

**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

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

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March 4, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent

“Invite, Inspire, Ignite”

The Worship of God

Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” **UMH**

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

+GLORIA PATRI **UMH 71**

SCRIPTURE READING John 2: 13 - 22 **NT Page 93**

MORNING MESSAGE “Sacred Space” Reverend Bergland

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

+DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+COMMUNION HYMN NO. 2164 “Sanctuary” **FWS**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **UMH 12**

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 395 “Take Time to Be Holy” **UMH**

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY



Make reservations for the March 7th Covered Dish Wednesday night supper no later than Monday, March 5th. To make reservations,

sign up on the sheets in the church office, call 237-6121, or email joshackelford@fumcwilson.org. **MENU: Bring your favorite salad, vegetable, side dish, or dessert to share. Fried chicken will be provided by the church.**

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 and Becky Cannon

April 28th – Youth trip to Busch Gardens

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!

Would you like to honor loved ones by placing flowers in the sanctuary in their memory or honor? If so, call the church office at 237-6121. Available dates in this quarter: **April 1** (Easter Sunday), April 15, **May 20 & 27.**

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.

Adults and Youth ages 14 and older or who have completed the 8th grade and who are interested in learning more about the **Appalachia Service Project** are encouraged to attend the informational meeting on March 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Epworth Building. You may also contact Andy Michaud at andymichaud@fumcwilson.org or at 237-6121.



MUSIC NOTES

We thank our Chancel and children’s choirs for their beautiful anthems this morning. We also extend our thanks to the string players who have blessed us by their wonderful playing today: Dee Pellegrino, Elizabeth Ivy, Abby Korfmann, Josh Doggett, and Barbara Gates. Thank you all for sharing your gifts.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
10:00 Sunday School
10:00 Confirmation Class - Epworth Building
11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
4:00 Girl Scouts - Blackburn Building
5:15 Children’s Choir - Blackburn Building Youth - Small Group Outings
6:30 VIM Covered Dish Supper - Asbury Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 5

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 Staff Meeting - Conference Room
5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
6:00 ASP meeting - Epworth Building
6:30 Trustees - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

12:10 Community Lenten Service and Luncheon - First Christian Church
2:00 UMW Board Meeting - Conference Room
6:00 Wednesday Night Supper - Asbury Hall
6:15 Handbell Choir - Handbell Room
6:45 Green Street Kids - Blackburn Building
6:45 *Anxious for Nothing* - Blackburn 203
6:45 Lenten Devotions - Bradshaw Classroom
7:15 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors - Charles’ Office
6:30 Finance - Conference Room
7:00 *The Screwtape Letters* - Library

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

3:45 Chancel Choir to DPAC
1:00 Confirmation Retreat - Lake Junaluska

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Confirmation class at retreat - Lake Junaluska

Dear friends,

First UMC knows what it is to go through a fire. On January 1, 1984, some of you stood outside and watched in disbelief and grief as our sanctuary and office areas were destroyed by fire. We were blessed to have insurance. Through wise leadership, the commitment of our congregation, and the generous support that came even from strangers, we were able to rebuild. This is a great story.

Perhaps you remember another story that was shared last Sunday, the story of Billy Sander and his family. Billy is a young man who is studying for ministry at Duke Divinity School. He and his wife, Mary, have a young son and have been living in Pikeville.

A little over a week ago, they lost everything they owned in a house fire. When I say everything, it truly was everything: clothes, furniture, automobiles, books, computer, pictures, and even their pets. Fortunately, their automobiles were insured and will be replaced. Because they did not have renter's insurance, everything else is lost.

As if this were not bad enough, on the same day, February 21st, Billy's mother, Kari Sander, died unexpectedly. Needless to say, this young family is devastated. What do you do? For the time being they have moved in with other family members to begin rebuilding their lives. And because Billy's books and computer were destroyed in the fire, he feels he can no longer continue his studies at Duke Divinity School.

