

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship for October 21, in the year of our Lord 2012 ~ 11AM Worship Service

(Please be sure to sign your name, address, phone/cell phone and email address
on the pew pad located at the end of your pew. Thank you)

Gathering in Song

“One God and Father of Us All”

FWS 2240

(Congregation sings refrain)

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (verses 1 and 2)

FWS 2158

Chiming of the Hour

Nancy Northington

Welcome Laura Arthur

Guest Recognition Laura Arthur

+Call to Worship Laura Arthur

This is the day that the Lord has made! **This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own. Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne. Amen.** (UMH 657-58)

+Opening Prayer Laura Arthur

From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah. **Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.** All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. **All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.** The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace. **It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.** In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern: **that all may**

be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen. (BOW 432)

+Opening Hymn of Praise “Take Up Thy Cross” UMH 415
Minister and Acolytes process in

Children's Moment Leslie Ezzelle
Children 4 years old through 2nd Grade may be excused for children's church

Prayers of the People Pastor Cory Oliver

Stewardship Moment Laura Arthur

God's Holy Offering Laura Arthur
Offertory “In the Garden” (text 314) *Garden*
Chancel Choir, Family Choir, Nancy Northington, autoharp

+Doxology “Give Thanks” FWS 2036
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat) And now let the weak say, “I am strong;” let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”(repeat)

+Prayer of Dedication Laura Arthur
Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2:8-9 Laura Arthur

Piano Special “Jesus, Our Divine Companion” *Pleading Savior*

(Jesus, Thou divine companion, by thy lowly human birth Thou hast come to join the workers, burden bearers of the Earth. Thou the carpenter of Nazareth, toiling for thy daily food, by thy patience and Thy courage, Thou hast taught us toil is good. Where the many toil together, there am I amongst my own; where the tired workman sleepeth, there I am with him alone. I the peace which passeth knowledge dwell amidst the daily strife; I the bread of Heaven broken in the sacrament of life. Henry van Dyke)

Proclamation “Means of Grace” Pastor Cory Oliver

+Closing Hymn of Assurance “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH 89

You are invited to the altar for a moment of prayer during the singing of the hymn

+Announcements Pastor Cory Oliver

+Congregational Worship Service Response *Holy Manna*

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one. UMH 150, vs. 4

+Benediction Pastor Cory Oliver

+Postlude “Prelude in G Major, BWV 541” J. S. Bach

+All who are able may stand.

Assisting with the handbell accompaniment this morning are Addie and Joanna Nixon.

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Cheryl and Dan Brown in celebration of their wedding anniversary, October 20, and Dan’s birthday, October 26.

Charge Conference (First - Roanoke Rapids, Calvary-Corinth-Weaver’s Chapel, Smith, Rosemary, Concord-Sharon, New Hope-South Rosemary-Weldon, Spring-Lebanon, Oak Grove-Pleasant Hill-Shiloh): Charge Conference will be meeting on **Today** at **3:00 p.m.** in the **sanctuary**. Our Charge Conferences will be more of a time of worship and fellowship, rather than business.

Flu Shots: Mrs. Melissa Woodruff, works at Drugco, will be giving flu shots at First United Methodist Church on **Sunday, October 28** at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Cost of the flu shot is \$19.00 (BCBS and Medicare patients are free).

Applying Bible Principles

“ . . . if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). Christians should have a different outlook on life, including money and material possessions. They realize that they own nothing, that everything they have belongs to God, and that they are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to them. Because of that, Christians should have a different attitude towards “things.”

That attitude demonstrates itself in many different ways. For example, Christians show mercy and give, in contrast to the those who borrow and do not repay (Psalm 37:21). Christians should hold possessions with an open hand, and “refresh” others with their bounty (Proverbs 11:24-25). They are honest and demonstrate their faith by their work and integrity (1 Thes. 4:11-12). They give to those in need and thereby demonstrate to a watching world the love of God (1 John 3:17).

When this kind of lifestyle is present in our lives, Jesus said that people will see our good works — our different attitude and perspective — and will glorify our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:16). And as we seek His kingdom first and foremost, we have His promise that He will provide what we need (Matt. 6:33).

