

We Worship with the Children

(Kid Kits in the bright green bags, provided for K-5th graders, are located at the back of the sanctuary. **Today**, following *We Worship with the Children*, the children are asked to return to their seats so that they may participate in communion with our church family. On the 2nd-5th Sundays, K-3rd graders are invited to attend Children's Worship on the ground floor in the Children's Ministry area...*just follow the Worship Leader.*)

Sermon

Creation as Teacher

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (OT Page 623)

Dr. Roger Weisner

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

† **Hymn of Response No. 147**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Shaw

† **Benediction and Blessing**

† **Postlude**

Praise the Lord

Young

† **Chiming of the Trinity**

Today's Greeters:

Carolyn Briggs
Larry Swing

Chief Ushers: Richard Foust, Jimmy Everhart

Captain: Rick Samuels **Co-Captain:**

Mark Berrier, Bradley Hedrick, Loyd Leonard, Adrian Neal and Maywood Wilkerson. **Security:** West Lamoureaux

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with our church calendar, ministries, activities and events.

Administrative Council Update

The agenda item—*discussion and approval of a transfer of funds per Finance recommendation*—was approved during a Called Administrative Council meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2018.

Communion Servers Would you be interested in serving communion under the guidance of our pastors during worship services? Please contact Wayne Michael, Worship & Music Team Chair. Email: wayneleonardmichael@gmail.com or Phone: (336) 248-2466

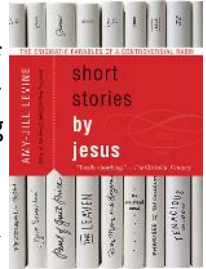
Magazines? Yes. Magazines. We are collecting magazines you may no longer want or need. Drop off magazines in the main hallway near the workroom. Thank you...

Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Rev. Doug Rowe

September 19 through October 24 (10a-11a) — You may sign-up at the Volunteer's Desk so that we may order enough materials for the study.

Cost of Participant's Guide: \$10

In our upcoming Bible study, "Short Stories by Jesus" the author, Amy-Jill Levine, invites us to reconsider several familiar parables of Jesus from Matthew, Mark and Luke. Amy-Jill Levine is a New Testament professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School. This is interesting because Professor Levine is Jewish. Professor Levine's Jewish interpretation of Jesus' "short stories" provokes the student into deeper consideration of the meaning of these stories. We think we might know the meaning behind Jesus' parables but this study will challenge us to listen to the stories more carefully to reveal the answers we have always known but refuse to acknowledge.



Outreach Opportunity at Charles England Elementary School (CEES)

CEES promotes "Dress for Success," a monthly program for 5th grade boys where they dress up and men from the community come to the school to meet with the boys in small groups to be role models and good influences.

This year, the 5th grade girls will be able to do "Girls with Pearls," a similar program. In order for the program to be successful, CEES needs women from the community to come to the school from 1:00pm-2:00pm one Thursday a month. If enough volunteers are found, they may only need to come out once a year, but the program will run once a month. If you are interested, simply contact Jackie Miller at CEES (336) 242-1527 or jmiller@lexcs.org with your name, email address or phone number so she can get in touch with you with more details.



PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

Prayer Requests

Kathy Baragona
Doug Clayton
Sue Corn
June Craver
Linda Fisher
John & Judy Hensch
Earl Hester
Joyce Inabinett
Susan Terry Jones
Adrian Neal
Jim Ragan
John Scarff
Dare Wilson

Shut-Ins

Miheepa Jones
Dot Kinsey
Caroline McCree
Evelyn Sink

Piedmont Crossing

Health Care

Margaret McCrary Carver
Barbara Proctor
Margaret Ragan
Nancy Wilkinson

Residents

Jo Doris Beck
Herman & Naoma Crabtree
Richard & Camille Lawrence
Madeline Palmer
Jim Ragan

Alston-Brook

Isabelle Trimpey

Bethany Woods (Albemarle)

