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October 17, 2018

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Nursery - Ashley Lewis  
Acolyte - Tehya Bley  
Sound - Patrick Morgan  
Greeters:  
9:00 - Jennifer Crowe  
11:00 - Cyndi and Leslie Akins

**Sunday, October 21**

9:00 - First Light  
10:00 - Sunday School  
11:00 - Traditional Worship  
6:00 - Youth

**Monday, October 22**

1:15 - Handchimes

**Tuesday, October 23**

6:30 - Men's Bible Study  
9:00 - Pickleball  
6:30 - John Bible Study  
7:30 - First Flame

**Wednesday, October 24**

3:00 - CAST  
4:00 - Wonka Whing Ding  
5:00 - Faith Lift  
6:00 - Handbells  
7:00 - Christmas Choir  
7:45 - Chancel Choir

**Upcoming Events**

*November 27 - Movie Night*  
*December 8 - One Day with God*

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**Dear FUMC Family,**

I pray this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. I missed being with you this past weekend. I returned from the Ohio wedding on Monday, and have hit the ground running; but wow, was that a lot of driving. Before the end of September, I was shopping in our town's largest store, and noticed that the garden section was filled with lighted Christmas trees – even before October! I couldn't believe it. We hadn't even gotten through Columbus Day. Ha!

But it did remind me that the holiday season is coming, whether we are ready or not. Please read this, because I believe it will help you get ready. Saturday, November 17, our church will provide complete Thanksgiving meals for 50 impoverished families in our town/county. On that morning, families will pick-up their boxed Thanksgiving meal at our CLC. The meal will be able to be prepared in each family's own home, allowing the family to enjoy the Thanksgiving meal with dignity. Because of local turkey giveaways, our plan is to provide a canned ham with each meal. The approximate cost of the meal, per family, will be \$20. I'll know the exact amount tomorrow.

Then on Saturday morning, November 17, volunteers will gather to share our love, and pray with the families that come, and give out the boxed meals. Our Benny Brittain is chairing our effort. Please do two things: first, contribute toward the effort (I can't wait to underwrite at least one family myself); and second, consider volunteering for the effort. I'll give more exact details shortly.

Secondly, on Tuesday night November 27, at 6:30 p.m., our church is buying out all tickets at a Golden Cinemas theater for the new movie: The Grinch. Our Christmas worship series will be based on transforming hearts during the holidays (which is the theme of Dr. Seuss' famous book: The Grinch That Stole Christmas).

That night will be a wonderful family celebrate for members of our church, of all ages, and guests. Don't miss it. Tickets can't be purchased yet, but we are confirmed for that date and time. Updates will be shared with you soon.

Our holiday experience will be enhanced by these two endeavors. I believe the seeds for both of these celebrations were planted by God, and meant to be used by us to share God's love with our community.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as I preach on: "A Soulful Love For God."

Blessings on you,  
**Pastor Dave**

## Church News



Make sure that you have November 27 marked on your calendars for our **Church Movie Night!** We will be going to see Illumination's new *The Grinch* at Golden Ticket Cinema right here in Lenoir! This will be a great evening of fun

for both young and old, so we hope to see everyone there! See Zach or Pastor Dave for more information.

The **Backpack Ministry** is in need of grocery bags! If possible, *please double bag* these before bringing them by the church. Thank you for helping us make a difference for the children of Caldwell!



You are the lucky winner of a Golden Ticket! The doors of our CLC will be open from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24 for our **Wonka Whing Ding!** We will have games, prizes, and CANDY galore!! Call Melanie at 754-4922 (ext. 21) if you have any questions. In your wildest dreams, you cannot IMAGINE the marvelous surprises that await YOU...