As others observe you and your lifestyle, do they see any difference because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? As they observe your relationship to “things,” especially to money, do they realize you are a manager, a steward, and not an owner? Or stated another way, is the manner in which you handle money and material possessions a testimony to your faith in Christ?

Ushers for October: Anna Collins Class **Church Checkers for October:** Ben Arthur/Jim Register

Liturgists for October: Laura Arthur (21st), Tom Waring (28th)

Greeters for October: Mae Cox (21st), Elton Woodruff (28th)

Paraments for October: Green (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th)

Acolytes for October: Caprice Oliver/Jadon Oliver (21st), Kelly Sparks/Margaret Hudson; Amanda Ezzelle, crucifer; Hunter Sparks, Bible Bearer (28th)

Nursery Volunteer (11:00) October: Laura Spivey (21st), Shirley Lucas (28th)

Flower Calendar for October: Cheryl & Dan Brown (21st), Kim & Bill Amerson (28th). Cost of flowers: \$35.00 (1 arrangement), \$50.00 (2 arrangements)

This Week's Schedule

Sunday October 21
8:30 a.m. Chapel Service – Chapel
9:30 a.m. **AGAPE Connect Worship Service** – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Coffee, juice, donuts - hallway on main floor by elevator
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary (nursery provided)
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Worship Church – Chapel (till 3:30)
3:00 p.m. **Church Charge Conference** - Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. YYF (3rd – 5th Grade)/MYF (6th – 12th Grade) – Fellowship Hall

Monday
8:00 a.m. Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery till 5:00
9:30 a.m. Monday morning Ecumenical Bible Study – Ruth Oakes Classroom
10:00 a.m. **Staff Covenant** – Pastor's Study
5:15 p.m. Echoes of Praise rehearsal – Room across from Nursery (till 6:30)

Tuesday
8:00 a.m. Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery till 5:00
12:00 noon Prayer Team – Bible Study Classroom, Third Floor
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Worship Church – Chapel (till 9:00)

Wednesday
7:00 a.m. Taylor Oakes (Men's) Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery till 5:00
1:00 p.m. **Bethlehem Food Pantry** – Fellowship Hall (till 4:00 or food bags run out)
6:00 p.m. Bells of Joy rehearsal – Room across from Nursery (till 7:15)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday
8:00 a.m. Little Angels Playgroup (ages 14 months to 5 years old) – Nursery till 5:00
11:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Radson (Psychological evaluations) - Church Library

Friday
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9:30 a.m. **Flu shots** – Church Office
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11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary (nursery provided)
12:00 noon **Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser** – Fellowship Hall (sponsored by the Youth; Cost: by donations)
12:00 noon **Flu shots** – Church Office
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry Worship Church – Chapel (till 3:30)
4:00 p.m. **Acolyte Training Session for Acolytes, Parents, and any Adults** - Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. YYF (3rd – 5th Grade)/MYF (6th – 12th Grade) – Fellowship Hall

Fall session of the Academy for Christian Witness: The Conference Commission on Evangelism invites all laity interested in practical ways to empower your church to go and make disciples in your neighborhood to attend The Academy for Christian Witness 2012, **Oct. 25-27** at Camp Rockfish. Accommodations are limited so pre-registration is required; the registration fee is \$25. Learn practical tools for evangelism in your community to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For further information, contact Mary Frances McClure, Dean at [910-496-6287](tel:910-496-6287) or e-mail mfmccclure@nccumc.org. Visit ChristianWitness.org to download the application.

Come and enjoy great fellowship while helping a great cause!! Our Youth Group is planning to attend a spiritual retreat hosted by the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Church. The conference is called Pilgrimage and is always the second weekend in November in Fayetteville, NC. We appreciate any support through donations and prayer!

What: Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser (Cost: **by donation**)

When: **Sunday October, 28** directly following the Traditional service

Who: All are welcome!

Attention Acolytes, Parents and any Adults: There will be a training session on **Sunday, October 28** at **4:00 p.m.** in the **sanctuary**. We encourage you to attend this all new informative training session. We will have booklets available and go over "How to acolyte" properly. Please make every effort to be at this meeting.

