

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 - Michelle Newton
Conference Room: The Upper Room

Church, 2nd Floor

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

Hardison Discussion Class - Dave Williams, Woody Harrison

Blackburn Education Building

Room 104 2 - 4 Year Nursery/Sunday School - Teachers - Ginger Bissette, John & Stephanie Robl, Renee Pearson, Shelley Gibson

Room 102 Infants & 1 Year Nursery - Sadie McDuffie, Jillian Gregory, Stella Borders

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

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

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

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

Room 205 K & 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, Mandy & Wes Berry, & Susan Barnes

Woman to Woman Teacher - Cathy Helmer

Transforming Lives Class (TLC) - Teacher - Lorie Halverson

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August 26, 2018
Fourteenth Sunday After
Pentecost

"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"



MUSIC

This summer, our church music ministry hosted an event that we have not been part of before. The event was a choral festival that was sponsored by the Church Musicians Guild of Wilson. The guild offers a festival event like this every three or four years, and we have been members of the guild for a long time, but have never felt compelled to give up those extra summer hours to participate. Although hosting was an enormous amount of work, and very stressful at times, we felt very blessed to be able to have the festival here at First Methodist Church. There were over 150 singers from more than 10 churches who joined an ensemble of instrumentalists, bell players and a combined children's choir to participate in this wonderful afternoon of praise. Mary McDonald, our clinician, was fantastic, and made the day so much fun with her humor and warm personality. The event ended with a concert where the choir and other musicians, along with over 400 guests sang, worshipped and rejoiced. It was an incredible event in the life of our music ministry and church.

God has done great things, and worked in wonderful ways through our music ministry, and continues to work in and through us to bring about the fulfillment of His will, and to bring glory and honor to His name. We are excited to begin a new year of ministry with you, and ask that you consider allowing God to use you for His honor and praise through the music of the church. Here are some things we will be doing in music ministry this coming year. Please come and join us.

Our Chancel Choir will begin on August 29, and will meet every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the choir suite. We will start working on our Christmas program right away, so if you are interested in being part of that, please come and join us.

Our handbell choir, the Carillon Ringers, will begin their rehearsals on August 29th in the choir suite. Our rehearsal time is 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday nights. An ability to read music is helpful with this group, but not at all necessary. There are a few spots open in the bell choir, so please let us know if you are interested.

The Children's Choir ministry is such a wonderful part of the ministry of our church. There is nothing that can touch a heart any faster than the voices of children singing about the love of God. The children's ministry and music ministry will team up this year to offer a wonderful program for children on Sunday evenings at 5:15. This will include dinner, music, ministry/Bible time, games and more. More information with dates and times will be available soon at the information center.

Our Praise Band is always looking for new members with a heart to praise and worship God, and talent in singing or playing an instrument. If you are interested in ministry at the 9:00 worship service through music, please talk with Joel Gay after the service or call the church office during the week. We would love to have you join us.

We also have a great solo ministry here at First Methodist that ministers to those in our congregation at the various worship services each week. If you would like to minister through singing as a soloist, please let us know. We would love to work with you.

Thank you so much for your support of all of the ministries at First Methodist. We are looking forward to a great year as we serve and worship our Savior and Lord.

God bless,
Joel Gay

This afternoon, our **Safe Sanctuary Training** and **Sunday School Teacher Workshop** will be at 3:00 p.m. in Asbury Hall. Each session will last about 45 minutes. Safe Sanctuary Training is required of all First UMC members who volunteer with children and youth. We plan to offer two training sessions a year. The Sunday School Teacher Workshop is designed for First UMC teachers who lead children and youth Sunday school.

The 27th annual **VIM Barbecue Sale** is Friday, September 14. To help underwrite the expenses of the barbecue, many in the church family have generously purchased a "pig" for a donation of \$100. If you would be willing to donate one or more "pigs", call or email Bea Newton at 237-5341 or bea@myglnc.com. An invoice and return envelope for payment will be mailed in early September.

The **church Taxi service** is eager to serve those who need help with transportation for a doctor's visit. Please do not hesitate to call **Julia Batts at 919-395-7057** and she will be happy to arrange transportation for you!



Box Tops for Education are being collected in the plastic box on the counter in the church office. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, and if we all pitch in, they will add up quickly to help the children at Margaret Hearne School.

The **Music Ministry** of First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the schedule for our **2018-2019 Music at First concert series**. Included in our line-up this year will be our friend Kaitlyn Reda, ECU baritone, John Kramar and accompanist, Eric Stellrecht, and Garner based pop country group, The Hall Sisters. Our own Chancel Choir will also present two wonderful concerts as part of the series. The series begins on October 4th with the Wilson/Barton symphony. For more information, or if you would like to help support this ministry, there are brochures at the information desk near the church office. Thank you for your support of the Music at First Church.

