

BY OUR PRAYERS:

There is a monthly list of ongoing prayer concerns available in the main lobby.

Current Prayer Requests: Cara Mays, Rudy Jones, Angie Barker, Carolyn Rivenbark, California Fire Victims, Kristy Kelly and her parents, Pam Sullins, Hubert Blankenship, Mike Cowan, Val Shadrix, Jenny Hanner, Cecil Richmond, Peggy Walker, Pam Walker, Daniell Family, Brenda Bostwick, Randy Wallace, Debbie Brown, Nancy Wise, Dixie Tackett, Kip Tackett, Larry Marsh Darlene Goyette, George Harper, Dr. Moor, Eugene Andrews, Patsy Green, Mary Murphy, Wilson Sanchez

New Prayer Requests: Rhys Howard

Prayer Chain:

Irma Andrews: 770-459-1816 Sonja Bradley: 770-459-6012
Pastor Hotline: 770-861-3096

Ongoing Prayer Concerns are available at the
Connect Center in the Lobby.

Prayer requests can be emailed to vrfumc@bellsouth.net
or you may fill out the Connect Card in your bulletin

BY OUR PRESENCE:

December 9, 2018

Attendance: 356

Wednesday at the Garden: 116

BY OUR GIFTS:

2018 General Budget

\$503,928.00

Year-to-date Contributions

\$416,355.77

Year-to-date Expenses Paid

\$454,985.58



Give online by scanning the QR Code

BY OUR SERVICE:

THOSE ASSISTING TODAY

Counters: Opal Spake & Nancy Wise

9am Ushers: Joe Willoughby, Mike Cowan, Eric Nemzer

Becca Stewart, Isaac Marks

9am Greeters: Barbara Myers

11am Ushers: Jason Whitlock, Shane Hall & Greg Thomas

Student Usher: Mikey Whitlock

Acolytes: Reagan & Claire

Announcements (11am): Luz Morales

Screen Technician: Terry Shead & Michael Burns

Sound Technicians: Tim Jeffers & Woody Holland

BY OUR WITNESS:



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AT THE GARDEN: We invite you to join us for Christmas!

Sunday, December 23

9am: Traditional 4th Sunday of Advent Worship with Holy Communion

11am: Family Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, December 24

9pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 30

10am: One Combined Worship Service (No Sunday School)

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE: This year we will decorate our tree with ornaments brought in from our congregation. We are asking that you **donate** an ornament from your own home collection that represents your family in a special way. Please place your ornament on the tree beginning **TODAY** throughout the Advent season.

HELP US SAY "Thank you" TO OUR CHURCH STAFF:

If you would like to make a love offering for our church staff you can make your check out to the church marked "love offering". All love offerings need to be received no later than **Today, December 16**. For more information, please see Scott Swafford, Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

CLAUS FOR PAWS: The Carroll County Humane Society is partnering with the Animal Shelter in Carrollton and the West Georgia spay/Neuter Clinic in Villa Rica. Please help this worthy cause by taking a fish or bone, or both from the small tree in the lobby and buying the item listed on the tag. Place the items under the tree with the tag. No need to wrap items, bags are fine.

Please turn in items by: Sunday, December 30.



Villa Rica First and Concord invite you to The Longest Night Service. This service, offered on or near the winter solstice, is a service of remembrance, hope, comfort, and inspiration for anyone who finds this season difficult. Come and experience the light that is coming into the world through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MINISTRY STAFF:

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Office Hours @ The Cottage:

Monday -Thursday 9am-2pm, Friday 9-12pm

Website: www.villaricafumc.net **Church Office:** 770-459-3067
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1789 Carrollton - Villa Rica Highway, Villa Rica, Georgia 30180

Villa Rica

First United Methodist Church



December 16, 2018

Third Sunday in Advent

Confirmation Sunday

Worship | Education | Missions



If you are visiting with us for the first time today, we welcome you! We also have a gift for you located at the Connect Center in the Lobby. We are so very glad you joined us today!

