

**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, Will Winslow & 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

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 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, 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 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
Mrs. Vickie Franks, Director of Children's Ministries
Mr. Andy Michaud, Director of Communications
Mrs. Lorie Daniel, Director of Weekday Preschool
Mrs. Fran Stafford, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Jo Shackelford, Church Secretary
Mr. Boris Farmer, Custodian
Mr. Lucas Nelson, Ministerial Intern

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday - 8:30-12:00

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**July 29, 2018
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"

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Weekday Preschool

FUMC Weekday Preschool is about to enter into its 48th year of outreach in the Wilson community. With each new year, our preschool program continues to grow and flourish as part of First Church. We are blessed to have the continued support of the Church as we work to fulfill our mission to provide a program for the community in which children may develop physically, socially, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually in a loving, nurturing atmosphere.

During the 2017-2018 school year, 54 students were enrolled in our program. For the upcoming school year, we already have 61 students enrolled and we expect that number to continue to increase until classes begin in September. The increased enrollment is in response to expanding the number of class offerings, adding an early drop off program, and increased awareness of our outstanding teaching staff, curriculum, and facility through word of mouth and advertising opportunities on social media.

At FUMC Weekday Preschool, children are encouraged to play to learn. The preschool teaching staff and I believe that early childhood education is the foundation of a lifelong process of learning and we are committed to fostering a love of learning within each student. Research shows that children who have a strong developmental preschool experience continue to excel throughout their educational years. We work diligently to insure that our students feel happy and secure and that they enjoy each aspect of our preschool program.

For the 2018-2019 school year, we are excited to offer several scholarships to children within the Wilson community who would not otherwise be able to attend a preschool program due to financial hardship. Funding for the scholarships is being provided primarily through a grant from the NCCUMC Mission Seed Funds. During the next year, I will be working with members of my preschool advisory committee and First Church to build a scholarship fund that can be maintained to support scholarship students after funding from NCCUMC has ended. Support from members of the Church will be invaluable as we work to build the fund. If you are interested in contributing to the fund through personal means, memorials, or by corporate sponsorship, please feel free to contact me at 291-4588 or loriedaniel@fumcwilson.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the Weekday Preschool program. I look forward to all the amazing things that the upcoming school year will bring! I hope that you will take time to share information about our program with others so that we can continue our outreach mission.

In God's love,
Lorie Daniel

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS



The church Taxi service is up and running and we are **ready and eager to serve** those who need the service. If you 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 still 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.

Children's Council will meet on Tuesday, August 21st at 6:30 p.m. in Room 203 (young Adult Sunday School Classroom) in the Blackburn Building.

On August 26th there will be a **Safe Sanctuary Training** and **Sunday School Teacher Workshop** at 3:00 p.m., in Asbury Hall. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes. Safe Sanctuary Training is required of all First UMC members who volunteer with children and youth and we plan to offer two training sessions a year. This Sunday School Teacher Workshop is designed for First UMC teachers who lead children and youth Sunday school. Please mark your calendar and, if you have questions or suggestions, contact

vickiebfranks@fumcwilson.org or
alysunskinner@fumcwilson.org.

Super Sunday (move up Sunday) will be on Sunday, September 9th, Stay tuned for more details!

A wonderful way to honor someone who has positively impacted your life or to honor someone's memory is to place flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Several dates are still available. Call the church office at 237-6121 if you would like to reserve one of the remaining dates:
August 12; September 2; October 14; December 16.

MUSIC NOTES



The music ministry team and the music committee extend a huge thank you to all who helped make the choral festival last Sunday such a success. Thank you so much for your service and ministry to this church and community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:15 Youth to *Defy Gravity* - Meet in Pine Street Parking lot

MONDAY, JULY 30

- 6:30 Men's Bible Study (Esther) - Hardison Classroom

TUESDAY, JULY 31

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 7:30 High School Small Groups - Covington Home

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

- 7:00 United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast - Asbury Hall
- Church Office Closes at noon - summer schedule**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

From the Pastor

A couple of weeks ago Ellen and I were blessed to have our 4-year-old granddaughter come and stay with us for several days. It was great fun and she kept our house full of laughter and fun. Her imagination was and is something to behold. You had to be ready for anything when you heard her say, "Come on, Papa. Let's play!"

