

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The mission of First United Methodist Church is
to BELIEVE in Jesus Christ as Lord,
to RECEIVE the power of the Holy Spirit,
and to RESPOND to the needs of others with the love of God the Father.

Sunday, June 26 2022 10:30 AM
Third Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lori Anne Bowen

* MISSION STATEMENT

All

* OPENING SONG

10,000 Reasons

MORNING PRAYER w/The Lord's Prayer

Belinda Brewer

* HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Patsy Crenshaw & Children

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Congregation

* THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116:1-6; 12-19 [MSG]

SERMON

GOD WHO LISTENS

Rev. Natalie Gray

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

Rev. Natalie Gray & Congregation

I thank you, the members and friends of First United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister at Asbury United Methodist Church. We express gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new Associate Pastor, Rev. Hannah Smith.

VIDEO OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray in unison:

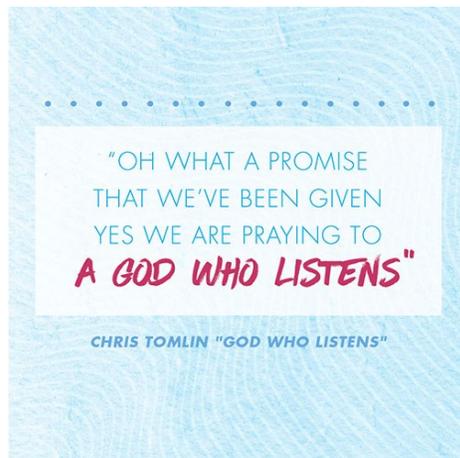
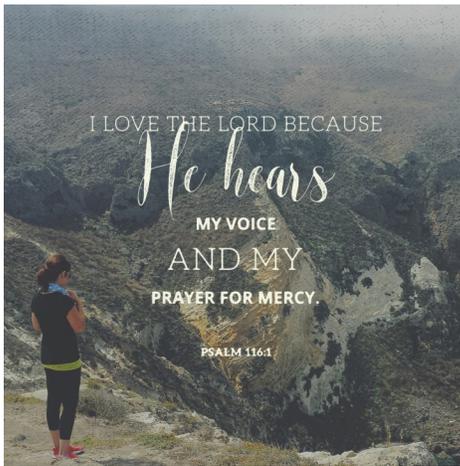
Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in you love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING SONG

Shalom to You

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Natalie Gray



PRAYER CONCERNS

Bermuda Commons

Molly Jo McClamrock
Jean Shelton

Somerset

Billie Bean
Wanda Bryant
Louise Collins
Ron Cotterman

Davie Rehab

Lynne Hicks
Christine Woodruff

At Home

Peggy Clark
Mary Hendricks
Inez Miller
Mary Lou Musselman
Bill Overcash
Madelyn Shelton
Ann Stayer
Jenny Turner
Shirley Wicker

Clemmons Village 1

Madelyn Shelton

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC HAPPENINGS Beginning Bells Wednesdays at 1:30 PM
Chancel Choir 6/29 at 7:00 PM

Thank you to those who have already donated to the fundraiser for purchasing new pew cushions. We still have a ways to go to reach our goal of \$12,600. Donations may continue at any time. Several church groups have donated. If you are a member of a women's circle, Sunday School Class, or small group, consider making a donation through your group. The Trustees are hoping to move forward with this project before prices rise again on the products used to make the cushions.

In-coming Associate Pastor Rev. Hannah Smith had an exciting Annual Conference. On Friday night Sam proposed and she said yes. On Saturday night, she was commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference. Sam also announced that he has been offered a teaching job at Lexington Middle School and will begin in August. His uncle lives in Winston-Salem and is helping him with housing. We will welcome Sam and Hannah in worship on July 10.

Young at Heart

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

We have reservations to see one of Narrowway Christian Dinner Theaters newest production, *Jesus the Teacher*. A boat.. A sack lunch... A hungry crowd... and the greatest storyteller of all time. We have front and lower row seats, so there will not be any climbing steps for this trip. Plan now to enjoy the lunch and the drama. Tickets are \$36. Reservations and your money for the show must be made by noon on TUESDAY, JULY 5. Narrowway requires that all tickets be purchased 30 days ahead so we must reserve early.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS Several folks have asked about resuming Wednesday Night Meals. Yes, we can resume them. If your small group or church committee would like to have a Wednesday night meal, check with the office about dates to be sure we do not have two commitments at the same time. Be sure to let Tommy know to include the date and time in the bulletin. You may want to check the kitchen and supplies before you plan to assure the needed items are available. There may be some things not available since we have not held meals for 2 years.

NURSERY	10:30 AM
6/26 No Early Service	Sandra Boyette
	Mary Barnes

Psalm 116:1-6; 12-19 [MSG]

I love GOD because he listened to me, listened as I begged for mercy.
He listened so intently as I laid out my case before him.
Death stared me in the face, hell was hard on my heels.
Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn;
then I called out to GOD for help: "Please, GOD!" I cried out. "Save my life!"
GOD is gracious—it is he who makes things right, our most compassionate God.
GOD takes the side of the helpless; when I was at the end of my rope, he saved me.
What can I give back to GOD for the blessings he's poured out on me?
I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to GOD! I'll pray in the name of GOD;
I'll complete what I promised GOD I'd do, and I'll do it together with his people.
When they arrive at the gates of death, GOD welcomes those who love him.
Oh, GOD, here I am, your servant, your faithful servant: set me free for your service!
I'm ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and pray in the name of GOD.
I'll complete what I promised GOD I'd do, and I'll do it in company with his people,
In the place of worship, in GOD's house, in Jerusalem, GOD's city. Hallelujah!