

**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 Inscoc

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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March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Invite, Inspire, Ignite"

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The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 98

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

+GLORIA PATRI

UMH 71

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14 - 21

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Lifted Up”

Reverend Bergland

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

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 188

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

UMH

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FUMC Annual Pancake Supper and Pre-school Program



There are still tickets available for the first seating. Make your reservations no later than Monday, March 12 at noon for the Pancake supper on the 14th. Cost: \$6.00

1st dinner seating: 5:30 - 6:15

Preschool Program : 6:30 in the Sanctuary

2nd dinner seating: 7:00 - 7:45

Menu: Pancakes, sausage links, fresh fruit, Nutella, whipped cream and beverages

March Circle Meetings:

Laura Davenport - Tuesday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Pat Taylor, 3003 Wolf Trap Dr.

Joyful Hands - Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Jill Conkwright, 1115 Parkside Dr. Jane Walston, Co-hostess

Hope Circle - Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Vaughn Berry, 1110 Windermere Dr. Co-hostess - Nan Fleming. Guest Speaker - Mike Cannon.

Motoring Methodists will enjoy a glass blowing demonstration by a renowned visiting artist from Poland at the **GlasStation** in Farmville on Friday, March 16th. Lunch afterwards will be at Marabella. The van will leave the church parking lot promptly at 10:00 a.m. Bring money for lunch and gas. Call Connie Wood at 237-0649 or text Karen Blume at 230-5299 by March 13th to reserve your space in the van. Motoring Methodists is open to all FUMC adults.

MUSIC NOTES



This morning we give thanks for our wonderful Chancel Choir and the way that they bless us with beautiful music every Sunday. We also thank Jo Shackelford for her solo during the anthem, and her singing as part of our ensemble, along with Jim Powers, Susie Powers, and Jennifer Gay. Thank you all for your ministry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, March 11

- 8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 5:00 Confirmation Class returns from retreat at Lake Junaluska

MONDAY, MARCH 12

- 6:30 Men’s Bible Study - Hardison Classroom
- 7:00 Boy Scouts - Scout Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

- 12:10 Community Lenten Service and Luncheon - West Nash United Methodist Church
- 5:30 Preschool Pancake Supper 1st seating Asbury Hall
- 6:30 Preschool Program - Sanctuary
- 6:45 Green Street Kids - Blackburn Building
- 6:45 *Anxious for Nothing* - Blackburn 203
- 6:45 Lenten Devotions - Bradshaw Classroom
- 7:00 Preschool Pancake Supper 2nd seating - Asbury Hall
- 7:15 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

- 10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles’ Office
- 7:00 *The Screwtape Letters* - Library

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

From the Pastor:

Have you ever been on a trust walk? My first experience with a trust walk was at summer camp as a youth. Our leaders had us all pair off and then told us that one of us had to be blind-folded. The goal was for our partner to take us by the hand and without saying anything, lead us SAFELY on a walk. The important word for the trust walk was SAFELY.

There are times when you wonder why you chose to partner up with someone, especially on a trust walk. Eyes closed, completely vulnerable, dependent upon someone else for your safety – you sure don't want some lunatic running you up and down hills, narrowly missing trees, and occasionally letting go of your hand. The whole idea is to have someone you can trust. I guess an unintended lesson with a trust walk is the importance of choosing.

Psalm 23 may be one of the most familiar, if not the MOST familiar Psalm in the Bible. *“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.”* One of the wonderful things about this shepherd is the way he leads us.

“He leadeth me beside the still waters ... he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.” I can trust this Shepherd! *“Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.”*

We all have experienced “dark places” in life and if we haven't, the day will come when we will. It can be terrifying to go it alone or be led by someone we cannot trust. Put your trust in the Good Shepherd for the way he leads will cause us to say, *“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”*

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.

We welcome **Jimmie and Don Hargett** into the fellowship of FUMC at the 11:00 worship service this morning. The Hargetts come by letter of transfer from Central UMC in Monroe, NC. They live at 8841 Eatchell Ct., Sims, NC.

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

BY OUR PRESENCE

ATTENDANCE MARCH 4, 2018

Sunday School -151
9:00 -118 ; 11:00 - 270
Tuesday Communion - 17
Total Worship - 405

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget	\$	1,091,282
Weekly Requirement	\$	20,986
Received March 4th	\$	27,213

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

Children ages infant through 5th grade are invited to participate in our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, March 25th, at 3:00 p.m., at the home of Maggie and Billy Lamm, 1117 Watson Drive. Parents are asked to drop off their dozen plastic eggs stuffed with age-appropriate goodies. The eggs should be placed in the age-appropriate bins in the atrium.

All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to join us for upcoming youth events: **March 25th** – Kickball with our friends from First Baptist and First Presbyterian
April 15th – Guest speakers Mike Cannon
April 28th – Youth trip to Busch Gardens
Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!

The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song

***GOD OF WONDERS
WHOM SHALL I FEAR***

Praise Band

Announcements

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4 - 9

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings

SET AFIRE

Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

John 3:14 - 21

Message

“Lifted Up”

Reverend Robl

OUR RESPONSE

Sending Forth

I AM NOT ALONE

Praise Band

Greeters for March 11th: Buck and Hope Newton

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

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11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Just As I Am”

Dwight Gustafson

+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

Numbers 21:4 - 9

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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

“O Come and Mourn”

Hal Hopson

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

O come and morn with me a while; all ye now come to the saviour’s side. Come see the One who frees us all; the Lord of Life is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Upon the cross He bears the pain, the Lord of Life is crucified.

Seven times He speaks, seven words of love; His silence too, cries out to all. His words of love our hearts receive, the Lord of Life is crucified.

O Love of God, O sin of man, in this dread hour true strength is found. It is with love we triumph still. The Lord of Life is crucified.

O come and mourn with me a while; The Lord of Life is crucified.

+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. 365

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

John 3:14 - 21

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Lifted Up”

Reverend Bergland

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 188

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

UMH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

+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 Mazell Hollowell and in honor of her March 10th ninety-sixth birthday by her daughter, Sandra Tyson.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Catherine Cranford and Ryley Pridgen

Crucifer: Andy Peacock

Reader: Janice Walston

Volunteers:

Sound System: Parker Moody

Greeters for March 11th:

8:45 Narthex: Mary Etta and Clark Moore

11:00 Office Area: Mary Jo Kimbro

11:00 Narthex: Gwen and Joe Neely