

**WELCOME!!!
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

We welcome each of you to our worship services today.

PLEASE sign the attendance pad and pass it along to your neighbor. Visitors, please include your address and phone number.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

Church, 1st Floor

Chapel: Pathfinders Bible Study - Michele Newton

Conference Room: The Upper Room - Doug & Michele Inscope

Church, 2nd Floor

Watson Class - Larry Price, Kent Anderson, & Snookie Parker

Hardison Discussion Class - Dave Williams, Will Winslow & Woody Harrison

Blackburn Education Building

Room 104 3 & 4 Year Olds - Teachers - Ginger Bissette, John & Stephanie Robl, Renee Pearson, Shelley Gibson

Room 106 Infants, Toddlers & 2-Year Olds - Mary Wesley Edwards

Room 108 The Bradshaw Class (older adults) - Teachers - Bob Bergland, Charles Robl, & Bill Presnell

Room 203 Young Adult Class - Leaders - Emily Aycock, Shelley Gibson, & Suzette Gibson

Room 201 4th & 5th Grade Class - Debbie Bradley, Allison Robl, Suzette Gibson, Alicia Gregory

Room 206 2nd & 3rd Grade Class - Teachers - Ellen Barkley, Anne & Gary Benton, Ginny Eagles, Ginger & Mark Godwin

Room 205 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Class - Teachers - Noelle Halverson, Anne & David Clark, Jenny & Reggie Harrison, Heather Lasitter

Epworth Building

Middle School & High School Teachers - Alysun Skinner, Henrienne Allegood, Ben Eagles, Mandy & Wes Berry, & Susan Barnes

Woman to Woman Teacher - Cathy Helmer

Transforming Lives Class (TLC) - Teacher - Lorie Halverson



First United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Robert E. Bergland, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Charles J. Robl III, Associate Pastor
Dr. William M. Presnell, Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Joel Gay, Director of Music Ministries
Mrs. Alysun Skinner, Director of Youth Ministries
Mr. Andy Michaud, Director of Communications
Mrs. Mary Wesley Edwards, Nursery Coordinator
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday Preschool
Mrs. Fran Stafford, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Jo Shackelford, Church Secretary
Mr. Boris Farmer, Custodian

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The Worship of God

Easter Sunday
8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 302 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” **UMH**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” **UMH 881**

+GLORIA PATRI **UMH 71**

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1 - 18 **NT Page 114-115**

MORNING MESSAGE “Do You Believe It Happened?” Reverend Robl

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **UMH 12**

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 322 “Up From the Grave He Arose” **UMH**

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Reminder: No Wednesday Night Supper this week.

Motoring Methodists will visit Sylvan Heights Bird Park on Saturday, April 21st. We will have lunch in Rocky Mount prior to going to the Park. The van will leave the church parking lot promptly at 11:00 a.m. Admission to the Park is \$11 for adults and \$10 for seniors (62+). Call Connie Wood at 237-0649 or text Karen Blume at 230-5299 by **April 19th** to reserve your space. In case of bad weather, this event will be canceled. Motoring Methodists is open to all FUMC adults.

The Local Missions and Outreach team will be sponsoring a **food drive for Hope Station** from March 18 - April 15 and needs your help. Items needed include individual applesauce cups, peanut butter, and canned meats. Please put your food items in the bins located in the atrium.

Our next **Rise Against Hunger food packaging event** will be Saturday, April 21st, at 9:00 a.m., in Asbury Hall. Containers for collecting spare change to help support this ministry (see Andy Michaud if you need one) may be returned on the day of the event, or on Sunday, April 22nd. We will need volunteers of **all ages** on April 21st to help with this packaging event which works to eliminate world hunger.

All First UMC Youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to go to **Busch Gardens** in Williamsburg, VA, on Saturday, April 28th. Cost for youth is **\$35 and needs to be paid by April 8th to secure a ticket**. We will leave church at 7:30 a.m. and return by 9:30 p.m. Youth will need to bring spending money for lunch (at the park) and dinner (fast food on the way home). Contact Alysun Skinner (399-9129) or Teresa Payne (292-8922) with any questions.

MUSIC NOTES



This morning we give thanks for our incredible Chancel Choir for their continued ministry to us, and for all of the work they have put into the anthems for today. We also thank the members of the orchestra this morning for their willingness to serve with us at this special Easter celebration.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

6:30 Sunrise Service - Courtyard / Breakfast - Asbury Hall
8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Church Office Closed
6:30 Men’s Bible Study - Hardison Classroom

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
6:00 Trustees - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

2:00 UMW Board Meeting - Conference Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles’ Office

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 United Methodist Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Asbury Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Music At First

Please join us on April 20th for the next concert in our series. Vonda Darr, a resident of Wilson who will soon be moving to Nashville, TN, will present one of her very last programs of music for the harp in our sanctuary. Vonda is an extraordinary talent, and one of the very finest musicians in Eastern North Carolina.