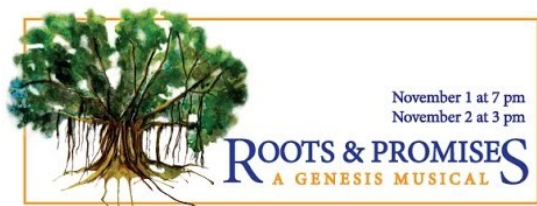


Help is needed for **Room at the Table** on October 27! If you feel called to help serve in this great ministry, please contact Patti Brandenburg at (828)7549284.

## Community News

**Smoking in the Foothills** will be this weekend right in the heart of downtown Lenoir! They are in need of volunteers for some events and booths. If you are interested, please go to their website ([www.smokinginthefoothills.com](http://www.smokinginthefoothills.com)) for more information.

**First United Methodist Church (Hickory, NC)** will be



presenting a dinner theatre on November 2 at 6p.m.! They will be performing *Roots and Promises*, a musical

composed by Rhonda Smith, Steve Strickler, and Gerrit Dawson. Our own Zach Bowyer will be playing the role of Cain in the musical, so see him for more information or to learn how to sign up for tickets!

The **Hudson Dinner Theatre** organization will be presenting *Children of Eden* this coming weekend (October 18-20) and next weekend (October 25-27). If you are interested in buying tickets to this great show, please call Keith Smith, director of the Hudson Dinner Theatre, at (828)728-8272.

## Memorials

### Hal and Joyce Hall

Stephen Rauchfuss and Lynn Hall (UMCOR)

### Sarah Goforth

Bobby Fulmer (Building)  
Geroge and Helen Crowell (Backpack)  
Jack and Debbie Mason (Building)

### Bob Love

Barbara Love (Building)

### Larry Lanier

Allen and Nancy Clay  
Richard and Sara Mursch  
Chuck and Karen Cannon  
Chuck and Jane Cummings  
Bob and Sandra Lisk  
Doug and Kathy Saunders  
Carol Tighe  
Herb Crowell  
Lyvonda Robbins

Building

David and Debbie Wessinger (General)  
Charles and Shirley Foushee (Columbarium)

### Smokey Huntley

Becky Hedrick  
Don and Madeleine Haas  
Les and Frances Frye  
Barbara Love  
Susan Morgan  
Carol Tighe  
Guy and Ann Walters  
Harold and Angela White  
Betty Lou Miller  
Herb Crowell  
Howard and Judy Edwards  
Lyvonda Robbins  
Jim and Karen Finley  
Alliene Cloer  
David and Joyce Beard  
Gail Greer  
Chuck and Jane Cummings  
Paul and Patti Brandenburg  
George Crowell, Jr.  
Richard and Dot Hedrick  
Bobby Fulmer  
Houston and Kaeti Groome  
Cedar Rock Garden Club  
Clark and Sherry Ford  
Betty Buss  
Jeanne Bush  
John and Josephine Beall  
George and Sandy Maust  
Janet Wilson  
Charles and Shirley Foushee  
Buddy and Melanie Anderson  
Stephen Rauchfuss and Lynn Hall  
Kathryn Lewis-Salem

Building

Don and Ann Edwards (Special Repair Needs)  
Davie and Debbie Wessinger (General)  
Phyllis Munday (UMCOR)

### Robert Hyatt

Ann Welch (Backpack)

### Jane Haas

Herb Crowell (Building)

### Duke Soots

Gail Greer (Building)

## Prayer Concerns

Marizell Thompson  
Walt Fucito  
Jake Watson  
Keith Watson  
Herb Crowell  
Pete Roe  
Vivian Laws (Renee Ingrams' mother)  
Roger Wilson - Shaire #200  
Peggy Davis Wise (Linda Davis' daughter)  
Jane Wilson  
Tony and Laura Lingle  
George Maust  
Louise House  
James & Betty Jo Winkler  
Sue Atkins (Courtney Swanson's mother)  
Herman Anderson  
Teet Culbreth - Lenoir Health Care  
Lillie Osborne  
Sarah Hamby (Gwin Laws' mother)