Nursery services are available for each worship service and the Sunday school hour for children 2 years and younger.

New moms, there is a nursing room available upstairs.
Please see an usher if you need help locating it.



9:00 Traditional Worship		
Third Sunday in Advent		
We Gather to Worship		
Welcome & Announcements		Pastor Erik
Call to Worship		The Choir
*Worship of Song	Angels We Have Heard on High	UMH 238
*Affirmation of Faith		Carlos Morales
*Gloria Patri		UMH 70
Lighting of the third candle of the Advent Wreath		
Nolan Williams, Ava Rose Nemzer, Ben Robinson		
Old Testament Reading	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	Ricky Kilpatrick
We Offer Ourselves		
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Erik
Worship with Tithes and Offerings		
The Offertory		The Choir
*Presentation and Doxology		UMH 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
*Offertory Prayer		
*Hymn	Once in Royal David’s City	UMH 250
We Encounter God’s Word		
New Testament Reading		
Luke 3:7 -18		
Sermon	Prepare the Way: Do	Pastor Erik
We Respond to God		
*Closing Hymn	O Little Town of Bethlehem	UMH 230
*Benediction		
*Choral Benediction	God Be With You	UMH 672

*Please stand as you are able
UMH– The United Methodist Hymnal

11:00 Modern Worship		
Third Sunday in Advent		
We Gather to Worship		
Gathering Music	Christmas in Heaven	
Welcome & Announcements		
*Song of Worship	Revelation Song	
*Affirmation of Faith		
Lighting of the third candle of the Advent Wreath		
Special Music	Children's Choir	
Children's Church is located in the Jesus and Me classroom and is available for children 3 years old to Second grade. The Third Grade Explorers will meet in trailer B1.		
*Song of Praise	Yes and Amen Set A Fire/Holy Spirit	
We Offer Ourselves		
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer	Pastor Erik	
Offering	Offertory *Doxology *Offertory Prayer	Rick Quinton
We Encounter God's Word		
Old Testament Reading	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	Ricky Kilpatrick
New Testament Reading	Luke 3: 7-18	
Sermon	Prepare the Way: Do	Pastor Erik
Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confirmation		
We Respond to God		
*Closing Song	Jesus Loves Me	
*Benediction		

*Please stand as you are able

THIS WEEK AT THE GARDEN

Sunday, December 16
Confirmation Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Confirmation Reception
11:00 am Modern Worship
11:00 am Children’s Church
11:00 am Explorers Class for 3rd Graders
1:00 pm Youth Band Practice

Monday, December 17
School Holiday Break all week
5:30 pm Taekwondo Class
7:00 pm Administrative Council

Tuesday, December 18
10:00 am Caring Hands
4:00 pm God’s Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 19
11:00 am Prepare the Way Bible Study (VRFUMC DIG Classroom)
5:30 pm Safety Team Meeting
6:00 pm Pancakes & Pajamas
7:00 pm Prepare the Way Bible Study (Concord UMC Administrative Building)

Thursday, December 20
6:00 pm Praise Band Practice
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice
7:00 pm Longest Night Service at Concord UMC

Friday, December 21
12:00 pm Drama Team

Welcome to Confirmation Sunday



Confirmation Students

Ricky Kilpatrick	Eric Nemzer
Isaac Marks	Ben Robinson
Carlos Morales	Becca Stewart
Ava Rose Nemzer	Nolan Williams

Confirmation Mentors

George Harper	Lindsey Mays
Frank Jones	Matthew McClure
Rev. Thomas Long	Robert Pitts
Curtis Marks	Becky Short

Confirmation Leaders

Rev. Erik Mays	Layne Pitts
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The Confirmation Class would like to thank the “**Caring Hands Ministry**” for making the white stoles the students decorated and are wearing today.

Please join us in the front lobby during the Sunday School hour for a reception honoring our Confirmation Students.