Alvin Pope

Brookdale

Opal Bloome
Hilda Brower
Betty Darr

Brookstone

Albert Gobble

Genesis House (Salisbury)

Julee Smith

Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)

Peggy Trollinger

Spring Arbor (Albemarle)

Bonnie Cates

Wood Haven (Albemarle)

Louise Pope

Extended Family & Friends

Beth Wood Hogan
Jan Greer
Mary Lou LeGette
Pat & Gary Leonard
Debbie Bowman
Clayton Hepler
Rusty Edwards
Lynn Younts
Norma S. Trotter
Jimmy McDermott
Rev. Jamie Armstrong
Rev. Elizabeth Graves
Shannon & Steve Ford
Sherry & Roger Smith
Rae Leonard
Sandy Balsler
Mike Daniel
Craig Thompson
Lynn Mack & family
Jennifer Bagby
Katrina Hunt
Bailey Christensen
Rev. Russell Brownworth
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones
Tom Sigmon
Chris Hunt
Spencer Davis
Faye Graham
Gracie Joy Hedrick
Kendall Conner
David Ogle
Tempie Almstead
Kristin Harris
Claire Dowling

David Stafford
Cameron & Pete Dunlap
Linda & Tom Dunlap
Carol & Steve Harris
Peggy Sisk
Anna Smathers
Pat Wilson
Jack Smith
Gene Oldham
Nakajah Vaughan
Brenda Hipp
Jane King
Breanna Wilson
Ethan Reavis
Jason & Stacy Heitman
Jenny Rains
Jimmy Davis
Bentley Leonard
John Bruce Davis
Eric Leonard
Robert, Doris, & Keith Hunt
Martha Daniel
Debra Ann Leonard
Betty Jean Whitaker
Len & Dottie Harris
Jack & Susan Phillips
Jordan Beswick
Susan Fritts
Regina Chrest
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Serving in the Armed Forces
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SMS Jason Brownworth
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, September 3

Office Closed — Labor Day Monday

Tuesday, September 4

- 10:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Group 2, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Theology Pub, Sophie's Cork & Ale

Wednesday, September 5

- 7:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast, Cagney's
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, September 6

- 7:45 a.m. Men's Devotion & Fellowship, Biscuit King on S. Main Street

Friday, September 7

Saturday, September 8

Sunday, September 9

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Endowment, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees, Parlor

David G. Miller Memorial PORT-A-PIT BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

Purchase your tickets today from United Methodist Men!

Friday, September 14, 2018 (\$9.00/person)

Eat-In: 11:00a-3:00p Fellowship Hall - drinks provided

Take-Out: 10:00a—6:00p Pick up at lower parking lot on State Street.

Meal includes: 1/2 BBQ Chicken, slaw, beans, roll and dessert.

Thank You for Your Support!



Bake Sale sponsored by United Methodist Women Group 12

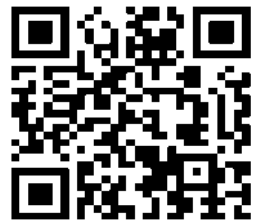
Friday, September 14, 2018 (10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

When you stop by to pick up your **Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken Dinners**, drop by to purchase some **home-baked goods** from the ladies of the church. What could be better than that?



Our Stewardship for God's Work This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Each Sunday, please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for Sunday, August 26, 2018:
Early Worship: 28 Morning Worship: 170 Total: 198
Weekly Offerings: \$3,932.70
Weekly Needed: \$10,632.90
Total Received to Date: \$337,645.64
Needed to Date: \$361,518.60



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At First United Methodist Church, we are each alive in Christ, united in nurturing fellowship,
reaching out to share God's boundless love.

September 2, 2018

8:30 a.m.

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Please silence your phone as we prepare our hearts for worship.

✠ *We invite you to stand as you are able*

Opening Voluntary

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Smith

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

✠ **Hymn of Praise No. 715**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall

Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Give Me Jesus

Smith

Doxology

*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.*

Sermon

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**At this time, you are invited to open your bulletin and
refer to The Great Thanksgiving**