Don’t miss this special event, and please bring friends with you. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

From Pastor Bob:

My friend, Jimmy Adams, died earlier this year. When I heard he had been hospitalized and was awaiting surgery, I thought everything would turn out just fine. The words of a Sara Groves song came to mind when I learned that Jimmy had died. "Death can be so inconvenient, you try to live and love. It comes and interrupts." (What Do I Know)

Jimmy was a member of my very first church. He directed the choir, taught Sunday School, served on all kinds of committees, and came along side me in ministry. Jimmy and his wife had three children. When their youngest, Jay, was just a little boy he was struck by a car while he was playing. They weren't sure if he would survive his injuries or not. They were blessed that through the talents of the doctors and nurses that cared for Jay, and the prayers of the church and community, Jay survived and continues to live a full and active life.

Jimmy once said that during the time when he didn't know if his son would live or die, he would listen to the Bill Gaither song, "Because He Lives." It was the second verse that provided great comfort and hope for those dark days.

"How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance, this
child can face uncertain times because he lives.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because
he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is
worth the living just because he lives."

Life lived in the light of the resurrection doesn't save us from difficult circumstances or the uncertainties that come with life. However, we are Easter People. We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to the Father where he lives and reigns. On this Easter Day we can proclaim with confidence and joy, "Christis risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

UPHOLDING OUR VOWS TO THE CHURCH BY OUR PRAYERS

Remember those in hospitals, nursing and rest homes, the sick and shut in with prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **John Forehand** who died on Thursday, March 22, 2018, in Wilson, NC.

New Membership - If you are interested in exploring membership at First United Methodist Church, please contact Reverend Charles Robl at crobl@nccumc.org or by calling 252-230-1143.

BY OUR PRESENCE

ATTENDANCE MARCH 25, 2018

Sunday School - 131
8:45 - 35 ; 9:00 - 84 ; 11:00 - 258
Tuesday Communion - 15
Total Worship - 392

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget	\$	1,091,282
Weekly Requirement	\$	20,986
Received March 25thth	\$	13,773

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

April Chancel Committee: Susan Barnes - Chair, Merrilyn Boyer, Donna Allen, Bea Newton, Peggy Anderson, Sarah Williams, Bobbie Burch, Mary Edmundson.

Greenery for April: Susan Barnes

On Sunday, April 15th, youth and parents are invited to listen to Mike Cannon share about his family's struggle and loss with drug addiction. You can learn more about their story at www.jcans.org. The evening will start at 5:15 p.m. and dinner is included. Please RSVP to alysunskinner@fumcwilson.org by April 8th.

An **Acolyte Training Session** will be held on Sunday, April 22nd, at 4:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for interested youth. Please call Elaine Merrick or Beth White with questions.

The Worship of God Easter Sunday 9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song *BECAUSE HE LIVES / AMEN FOREVER* Praise Band

Announcements

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings *BREAK EVERY CHAIN* Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson John 20:1 - 18

Message "Do You Believe It Happened?" Reverend Bergland

OUR RESPONSE

Communion Praise Band

Sending Forth *WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME*

Greeters for April 1st: Ellen Barkley, Reed Barkley, Jane Cook, Ginger Bisette

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

The Worship of God
Easter Sunday
11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Because He Lives” arr. Mark Hayes

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 302 **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”** **UMH**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **“The Apostles’ Creed”** **UMH 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

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.

FIRST LESSON **1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11** **NT Page 176**

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **“And Can it Be”** Dan Forrest

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left His father’s throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race. ‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is Mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine. Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me? Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

+DOXOLOGY **UMH 94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 310 **“He Lives”** **UMH**

SECOND LESSON **John 20:1 - 18** **NT Pages 114 - 115**

MORNING MESSAGE **“Do You Believe It Happened?”** Reverend Bergland

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 322 **“Up From the Grave He Arose”** **UMH**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **UMH 12**

ANTHEM REPRISE

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone, because I know He holds the future and life is worth the living, worth the living, worth the living, just because He lives. I know my Jesus lives. I know my Jesus lives. My Redeemer lives!

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY **Musical Selection for the Organ**

+Those who are able, please stand.

The Easter lilies are given to the glory of God by the Robl family.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Kate Berry and Virginia Grey Newton

Crucifer: Thomas Newton

Reader: Nancy Owens

Volunteers:

Sound System: Gerald Edge

Greeters for April 1st:

8:45 Narthex: Robin and Steve Flinn

11:00 Office Area: Don Berrier

11:00 Narthex: Julia and Ben Batts

Ushers for April:

8:45: Carole and Jimmy Deal, Terri and Lee Mitchell

11:00: Mandy and Wes Berry, Delana and Robert Rountree, Joe Neely, Don Berrier