

First United Methodist Church

Rutherfordton, North Carolina

First Service Sunday School Second Service
8:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am

Our Mission:
Sharing Christ's Light on
Main Street and Beyond...

April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter
Worship of the Lord



WE GATHER FROM THE WORLD AND PRAISE GOD

Tolling of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements Jimmy Dancy, Lay Leader
*(Worshippers, please complete your contact
Information and name tags in the red Hospitality Folders.)*

Prelude *I Danced In the Morning* arr. J. Wayne Kerr

**Bringing of the Light Acolyte

**Introit (TFWS) *Christ the Lord is Risen* CARU

*Call to Worship

God's healing love is extended to us today!

God's mercy is graciously given to us.

Let us rejoice in all that God is doing for us.

Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's will.

Hallelujah!

Amen!

*Hymn No. 98 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Opening Prayer

**Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear
the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your
abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the
light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to
witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**Children's Mini-Musical *What is Easter* Glenda Fuhrmann

Moments with Children Rufus the Rabbit
(Children, ages 4-2nd grade, are invited to exit
with leaders for Children's Church)

Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-18a, Pew Bible OT Pg. 336
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Mighty Naaman* Dr. Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Response in Praise, No. 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
uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn No. 365 *Grace Greater than Our Sin* MOODY

*Dismissal with Blessing

**We Follow the Light into the World Acolyte

**Benediction Response *Lead Me, Lord* LEAD ME LORD

*Chimes of the Trinity

*Postlude *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won* arr. Michael Helman

*Congregation please stand, as you are able
**11:00 am Worship Service Only
"Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve"

TODAY'S ASSISTANTS IN MINISTRY

Bread Maker: Donna Watkins

Acolyte: Dee Dee Majors

Sound System: 8:45 - Jay Ostrander
11:00 - Ed Bosgra

Greeters: 8:45 - John & Deb Vincent
10:40 - Odean & Barbara Keever

Ushers: 8:40 - Rory Kiser, Head Usher; Earl Furbish,
Russ & Linda Armentrout
10:55 - Bud Deck, Head Usher; Jimmy Dancy, Captain;
Mel Bunch, Jeff Powell, Ralph Hier,
Greg Hodge, David Rogers

**When You Pray, Remember the Following Church Members and
Also Our Homebound Members and Service Personnel:**

Wyatt Church ¹
Karen Cunningham ⁴
Ken Flack ¹
S. G. Gabriel ¹
Nancy Hartley ⁴

Lewis Hamrick ¹
Lisa McArthur ¹
Diane McMillan ²
Teresa Monteith ¹

Remember the Following Friends & Family of Church Members:

Ed Blake, brother of Nancy
Hartley ⁴

David Claroni, son of Paul & Sally ⁴

Family of Lee Demby, brother of
Phyllis Deese ⁴

Lucas Harris ⁴

Buck Juzyk, son-in-law of Newt &
Susan Hamlin ⁴

Family of Emily Koone ⁴

Family of Pat Lola, mother of Kirk ⁴

Mary Frances Merck, sister-in-law
of Grace Smith ³

Carole Moore ¹

Anna Bryson Sauer ¹

Patricia Shaw, sister of Christine
Moore & Grace Smith ¹

Lois Sims, retired teacher and
friend of Dan Smith ²

Virginia Tate, sister of Patsy Hope
Mitchell ¹

Family of Carol Tribou, mother-in-
law of Linda Tribou ⁴

Marie Wood ¹

Prayer requests will run for 4-weeks in our bulletin. This will help to keep requests current. Requests may be updated/renewed at any time. We do not want to drop anyone from the list who needs prayer. Please keep us posted.

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OUR MISSIONARIES

Newt & Susan Hamlin, Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

For the Record – Week of 04-08-2018

STEWARDSHIP
OF PRESENCE.....173

SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE.....91

Weekly Budget Needs.....	\$ 8,912.06
Pledged Offerings.....	\$ 4,674.00
Non-Pledged Offerings.....	\$ 690.00
Loose Plate Offerings.....	\$ 124.50
Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,488.50

WELCOME to First United Methodist Church of Rutherfordton. If you are a guest, we are especially glad you are here. We hope you experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ and warm hospitality as we worship together today.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday, April 15, 2018

11:00 am—Children's Mini-Musical

12:00 pm—Covered Dish Luncheon

The RockStars will present a Children's Mini-Musical during the 11:00 Worship Service. A Covered Dish Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Center. Plan to stay after church and join with your church family in a delicious luncheon. Our Fellowship Committee will provide the meat, bread and drinks and you are asked to bring to the Fellowship Center Kitchen your favorite side items: vegetables, salads, desserts.

THE FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER articles for the May issue are due to Pam at pcraft@fumcrutherfordton.org no later than Noon on Tuesday, April 17th.

KEENAGERS: Please plan to join us on Tuesday, April 24, for a trip to the Historic Latta Plantation in Huntersville, NC. The Latta Planation is a circa 1800 cotton plantation and living history farm located within the Latta Nature Preserve in Huntersville, NC* Admission to Latta Plantation is \$8 per adult. (*Bill & Ellie Miller plan to meet us for lunch and join us on the tour) The church bus will leave the parking lot at 10:30 am and return about 5:30 pm. We plan to have lunch in the Huntersville area. Seating is limited to the first 24 to sign up, so be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Keenager bulletin board in the church office hallway! Any questions, please call Pam/Pete Pryor at 828-288-2779.

