SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & TEACHERS

First United Methodist Church
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Church Office Hours - Summer Schedule
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 - 12:00

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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.

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
Mrs. Vickie Franks, Director of Children’s Ministries
Mrs. Krystal Baker, Director of Communications
Mr. Boris Farmer, Custodian

September 8, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Invite, Inspire, Ignite”
The Worship of God  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:45 Worship Hour

GATHERING
+SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Mary McDonald

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 61  “Come, Thou Almighty King” UMH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
+GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING  Jeremiah 18:1 - 11 OT 720

MORNING MESSAGE  “A Lump of Clay” Reverend Robl

PASTORAL MESSAGE

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  “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Ovid Young

(DOXYLOGY) Please sign and pass the attendance pad

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HUMN OF DEDICATION NO. 580  “Lead On, O King Eternal” UMH

+DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

+CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+A TIME OF SILENCE

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Greeter for September 8th: Susan Barnes

Make reservations for the September 11th Wednesday Night Dinner by noon on Monday, September 9th by emailing joshackelford@fumcwilson.org by signing up in the church office, or by calling 237-6121. Let us know if you need child care when the reservation is made. MENU:

Covered Dish - Bring your favorite meats, veggies, sides, salads and desserts to share. There is no charge for Covered Dish dinner, but reservations are still needed.

Come join the VIM for their annual fundraiser Barbecue this Friday! We need your help to make plates (starting at 8:45 - 2:00) or if standing is difficult but you could deliver plates, call Doris Craft at 237-6908. Please come even if you can only stay an hour or two!

September Circle Meetings:
Laura Davenport Circle: Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Ruth Wood (3707 Shadow Ridge Rd). Barbara Robl, Co-hostess.
Joyful Hands Circle: Tuesday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Sue Blackwell (7116 Rock Ridge/ Sims Rd., Sims, NC). Kathy Dupree and Merrilyn Boyer, Co-hostesses.
Hope Circle: To be determined.

The GLAD (Great Ladies are Disciples) Circle: Our first meeting will be at Jac’s Grill on September 19th, at 7:00 p.m. Ladies of all ages are welcome! For more information, contact Samantha Nelms at 237-8490 or if standing is difficult but you could deliver plates, call Doris Craft at 237-6908. Please come even if you can only stay an hour or two!

We will offer Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University this Fall on Sundays, starting September 15 for 9 weeks from 5:15-7:15 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Financial Peace University teaches you how to manage money the right way! You will learn about saving, budgeting, paying off debt, investing, giving, and so much more. If Interested, please contact krystalbaker@fumcwilson.org.

At the request of the Neely family, memorials for Joe Miles Neely, Sr. may also be made to First United Methodist Church as well as the VIM team.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning we welcome our Chancel Choir back after their summer break and we thank them for their ministry of music to us today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:45 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:00 Contemporary Worship Service - Asbury Hall
10:00 Super Sunday Gathering - Asbury Hall
11:00 Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
4:00 Ice Cream Social - Asbury Hall
4:30 The King’s Players - Choir Room
5:15 Children’s Choir - Choir Room
5:15 Youth Group - Asbury Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:30 Nursing Moms of Wilson - Open Door Disc.
10:00 Staff meeting - Conference Room
5:30 Communion - Wesley Chapel
6:30 Fellowship Committee - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
5:45 Resume Wednesday Night Dinners
6:15 Canillon Ringers - Handbell Room
6:30 Green Street Kids - Green Street Room
6:45 Seamless study - Watson Classroom
6:45 Scrapwre Letters - Bradshaw Room
7:15 Chancel Choir - Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
10:30 Upper Room Prayer Intercessors-Charles’ Office
6:00 Finance Committee - Conference Room
6:30 Praise Band - Asbury Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
11:00 Begin VIM BBQ plate sales - Pine Street Lot

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
8:00 Rain Date - Community Garden Workday - Corner of Gold and Reid Streets

Planning Ahead ...
September 15 - Begin Dave Ramsey Financial Peace study (5:15)
September 25 - Church Directory pictures
September 27-29 - Youth Retreat - Camp Don Lee
From the Pastor:

Our lesson this week from the prophetic book of Jeremiah begins with the Lord telling Jeremiah to “go down to the potter’s house, and I will let you hear my words.” So, Jeremiah did as he was told and he saw the potter working at his wheel. “The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hands, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.”