Last Sunday we shared Billy Sander's story at the beginning of all three worship services. This is one of those stories that can go either way – a story of disaster or a story of faith overcoming disaster. And as we have experienced the generosity of others to assist overcoming disaster, we are receiving a special offering for the Sander family during worship today. At this time, the most effective way we can support them is by giving them financial assistance.

In Galatians 6 the Apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Today, the opportunity is before us.

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 extend our love and sympathy to **Angie Walston** and family in the death of her mother, Brenda Winborne, on Thursday, February 15, 2018, in Greenville, 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Sunday School - 123

8:45 - 32 ; 9:00 - 97 ; 11:00 - 223

Tuesday Communion - 12

Wednesday Noon Lenten Service - 86

Total Worship - 450

BY OUR GIFTS

2018 Operating Budget \$ 1,091,282

Weekly Requirement \$ 20,986

Received February 25th \$ 17,214

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS

March Chancel Committee - Debbie Kerby: Chair, Elaine Merrick, Beth White, Barksdale Thompson, Wanda Woodard, Brenda Harris, Mable Hesmer.

Narthex Greenery - Katie Covington

Please hold our **Confirmation class**, chaperones and leaders close in your prayers this weekend as they travel to Lake Junaluska for their Confirmation Retreat.

The annual Preschool Pancake Supper and Program

will be Wednesday, March 14th and reservations must be made a week ahead - no later than

Monday, March 5th. There will be two seatings this year with the first seating from 5:30 - 6:15, and the second seating from 7:00 - 7:45.

The precious children's program will be in the sanctuary at 6:30. When you make your reservation, you will need to state which supper seating you would prefer. Proceeds will benefit FUMC Weekday Preschool. Tickets are \$6.00.



The Worship of God

Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sharing in Song

*THIS IS AMAZING GRACE
BROKEN VESSELS*

Praise Band

Announcement

First Lesson

Exodus 20:1 - 17

Morning Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings

CALL IT GRACE

Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY

Second Lesson

John 2:13 - 22

Message

"Sacred Space"

Reverend Robl

OUR RESPONSE

Communion

OCEANS/ YOU MAKE ME BRAVE

Praise Band

Sending Forth

Greeters for March 4th: Beth Herndon, Pam Barrett, David Edwards

We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

The Worship of God

Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

+SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“A Child’s Prayer”

arr. Masa Fukuda

Heavenly Father, are you really there? And do you hear and answer every child’s prayer? Some say that heaven is far away. But I feel it close around me as I pray. Heavenly Father, I remember now something that Jesus told disciples long ago, “Suffer the children to come to me.” Father in prayer I’m coming now to Thee.

Pray, He is there. Speak, He is listening. You are His child, His love now surrounds you. He hears your prayer. He loves the children, of such is the kingdom, the kingdom of heaven.

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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

Exodus 20:1 - 17

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PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Taylor Davis

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad.)

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentations. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails the new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rick I’m clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing, When friends rejoice both far and

near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep, how can I keep, How can I keep from singing?

+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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 2022

“Great Is the Lord”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

John 2:13 - 22

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MORNING MESSAGE

“Sacred Space”

Reverend Bergland

+COMMUNION HYMN NO. 2164

“Sanctuary”

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 12

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 395

“Take Time to Be Holy”

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 memory of Wade Anderson “Squeegie” Gardner, Jr. by Lonnie M. Chase.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Ian Dixon and Kate Berry

Crucifer: Mason Blake

Reader: David Clark

Volunteers:

Sound System: Arthur Stamper

Greeters for March 4th:

8:45 Narthex: Elvia and Jimmie Lucas

11:00 Office Area: Doris Craft

11:00 Narthex: Marla and Wayland Parker

Ushers for March:

8:45: Billy Lamm, Don Ellis, Marsha Vick, Trish Holsten

11:00: Mary Lou Skinner, John Skinner, Jean Yelverton, Buck Yelverton, Peggy Anderson, Kent Anderson