There were several tea parties, a fairy tree that needed daily checking to see what might be left, and visits from a princess complete with an English accent. There were days when it was a challenge for me to keep up. But, oh the joy of being taken to the shores of her imagination and back.

I like this quote attributed to Albert Einstein: "Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions."

Without imagination, the future can look pretty bleak. When Paul wrote to the Ephesian Christians, they were worshipping in house churches, nothing as elaborate and worshipful as our sanctuary. Commentator, Pheme Perkins, wrote, "It must have required extraordinary inner confidence to remain a faithful Christian with no external signs of the truth of our faith." How do you hold on?

In today's lesson from Ephesians 3, Paul offers an extraordinary prayer that they would be "rooted and grounded in love," so they might know with all the Lord's people to "grasp how wide and deep is Christ's love and to know the love that surpasses knowledge and be filled with the fullness of God." How? Imagination!

Paul knew that God in Christ is able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" because of his power is at work within us. And this wasn't just for that time nearly two centuries ago – the power of Christ continues to be at work throughout all generations.

What is it that you expect God to be doing at First United Methodist Church? We understand that people want their lives to have meaning and purpose. There are the questions, "What is my place in this universe? Where do I belong? How do I fit in? What does it all mean? Where will it all end?"

But do we understand that the power of God in Christ continues to at work in us today? Are we imagining what God is able to do or have we given up on "holy imagination?" I want to take a lead from my granddaughter, Alice, and say, "Come on, let's imagine together what God can and will do through us." Don't give up to the powers of mistrust, cynicism, and loneliness. God's power is at work in you that we might be able to accomplish abundantly far more that all we can ask or imagine" to display and offer the love of Christ in our homes, our neighborhoods, and throughout the world.

Pastor Bob

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.

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

BY OUR PRESENCE ATTENDANCE : JULY 22, 2018

Sunday School - 65
9:00 - 89; 11:00 - 170
Tuesday Communion - 11
Total Worship - 279

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget	\$	1,091,282
Weekly Requirement	\$	20,986
Received July 22	\$	7,478
YTD Requirement	\$	608,594
Received YTD	\$	619,481
Over (Under)	\$	10,877

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song

OLD CHURCH CHOIR
COME ALIVE

Praise Band

Announcements

Children's Moments

First Lesson

John 6:1 - 21

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings

ALL OF CREATION

Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:14 - 21

Message

"Power to Comprehend"

Reverend Bergland

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth

JUST BE HELD

Praise Band

Sending Forth

Greeters for July 29th: Lorrie and Chad Halverson, Teresa and Jack Payne

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

The Worship of God
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Out of Hiding”

Steffany Gretzinger

Come out of hiding; you're safe here with Me. There's no need to cover what I already see. You've got your reasons but I hold your peace. You've been on lock-down and I hold the key. 'Cause I loved you before you knew it was love and I saw it all, still I chose the cross. And you were the one that I was thinking of when I rose from the grave. Now rid of the shackles, My victory's yours, I tore the veil for you to come close. There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore; you're not far from home and I'll be your lighthouse when you're lost at sea, and I will illuminate everything. No need to be frightened by Intimacy; just throw off your fear and come running to Me! 'Cause I loved you before you knew it was love and I saw it all, still I chose the cross. And you were the one that I was thinking of when I rose from the grave. Now rid of the shackles, My victory's yours; I tore the veil for you to come close. There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore. You're not far from home. And oh, as you run what hindered love will only become part of the story. You're almost home now, please don't quit now. You're almost home to Me.

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO.98

“To God Be the Glory”

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS - A short children's devotion for preschool and elementary children.

FIRST LESSON

John 6:1 - 21

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PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Oh, I Want to Know You More”

Steve Fry

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+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.111

“How Can We Name a Love”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14 - 21

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Power to Comprehend”

Reverend Bergland

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 347

“Spirit Song”

UMH

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+A TIME OF SILENCE AND TRINITY CHIMES

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Musical Selection for the Organ

+Those who are able, please stand.

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matilda Spruill Umphlet.

Participating with the clergy in this morning's services:

Acolytes: Camille Brooks and Catherine Cranford

Crucifer: Andy Peacock

Reader: Buck Yelverton

Volunteers:

Sound System: Arthur Stamper

Greeters for July 29th:

11:00 Office Area: Henry Davis

11:00 Narthex: Doris and Bob Craft