MUSIC NOTES



This morning we thank Donna Johnson for her beautiful solo and the women's ensemble for their beautiful anthem of praise. Thank you all for leading our worship today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 3:00 Safe Sanctuaries Training - Asbury Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

- 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Hardison Classroom
- 7:30 Boy Scouts resume - Boy Scout Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
- 6:30 Local Missions and Outreach- Conference Room
- 6:30 Children's Council - Blackburn Building 203

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 7:00 Stewardship Committee - Conference Room
- 7:15 Chancel Choir- Choir Room
- 7:30 High School Small Groups - Wilson Country Club

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- 10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles' Office

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Church Office Closes at noon - summer schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Looking Ahead...

- September 9** - Super Sunday (Move Up Sunday)
 - Return to 3 Worship services
 - Youth Group kicks off
- September 12** - Resume Wednesday Night Suppers, Green Street Kids, Adult Discipleship studies
- September 14** - VIM Barbecue
- September 16** - Resume Children's Choir
- September 28-30** - Youth Retreat at Camp Don Lee

From Pastor Bob

When our boys were little, they were all about ThunderCats. The ThunderCats were cartoon heroes who were part cat and part human and committed to defeating Mumra, the prince of darkness and evil. Individually, Tygra, Panthro,

Cheetara, and the mighty Lion-O were strong and smart and brave. They could defeat most villains, but when they came up against the full fury of their mightiest foe, Mumra, they could win only when they combined their strengths. You knew they would prevail when Lion-O lifted the Sword of Omens and shouted – “Thunder! Thunder! ThunderCats, Ho!”

That was back in the mid 1980’s and today the ThunderCats don’t have the same attraction. New heroes now fight to protect all that is good. Children, especially boys, are drawn to the ongoing battles between good and evil.

It’s fun to escape into the make-believe world where fictional heroes fight against enormous odds and always win. But real life isn’t like that. Sometimes it seems that evil has the upper hand and keeps winning and winning and winning. What are we to do?

In today’s reading from Ephesians 6:10-20, Paul says that, for Christians, there is only one really Important battle and that is not a battle between people. It is a battle against powers we cannot see, but which do serious damage to individuals, families, and communities. Though Paul does not name those powers, we know their names: Selfishness, Greed, Cruelty, and Hate. These are the unseen powers we must fight.

Paul says that, in order to be victorious in the battle against evil, the Christian must “Put on the whole armor of God.” In order to stand firm, Paul says, “... fasten the belt of truth around your waist and put on the breastplate of righteousness. On your feet put the shoes of gospel of peace. Take up the shield of faith, put the helmet of salvation on your head and take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, in your hand.”

Remember, that the fight against the unseen powers of darkness and evil come, we are stronger together than individually. Paul’s battle cry is, “Be strong! Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of Christ’s power!”

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.

Hospital: Carol Brugh - Ashville, NC

We extend our love and sympathy to **Zack Wiggins** and family in the death of his mother, Kathy Ann Harris, on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, in Durham, NC

We extend our love and sympathy to **Nora Williford** and family in the death of her mother, Barbara Chiasson Griffin, on Saturday, August 18, 2018, in Wilson, NC.

We extend our love and sympathy to **Anne Brunson** and family in the death of her husband, Bobby, on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in Wilson, NC.

BY OUR PRESENCE
ATTENDANCE : AUGUST 19, 2018

Sunday School - 99
9:00 - 119 ; 11:00 - 206
Tuesday Communion - 22
Total Worship - 347

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget	\$	1,091,282
Weekly Requirement	\$	20,986
Received August 19	\$	17,710
YTD Requirement	\$	692,538
Received YTD	\$	708,639
Over (Under)	\$	16,101

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

Reservations for the 2018 Christmas Memorials (sanctuary and door wreaths and poinsettias) will be available beginning on **Friday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m.** on a first come, first served basis. Details and prices will be printed on an insert in the bulletin and available in the Atrium after the first of September. Thank you! Libby Baskervill, Memorials Chair

Our final **High School Small Groups** for rising 9th - 12th graders will be on Wednesday , August 29th at the Wilson Country Club from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. to play tennis.

The Worship of God
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song *LIKE A LION* Praise Band
10,000 REASONS

Announcements

Children’s Moments

First Lesson Ephesians 6:10 - 20

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings *ONCE AND FOR ALL* Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson John 6:56 - 69

Message “The Mystery of the Gospel” Reverend Bergland

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth *FOREVER REIGN* Praise Band

Sending Forth

Greeters for August 26: Hope and Buck Newton

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

