

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH
 8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. – Morning Worship Service

SUNDAY, August 31
 3:30 p.m. – Education Committee
 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - UMYF
MONDAY, September 1 – Labor Day
 Church Office Closed
TUESDAY, September 2
 9:00 am. – Preschool Begins
WEDNESDAY, September 3
 10:00 a.m. – DISCIPLÉ Bible Study
 11:30 a.m. – Women's Givers (3rd Floor)
 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting
 7:30 p.m. – Joint Men's and Women's Ensemble Rehearsal
THURSDAY, September 4
 7:00 p.m. – Staff Parish Relations Committee
FRIDAY, September 5
 6:00 p.m. – Staff Kick Off Get Together
SUNDAY, September 7 – Promotion Sunday
 3:00 p.m. – District Superintendent Installation Service
 6:00 p.m. – UMYF at Roanoke Bible College

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST 24, 2008

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| Budget for 2008 | \$403,236 | Sunday School Attendance | 107 |
| Needed each week | \$7,755 | Worship Service Attendance | 201 |
| Budget received last Sunday | \$5,789 | Early Worship Attendance | 50 |
| Needed to date | \$263,870 | Total Worship Attendance | 251 |
| Received to date | \$246,547 | | |
| Net Receipts | (\$17,323) | | |

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY
RADIO ANNOUNCER – Dave Thomas
SS GREETERS - Fellowship Class
GREETERS – Patty Davis and Doug Smith
DRIVER – John Leidy
ALTAR GUILD - Jenny Lilly, Karen Twiford, Sara Foreman and Cheryl Hill
Every Baptized Member is a Minister

Staff
 Shelley Greene, Preschool Director (w) 335-7615
 Jeanie Biggs, Bookkeeper, (h) 426-4713
 Shirley Ferebee, Housekeeping, (cell) 339-3517
 Kelli Alexander, Director, Children and Youth- (cell) 340-3708

First United Methodist Church

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COME ALIVE THROUGH CHRIST... REACH OUT AND SERVE!

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
 (Broadcast over WGAI Radio Station, AM 560)
 Website: funcecdome.com Email: funcecc@raleigh.twcbc.com
AUGUST 31, 2008 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **11:00 a.m.**

As we enter the Sanctuary, greet and fellowship with one another, find a stranger and make a friend; then as the Prelude begins, please pray for God's blessing and direction in our worship.

GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE *on Nicæa* John B. Dykes
 (Holy, Holy, Holy) arr. by Richard Unfried
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO WORSHIP Acolytes
RINGING OF THE HOUR

*** OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**
 Gracious God, we thank you for all you have done for us and all that you continue to do. We are grateful for the honor of being your witnesses and the joy of being your servants. Through Jesus Christ you have forgiven our sins, given us new life, and called us your children. Guide us in this hour that we might worship you in our time at church and through our lives in the world. This we ask in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN #64** *Holy, Holy, Holy* **NICAËA**
*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed **Page 881**
*** 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.* **MEINEKE**
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:1-17
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 Kelli Alexander

SPECIAL MUSIC

Send Us On Your Way
Mickey Lilly, Soloist

Mary Rose Jensen

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 4:2-6

SERMON

"Buenos Dias, Senior Jesus"

Danny Peck

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

* HYMN #571

Go Make of All Disciples

LANCASHIRE

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sarabrande

Arcangelo Corelli
Ed. & arr. by Drummond Wolff

* DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia!

LASSI UNS ERREUEN

Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power is mighty!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* HYMN #581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

* BENEDICTION

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US OUT TO SERVE

* POSTLUDE

on LassI Uns Erfreuen

(Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow)

Geistliche Kirchengesange
arr. by Richard Unfried

(*) Congregation please stand as you are able

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP ENDS: OUR WORSHIP IN SERVICE BEGINS

During church, nursery and toddler care is available each week.

Children's Church for Kindergarten through 3rd grade is offered every week.

Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us today. We hope that you will find a spirit of friendship in our gathering and that you will be blessed through this service of worship.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Jack and Mildred Jeanette by Their Children.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Dora Twiford and Fran Wells and Families upon the death of their sister, Helen Lopez, on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

STEP INTO FALL WITH UNITED METHODIST WOMEN... The first fall meeting of the UMW is September 15th. We welcome all Methodist women to join us as we begin the fall season. Bring your ideas in mission work! Come and get involved. See you on the 15th!

HELPING HANDS NEEDED...Anyone who would like to join a group in helping with Bereavement Meals, please contact Diane Carver, our church secretary, at 335-1771.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...An organizational meeting was held on August 20 where great interest was shown. We are still looking for people interested in knitting and helping with this ministry. The meetings will be held at the church on Tuesdays (beginning September 9th) at 10:00 a.m. and on Wednesdays (beginning September 10th) at 6:00 p.m. We will continue these meetings for two months, reassess, and then reorganize if necessary. If you are interested or have questions, please call Lucinda Richardson at 335-0185 or Adrienne Zelenak at 331-7999.

STABELL PROJECT... We are in the final stages of the Stabell project. Please join us Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 12:00 to complete the finishing touches on the house. This has been a wonderful opportunity to serve God and help a neighbor.

COMING SOON! CHURCH YARD SALE! It's that time of the year when we clean out closets and attics. Start saving those items for the Church Yard Sale on **Saturday, October 11th**. Items may be brought to the church beginning Monday, September 29th, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be a certain area in the Asbury Room for this. For other times, call the church office at 335-1771 to make special arrangements. If you have items that need to be picked up, call the church office also. We cannot accept items before September 29th. Let's make this the largest sale ever!

FUMC'S FIRST ANNUAL CHILI CHALLENGE! Calling all chili cooks!!! Calling all chili lovers!!! Chili dates back to the mid-1800s when Texas trail cooks used whatever ingredients were on hand, including buffalo, venison, rattlesnakes (!) and, of course, chiles, to feed hungry cowboys on long trail drives. Fortunately, you won't have to "saddle up your mule" or shoot a rattlesnake to enjoy some mouth-watering chili because FUMC will be hosting its **First Annual Chili Challenge** right here and we need your help!!! Rustle up a pot of your best-tasting, most comforting, spiciest, beaniest or whatever-you-like chili to be "sampled" by fellow church members. Members will taste the various chilis and vote on their favorites. An appropriate "chili apron" or chili-descriptive name (Screaming Sensation, Toenail Curling, Very Vegetarian, Buzzard's Breath, or Legal Lip Remover) may earn contestants extra points so feel free to be creative! Our winner will be duly recognized as the "FUMC Chili Champion", a title to be revered among chili connoisseurs! You'll want to bring your chili and/or your tastiest taste buds to this Chili Challenge on **Sunday, October 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room/Fellowship Hall**. Cornbread and drinks will be provided for all (hot dogs will be available for kids!). Mark your calendars, break out those chili recipes and be sure to join us for a "little bit of Texas" on **October 12 at 5:00 P.m.**

CHRISTIAN EXPLORERS CLASS...Anyone wishing to join our class, you are invited to come share breakfast with us during the Sunday School time on Sunday, September 7th.

BBO/CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER coming October 24th. Tickets will be available the end of September.