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#### □ I am a Visitor

- □ I am interested in membership
- $\hfill\square$  I would like to visit with the pastor
- $\hfill\square$  Please note my change of address

# **PRAYER REQUEST**

(Place in the Offering Plate or give to the Pastor.)

I ask your prayers for:

Prayer Request:

May we send this person a note of encouragement? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

If yes, please include their address:

May we include this in the prayer list for next week's bulletin and email prayer list?

Person making request \_\_\_\_\_





We are having a Fall Calendar Planning lunch for youth and their parents following the 10:30 worship service **TODAY**. For more information about today's lunch or the Youth Group in general, please contact Shannon LeMaster-Smith at DeaconShannon324@gmail.com.



## KIDS FOR CHRIST STARTS SEPT. 12

k4C is an after school ministry for children in Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
k4C meets Wednesdays 3:00-5:30 p.m. during the school year. Mini-Bus transportation is provided for a few area elementary schools. Please inquire upon registration. If you would like to serve with k4C, please contact Deacon Shannon. We will have a team meeting Sept. 5 at 3:30 pm.



Nursery: For children up to 4 years 8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Level 1)

Sunday School: For children 3 years - 5th Grade from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. on Level 1

> Children's Sacks: Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.

A LOOK AHEAD . . .

Monday, September 3 Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Wednesday, September 5 ECCCM Workday

Promotion Sunday, September 9

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Room

Tuesday, September 11

Church Council Meeting 7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room

## FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "**Willis**" Greene, Pastor **Shannon** LeMaster-Smith, Minister of Discipleship - Children, Youth & Outreach

Sarah Luhrs, Choir Director

John Coffey, Organist

Michael Roberts, Praise Team Kristi Spencer, Communications

Melissa Ervin, Nursery Director Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director

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**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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# **First United Methodist Church**

A Church that Loves All People into a Relationship with Jesus Christ Becoming one diverse community passionately worshipping Jesus & practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality.

## WE GATHER

## August 26, 2018 • 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time - We welcome everyone! Greet your neighbors with the peace of Christ & take a moment to get to know those around you.

Prelude - A time to transition from the outside world to a time of worship.

Welcome & Opportunities for Ministry

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader:	God calls us from a burning bush.
People:	We are standing on holy ground!
Leader:	The Spirit calls us to proclaim God's name to all generations.
People:	We are standing on holy ground!
Leader:	Jesus calls us from the cross: come and follow me.
People:	Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.
Leader:	God of all creation, help us to know Your ways
All:	We are standing on holy ground!
*Hymn, No. 88	Maker in Whom We Live

#### \*Affirmation of Faith, No. 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### \*The 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.

#### WE HEAR & RESPOND TO THE WORD

Children's Time: Blessing of the Backpacks

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord Bind us together with love.

#### 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.

Anthem	The Earth is the Lords	s by Hank Beery	
Scripture: Leader: People:	Exodus 3:10-14a This is the word of God for the people of <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	OT Pg. 50 God.	
Message	Moses: "I Have Called You by Name"	Deacon Shannon LeMaster-Smith	
Service of Giving			
*Doxology Hymn, No. 94			

Praise God, from who 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 Dedication

#### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn, No. 584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (to the tune of Hymn No. 581)

#### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response, No. 159 Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in unity combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name.

\*Chimes of the Trinity

#### \*Postlude

\*Please stand in praise of God if you are able.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Frank Cloninger, Tyler Griffin, Randall Griffin, Melba Nichols, Harold Lynch, Gail Shelton, April Harbinson, Dylan Landis and Bernice Allen and her family

**Military:** Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Ethan Branton, Todd Houtz, Michael Howard, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump



**YOU'RE INVITED TO STOP BY THE PRAYER ROOM** The Prayer Room (Chapel) is now open for people to enter and pray. There are prayer stations set up for you to experience, or you may choose to simply sit in the presence of God. The Prayer Room will remain open until mid-September. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday and Sunday's from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

## **PROMOTION SUNDAY & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION**

Promotion Sunday is September 9! During Sunday school, children PreK-5th grade are invited to meet in the Activity Room to celebrate teachers and those being promoted. Youth 6th-12th grade will meet in the Youth Sunday school classroom.

**NOTE**: Classes for this fall will be PreK - Kindergarten, and 1st grade - 5th grade. A special thanks to all of our amazing teachers, Bev Underwood and Kim Britt, Justine Elliot, Staci Miller, and Allyson Ervin.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAMS FORMING

We are stronger together, as we each share our unique gifts and passions. We're looking for 8-12 people to serve on a Youth Ministry Team, and 8-12 people to serve on a Children's Ministry Team. Both teams will meet quarterly

to evaluate and dream, and discern how God is calling us to be in ministry with children and youth. If you're feeling the call to serve or if you have any questions, please contact Deacon Shannon!

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE AND SAVINGS OPPORTUNITY IN AUGUST

Anyone interested in purchasing a space (Niche) in the Columbarium will save \$500 if purchased by August 31, 2018. The rate will increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500 on September 1, 2018. The construction of the Meditation Area, within the Garden, and the delivery of the Columbarium is scheduled for August. Information packets are available in the church office. For more information, please contact one of the members of the Columbarium Committee: Dot Hoage (828.464.6588), Betty Newsom (828.464.3837), Betty McGee (828.466.8253), Gail McRee (828.466.6279) or Janet Byrd (828.381.2688).





## FREE 12 WEEK COMBAT RECOVERY COURSE

REBOOT is a free course – not a support group – providing practical help for service members and families dealing with the after effects of combat. There are no shortcuts or easy answers, but instead solutions that last. This FREE 12 week course focuses on the spiritual aspects of combat recovery and will meet on Monday evenings beginning September 10 from 6-8 p.m. here at First Church. Register at REBOOTRECOVERY. COM. Dinner and childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Lynn Marilla at 704-650-5353 or email: Imarilla@ eaglerockcamp.org.

## -PARADE OF CANS



**660 Drive** August 1-31st, 2018

We are collecting non-perishable food items each Sunday in August for The Corner Table Soup Kitchen. You may drop off your items in the cart in the Welcome Center.

