothy Davidson	<i>Director of Music</i>
YoLonda Moody (office@fumcsilercity.org)	<i>Admin. Assistant</i>
Pam Whitaker (pwhitaker@fumcsilercity.org)	<i>Financial Secretary</i>
Jeff Brown	<i>Custodian</i>
Web Page	www.fumcsilercity.org
Facebook	<i>Siler City First United Methodist Church</i>

Mailing Address	Telephone
1101 West Raleigh Street	Office: 919-742-2722
P.O. Box 212	Fax: 919-663-5640
Siler City, North Carolina 27344	

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Church Member of the Month

Nina & Dennis Sawyer
254 Pine Forest Drive Siler City, NC 27344

Prayer Requests

March 11 - March 17

Sunday

Donald Carlyle (*Emily Carlyle*) Amelia Hosier (*Mike & Mary DeAngelo*)
The Family of Dick Huddleston The Family of Everett Cook
Steve Steele (*Jim Brooks*) Angela Lawrence

Monday

Dawn Stumpf Willis and Sarah Wrenn
Heather Hayes (*Angela Lawrence*) The Family of Margaret Currie
Cathy Greene (*Evelyn Tidy*) T rudy & Bennie Walters (*Eileen Williams*)
Gayle Matthews (*Sallie Milholen*) Suzy Marcle (*Patricia Barner*)
The Family of Billy Graham Uncle Thomas (*Terry Belcher*)
Greg Burriss & Rocky River Church (*Carol Davidson*)

Tuesday

Steve Crotts (*Danny Marley*) Kenneth Cherry (*John Powell*)
Ada Alston (*Mrs. George Langley*) Patricia Barner (*Suzie Marcle*)
The Families of the Shooting Victims (*Donna Atwater*)
Clarene Rogers (*Carl Belcher*) Madeline (*Diane Armstrong*)
The Family of Jonathan Petty (*Bill Milholen*)
Elizabeth Meadows (*Carl Belcher*)

Wednesday

The Family of Sara Wrenn Fred (*Sara Sparrow*)
Kenny Sawyers (*Carl Belcher*) Kenny & Carolyn Clark
West Virginia Flood Victims (*Terry Belcher*) Travis Owen
Weather Victims Out West (*Joan Thompson*) Linda Sharp (*Pam Whitaker*)
Ellen Hutchinson (*Joan Thompson*)
Whitney & Aubrey Kirkman (*Diane Kirkman*)

Thursday

Marjorie Stackhouse Olivia Diamant
Henry Smith, Jr. (*Lynda Smith*) Jimmy Lane (*Danny Marley*)
The Family of Mike Brazo (*Bob Andrews*) Megan Sparrow (*Sara Sparrow*)
Cameron Thompson (*Terry Belcher*) Clint Mithcell
The Family of Florence Mears (*Trudy Walters*)

Friday

Evelyn Tidy (*Terry Belcher*) Flu Suffers (*Rev. Belcher*)

Saturday

Twig Wood Yasmin Vargas (*Jay Palmer*)
LaJeanne & Sandy Pierce Nina and Dennis Sawyer
The Family of Carolyn Sanford (*Janet Joyner*) Cathy Andrews
The Family of Ruth Gaines Carty The Family of Jane Budd (*Ruby Holt*)
Ed & Brenda Walters (*Trudy Walters*) Joyce Gunter (*Eileen Williams*)
The Lane Family (*Trudy Walters*) Dallas (*Patricia Barner*)
Morgan Sonnendecker (*Brenda Dunn*) Bob Steele (*Shelby Steele*)
The Family of Bill Smith (*Rosa Sharpe*) Prayer Partner
The Family of Rick Fields (*Carl Belcher*)

Church and Family Members on Extended Time Away from Home

Alex Daniels, US Navy (*son of Le and Marti Greene*)
1448 Aunauna St, Kaila, HI 96734

UPCOMING SERVING SERVANTS						
	March 11, 2018		March 18, 2018		March 25, 2018	
	10:00 Service	Alter-nate	10:00 Service	Alternate	10:00 Service	Alternate
Greeters	Ronnie & Rachel Boone		Ronnie & Rachel Boone		Ronnie & Rachel Boone	
Liturgist	John McSween	Brenda Dunn	Brenda Dunn	John McSween	John McSween	Brenda Dunn
Lay Reader	Brenda Dunn	Mary John Resch	Susan Helmer	John Powerll	Mickey Pore	Richard Kirkman
Acolyte	Sylvia Reavis		Jane Butler		Austin Greene	
Nursery	Angela Lawrence		Susan Helmer		Nancy Palmer	
Altar Guild	Mary DeAngelo		Lynda Smith		Palms	
Ushers	Raymond Brewer, Chief David Brewer Alec Brewer Robert Andrews		Raymond Brewer, Chief David Brewer Alec Brewer Robert Andrews		Raymond Brewer, Chief David Brewer Alec Brewer Robert Andrews	
Audio-Visual	Eileen Williams Daniel Wrenn		TBD		Peggy Wood Jane Andrews	



Long Term Care

Universal Health Care:

Maurice Tanner
7166 Jordan Rd., Ramseur, 27316

Village Lake Inn:

Ada Jo Burke, Eunice Terry, Betty Pollock
219 Village Lake Road, Siler City, 27344

White Stone

Joan Armstrong
Memory Unit 700 South Holden Road, Greensboro, NC 27407

Those who have moved away:

Jackie Ellis: 83 Jupiter Hills Drive, Weaverville, NC 28787

Rev. Travis Owen

c/o Carl Owen 49 Hollingworth Drive, Wallace, NC 28466