ANNUAL YARD SALE – Saturday, May 5th. Please call Bobbie Tedford at 287-0056 if you want to help on the day of the Yard Sale. Bring items you want to donate to the Perry-Moore House basement on any Monday from 10am to noon starting April 2nd and continuing every Monday until the sale.



Plans are taking shape for this Mission Blitz of Christ's Light to our community. From yard work to casseroles for our shut-ins to more extensive building and repair projects for community ministries, church members, and neighbors all over the area - your help and Christian spirit are needed.

Sign-up sheets are in today's bulletin. Please place completed sign-up sheets in the offering plate or drop them at the office. We need to ask that you sign-up by April 29th. Please also indicate your desires regarding an Operation Inasmuch T-Shirt.

Together, we will accomplish more than any one of us thought possible.

HOSPICE HAPPENINGS - Donations are always needed at Hospice of the Carolina Foothills. A list of items needed is posted on the information bulletin board just outside the church office. There is a Hospice box located at the "Donation Station" area to put your donated items in. Please stop by and check out the list of items needed and make it a priority to donate an item(s) this week. Thank you! Cheryl Waddingham, FIA Volunteer

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG! We wear name tags as a sign of hospitality toward one another. There are name tags for your use in our hospitality pads. If you would like to order a permanent one, please contact Pam in the church office or Debbie Best at 704-472-5209.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN UP TO AND INCLUDING THE FIFTH GRADE: To comply with our Safe Sanctuary Policies you are asked to accompany your children if they leave the sanctuary during any church service. Thank you! Worship Committee

AMAZONSMILE IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH! Did you know the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to our church? All you have to do is make your Amazon purchase through the website: smile.amazon.com and enter First United Methodist Church Rutherfordton, NC as your charity of choice. Then, whenever you purchase from smile.amazon.com, our church will receive .5% of your purchase price. What a great and easy way to make a big difference for our church! Please talk to Sydnor if you have any questions. Thank you!

CAN'T BE HERE FOR A SERVICE? Watch online! Watch Sunday's sermon LIVE on Facebook OR catch it later by viewing the video on our Facebook page. No need to miss out on a message again! (Also, you don't have to have a Facebook account to access the video!)

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION
(Daily Bible Readings)

NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY, APRIL 15
(Joshua 17-18, Psalm 105, Romans 3-4)

8:00 am - Prayer Walk, PMH
8:45 am - Worship Service, S
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Children's Musical, S
- Fellowship Luncheon, FC
5-7 pm - NEON, YC

MONDAY, APRIL 16
(Joshua 19-20, Psalm 106, Romans 5-6)

8:30 - 9:30 am - Fitness Follies, FC
9:00 am - Noon - TLC
10 am - 8 pm - Welcome Table, FC & K
2:00 - 6:30 pm - Friendship Club, PMH
6:30 pm - Habitat, PMH
5-6:30 pm - Welcome Table Served, FC
6-8:30 pm - NETworX, N, 3rd Flr, BA, YC
6:30 pm - Al Anon, L (Newcomers)
7:00 pm - Al Anon, DMC

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
(Joshua 21-22, Psalm 107, Romans 7-8)

8:30 - 9:30 am - Fitness Follies, FC
9:00 am - Noon - TLC
Noon - Newsletter Articles Due
1:00 pm - Staff Meeting, BA
2:00 - 6:30 pm - Friendship Club, PMH
3:15 - 5:30 pm - Girl Scouts, YC
3:30 - 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, 1st Floor
6:30 pm - Alzheimer's Support Group, PMH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
(Joshua 23-24, Psalm 108, Romans 9-10)

6:30-7:15 am - HeBrews, Boy Scout Hut
7:00 am - Men's Breakfast, FC & K
8:30 - 9:30 am - Fitness Follies, FC
9:00 am - Noon - TLC
2:00 - 6:30 pm - Friendship Club, PMH
6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
(Judges 1-2, Psalm 109, Romans 11-12)

6:45 - 7:30 am - Prayer Group, PMH
8:30 - 9:30 am - Fitness Follies, FC
9:00 am - Noon - TLC
9 am - 2 pm - NETworX Simulation, FC
2:00 - 6:30 pm - Friendship Club, PMH
6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Super., PMH

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
(Judges 3-4, Psalm 110, Romans 13-14)

Office Closed
9:00 am - Noon - TLC
9 am - 2 pm - NETworX Simulation, FC

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
(Judges 5-6, Psalm 111, Romans 15-16)

12:00 pm - AA Meeting, PMH
7:00 pm - AA Meeting, PMH

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
(Judges 7-8, Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 1-2)

8:00 am - Prayer Walk, PMH
8:45 am - Worship Service, S
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service, S
5 pm - Mother & Son Bowling Night

LEGEND: BA - Balcony, DM - Dillard Morrow Class, FC - Fellowship Center, FR - Front Room, L - Library, N - Nursery, NC - Nifong Chapel, NM - Nifong Music Room, PMH - Perry-Moore House, S - Sanctuary, YC - Youth Center