Ed Kilbourne in Concert at Wake Forest UMC: Sunday, October 28, 7:00: Ed Kilbourne will be in con-cert in the Wake Forest UMC worship center. Ed is known for his collections of moving music, quirky humor, and insightful monologues. He com-bines his acoustic guitar and sing-ing with a storytelling style often compared to that of Garrison Keillor from NPR. Ed began his performing career playing in folk groups while in high school and college. With over 8,000 solo appearances, he has worked in every region of the United States and toured in Europe. Ed has recorded 23 albums. He grew up in the Orient where his parents served as missionaries. After completing college and seminary, he moved to Atlanta and began his career there as a United Methodist minister. As his gifts for teaching and performing be-came known, he was invited to serve the church as a musician and spiritual resource person.

Special Offering: Our attendance pads are becoming worn and un-useable and need to be replaced. A special offering will be taken for the next several Sundays. The pads and covers will cost approximately \$6.00 each (includes shipping and handling and pencils). We need 50. If you would like to make a contribution please make check payable to First UMC and designate for "Attendance Pads." We have collected to date \$73.00. Thank you again.

We will begin a six-week Advent study, A Different Kind of Christmas, based on Mike Slaughter's book, Christmas is Not Your Birthday. The six-week study parallels Adam Hamilton's Advent study, The Journey, and helps each of us try to put the true meaning of Christmas into the holidays. The class will meet on Mondays from 4-5 pm at the church, hopefully beginning **October 29**.

North Carolina Conference United Methodist Men: 1st Annual Pig Cook Off, **November 3, 2012**, 3MC Center, 676 Community Dive, Goldsboro

FUMC United Methodist Women Meeting: Sunday, November 4th - 3:00PM: The Katie Lee Thorne Circle will lead our World Thank Offering Program titled "**Sowing Faith, Hope and Love.**" A special time that we express our gratitude of our hearts for our mission among women, children and youth around the world. We invite you to join us in our church fellowship hall.

Statewide Mental Health Counseling Agency is looking for workers to help with an after-school tutoring program. This is for low-income children in Roanoke Rapids who are in 1-6th grade. Tutoring is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in the Parish House. People interested in helping should have a high school degree, and have a passion for assisting children in a one-on-one setting. For more information, please call Leah Reed at (252) 537-3610.

A note from the Prayer Team: When filling out a prayer request card or calling in a prayer request, please provide us an address so a card can be sent or tell us that a card is not needed. Also, please let us know if you would like their name added to the bulletin. Thank you.

Prayer Concerns: Hazel Doyle (Guardian Care), Joan Fussell, Delma Graves, Judy Hand, Jimmie McLawhorn, Marie Page (**new address:** 100 Hickory Street, W312, Greenville, NC 27858; email: mhpage@suddenlink.net), Gordon and Kay Rogers (**new address:** Kempton Assisting Living, Apt. 109, 2298 41st St., Wilmington, NC 28403), Nancy SeEVERS. If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact Tawnya during the week. Thank you.

God uses money as a testimony in the lives of His people.
 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
 and all these things shall be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN BAKE SALE
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Cakes	_____	No. will bake	Spaghetti Sauce	_____
Pies	_____	No. will bake	Soups	_____
Cookies	_____	Doz. will make	Jams	_____
Muffins	_____	Doz. will make	Jellies	_____
Cheese			Pickles	_____
wafers	_____	Doz. will make	Chicken salad	_____
Rolls	_____	Doz. will make	Candy	_____
Brownies	_____	Doz. will make		
Breads	_____	Doz. will make		

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

- Use containers that do not need to be returned if possible
- On index card, list the cost of the item
- List any unusual ingredients – for those who may have allergies to certain foods
- Please bring your item(s) to the fellowship hall Saturday, November 17 between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Pie suggestions: Apple, pecan, cherry, chocolate chess, lemon chess, chocolate, or your very favorite

NOTE: Items may also be brought to the fellowship hall on Friday, November 16 between noon and 3:00 p.m.