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Prayer List

Lex Graham, Terry Holt, Tommy Easterling, Ione Hauss, Zach Hampton, Sally Eskew, Pat Smathers, Hill Jones, Melanie Bennett, Beth Garrett, Sherri Castillo’s daughter, Becca Walker and her family, Clarence “Squeaky” Trexler, Gary Honbarger, Johnny Galantowitz, Lora Lowder and family, law enforcement officers, Carol Cable, Elizabeth Bivens, Earl Christy, the McGhee family, Samantha Tidwell, Vernon Overcash, Melanie Bennett, Ernest Higgs, Marshall Bates, Susan Jagurski, Roger Thompson, Tom Fukes, Kayla Jenkins, Bette Anderson, Barb Southward, the family of Geraldine Fitzpatrick, and the family of Gary Honbarger

Memorials given 3-8

- UMW Barnhardt Memorial given by Richard Burris

Financial Record

General Funds Received 3/8: \$ 6,184.19
Designated Funds Received 3/8: \$ 1,660.50
Needed Each Week: \$8,462.00

Worship Attendance

Contemporary Worship: 75 Traditional: 109 Total: 184

This Week at First UMC

March 15
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service [Langford Hall]
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time [New Old Bldg.]
10:00 a.m. Sunday School [New Old Bldg.]
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service [Sanctuary]
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class [New Old Bldg.]

March 16
6-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts [New Old Bldg.]

March 17
5:00 p.m. Handbells
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts [New Old Bldg.]
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study [The Holy Grind
Coffeehouse]

March 18
7:00 a.m. United Methodist Men [Porky’s]
12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch and Service [First Landis UMC]
1:00 p.m. Women in Touch [Library]
2:30 p.m. Middle School Ice Cream Group [Nevaeh’s]
5:00 p.m. Yoga [New Old Bldg.]
5:00 p.m. Puppets of Praise
5:00 p.m. Little Wings of Grace
5:25 p.m. Son-Shine Choir
5:30 p.m. Evening Meal [Langford Hall]
6:20 p.m. Worship Team [Sanctuary]
6:30 p.m. Children’s Program [New Old Bldg.]
7:00 p.m. Choir

March 19
6-8 p.m. Contemporary Worship Rehearsal [Langford Hall]

March 21
11:30 a.m. Winter Jam [Bojangles Coliseum]

March 22
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service [Langford Hall]
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time [New Old Bldg.]
10:00 a.m. Sunday School [New Old Bldg.]
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service [Sanctuary]

Church Office: We can be reached at 704-857-9713. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church office is usually closed on Fridays. At other times, please leave a voicemail message for any of the staff, and we will return your calls. Written messages may also be left in the boxes outside the church office. If you have a pastoral emergency and you’d like to get in touch with Rev. Goforth, please call his cell phone at 704-984-1434.



Sunday, March 15, 2020 (11 a.m.)
www.firstumcchinagrove.org

Welcome to First United Methodist Church!
We are glad you have chosen to be with us in worship this morning. If you’re visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out a Connection Card located in the green folders on each pew. Connection Cards can be placed in one of the offering plates as they circulate later in the service. The congregation reads the words in **bold** type.

Entrance

Prelude
The Light of Christ Enters our Gathering
Welcome and Announcements
☩ Hymn #77 (vs. 1-3).....“How Great Thou Art”
☩ Responsive Reading #814.....Psalm 95
☩ The Gloria Patri #70

**♪ 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. ♪**

Due to rising concerns regarding the spread of infectious diseases we are temporarily stopping the passing of the peace for the next several weeks. Thanks for your understanding.

Proclamation and Response

Children’s Time

Our children (3 years-5th grade) are invited to come forward for a few moments with Sara Joines. They will then be safely escorted to the Education Building for Kids Alive! Worship that will be held in Room 101 of the building to the right of the sanctuary. Parents, please meet your child at that location at the conclusion of the worship service.

☩ The congregation standing, if able.

Prayer for Illumination

**Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
and to give up what harms us.
Send your Holy Spirit now to illuminate your holy word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Old Testament.....Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem....."Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah/Step by Step"
Gospel Lesson.....John 4: 5-30, 39-42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him... ³¹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon.....The Rev. J. Curtis Goforth
⊕ Hymn #3093....."Fill My Cup, Lord"

Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer

...Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

...And now, with the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

**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.**

⊕ The congregation standing, if able.

Offering
Offertory
⊕ Doxology #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. ♪**

⊕ Offertory Prayer

Sending Forth

⊕ Hymn #2062....."The Lily of the Valley"
⊕ The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World
⊕ Benediction
⊕ Musical Response #617 (v. 5 only)..... "I Come With Joy"
⊕ Postlude

⊕ The congregation standing, if able.

We have started back with our monthly 12 Baskets Ministry program inspired by the New Testament miracle where Jesus fed the multitudes and 12 baskets of food were leftover. Each month will be designated to represent one of the 12 baskets in the miracle performed by Jesus, and we will select a missional emphasis to engage in as a worshipping community. This month we are collecting items for Rowan County One Church One Child, a partnership between Rowan County DSS and area churches to ensure healthy, safe and protective outcomes for children and teens in Rowan County.

Items being collected this month:

- Hair conditioner
- Pull-ups of various sizes
- Socks

Items can be dropped off at the church office.