This story takes me back to a time in my life about 40 years ago. I was serving a Church in the community of Mt. Pleasant near Bailey. There was a wonderful farm and peach orchard in the community owned by the Finch family. One of their sons, Dan lived and worked the farm and, as a sideline, taught and made pottery. He had a pottery shop and all the equipment that was needed to create beautiful masterpieces. One day he invited me to give it a try and I sat at the potter’s wheel and took a shot at what looked to be so easy. Without going into a great deal of detail, let me just say it was not! After several tries at throwing a pot, the master potter kindly suggested that I spend my creative hours pursuing another hobby!

This lesson from Jeremiah ends with a stern warning for us today, as a nation, a Church, and as individuals. The Lord speaks! “Turn, now, all of you from your evil ways, and amend your ways and your doings.”

As this bulletin is being prepared, we are watching another storm that is threatening our coast. Prayers are going up that we might be spared the tragedy that is possible from a massive hurricane. And, what better time than this for us to go to the potter’s house where He will let us hear his words!

Pastor Charles

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 Suzanne Reynolds and family in the death of her brother, Jim Cates, on Friday, August 30, 2019, in Hillsboro, NC.

We extend our love and sympathy to Megan Parker and family in the death of her grandmother, Mary Helen Arnold, on Saturday, August 31, 2019, in Raleigh, NC.

BY OUR PRESENCE
ATTENDANCE: SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019
Sunday School - 81
8:00 - 79; 11:00 - 148
Tuesday Communion - 26
Total Worship - 253

BY OUR GIFTS
2019 Operating Budget $ 1,118,064
Weekly Requirement $ 21,501
Received September 8th $ 21,817
YTD Requirement $ 752,535
Received YTD $ 768,636
Over (Under) $ 16,101

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS
Thank you to Marsha Vick for maintaining the church gardens for the month of September.

Adult Discipleship studies for the fall has begun and some of the studies will begin this Wednesday! For information about each study or to register, visit the church’s website at www.fumcwilson.org, click the link to “Ministries,” and under Ministries, click “Adult” or sign up on the sheets in the church office.

First UMC Youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to our Youth Retreat at Camp Don Lee September 27-29th. The weekend’s theme is Taking the Wesley Challenge as we will be discussing ways to have a more authentic faith. We will leave at 2:30 p.m. on the 27th and return Sunday around 1 p.m. You may sign up at Youth Group. Cost is only $75. Payment is due by Sunday, September 22nd. Please contact Alysun with questions.

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

GATHERING OF GOD
Sharing in Song
SING, SING, SING
Praise Band

Announcements

Children’s Moments

First Lesson
Jeremiah 18:1 - 11

Morning Prayer
Presenting Our Offerings
HOME
Praise Band

WORD FOR THE DAY
Second Lesson
Luke 14:25 - 33

Message
“A Single Seed / A Lump of Clay” Reverend Bergland

OUR RESPONSE
Sending Forth
BREAK EVERY CHAIN
Praise Band

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We thank the Praise Band for their ministry this morning.

Greeters for September 8th: Hope and Buck Newton, Krystal, Dwayne, and Ben Baker, Linda Pittman
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11:00 Worship Hour

GATHERING

SHARE THE PEACE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 61

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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

Jeremiah 18:1 - 11

PRAYER CONCERN

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God of the Ages”
Lloyd Larson

FOREVER YOU have been; forever You will be Omnipotent Jehovah, God of eternity! Mighty Sovereign Lord, we gather on this day to crown you with our praises, to bend our knee and say: God of the ages, You are the Lord of all! Before Your throne we humbly fall. With loudest songs we honor You. With praises we crown You. With praise sublime we worship You. With God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home. God of the ages, You are the Lord of all! Before Your throne we humbly fall, and we lift our praise to the God of the ages! Amen, amen!

DOXOLOGY

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. 382

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

UMH

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:25 - 33

MORNING MESSAGE

“A Single Seed / A Lump of Clay”
Reverend Bergland

HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 580

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

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 by the flower fund.

Participating with the clergy in this morning’s services:

Acolytes: Beatrix Stewart and Emma Tonwsend Satterfield
Crucifer: Amz Hoffner
Reader: Lawrence Bradley

Volunteers:
Sound System: Henry Davis
Greeters for September 18th:
Office Area: Mary Jo Kimbro
Narthex: Vicky and Bill Stewart