

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Oscar Wetternek (Henrietta Kollitz's friend), Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Jim Ross (Jane Mayhew's nephew), Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Chris Thrailkill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Amy Catoe (Jenny Keefe's cousin), Helen Humphries (Steven Humphries' mother), Steve Bilby Family (Harold Lomas' friend), Anna Owens Linton (Jessica Shepard's sister), Margaret (Maggie) Bundrick (Mary Lynn Watkins' niece), Bett Auld (Beth Thrailkill's mother), Mattie Thomas (Norma Cobb's sister), Lynda Coleman (Jenny Outen's friend), Bob Campbell (Brenda Rayfield's brother), David Rohde (David Rohde's father). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, April 1, 2018

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service (Front porch)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, April 2, 2018

Easter Holiday – Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting
2:00pm *Deadline for Bulletin*

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 5, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Saturday, April 7, 2018

11am-2pm Spring BBQ

Sunday, April 8, 2018

9:30am Palmetto Ridge Ministry (Palmetto Ridge)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

COLLEGE STUDENTS: In the next few weeks, Ken will be travelling to our different colleges and universities to have a meal with our students. Therefore, there will be days he will be out of the office.

FUMC BBQ: The FUMC and Boy Scout Troop 655 Spring BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 from 11am-2pm. Tickets are printed and are ready to sell. If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact Angie in the church office. We try to sell tickets before the day of the BBQ as weather is always a concern. Any church member or friend of the church can volunteer to sell tickets. Thank You.

RELAY FOR LIFE: We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2018 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 4 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$108,000. What's your life worth? How can you help? 1) We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church office marked RELAY. 2) We need you to buy lots of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love. If you would like to join our team or make an online donation, you may do so by going to www.relayforlife.org and put "Merciless Methodists" in the team search box.

CONGRATULATIONS: Keyshawn Melton graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on March 2, 2018. A special honor for Keyshawn was delivering the invocation and benediction for the ceremony. An unexpected surprise was that our own Jay Brooks was the graduation speaker due to the illness of the speaker who was scheduled to speak that day. Keyshawn is currently employed by the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department as a deputy patrolling the Pageland area.

SHIRTS FOR SALE FOR RELAY: The Merciless Methodist are selling t-shirts to raise money for our team. They are on the table in the lobby. If you have questions, please contact Jenny Keefe.

WATF: No WATF this Wednesday. It is spring break for many people and we will take a "spring break" day this week.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Both the Administrative Council and the Finance Committee will meet on April 23. Finance Committee at 5:00pm, Administrative Council at 6:00pm.

MEALS WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS: Meals with the college students are still going on. Ken will be out of the office several days this week as he travels to meet and eat with our college students.

EASTER HOLIDAY: The office will be closed on Monday, April 2 for the Easter Holiday.

FUMC STAFF

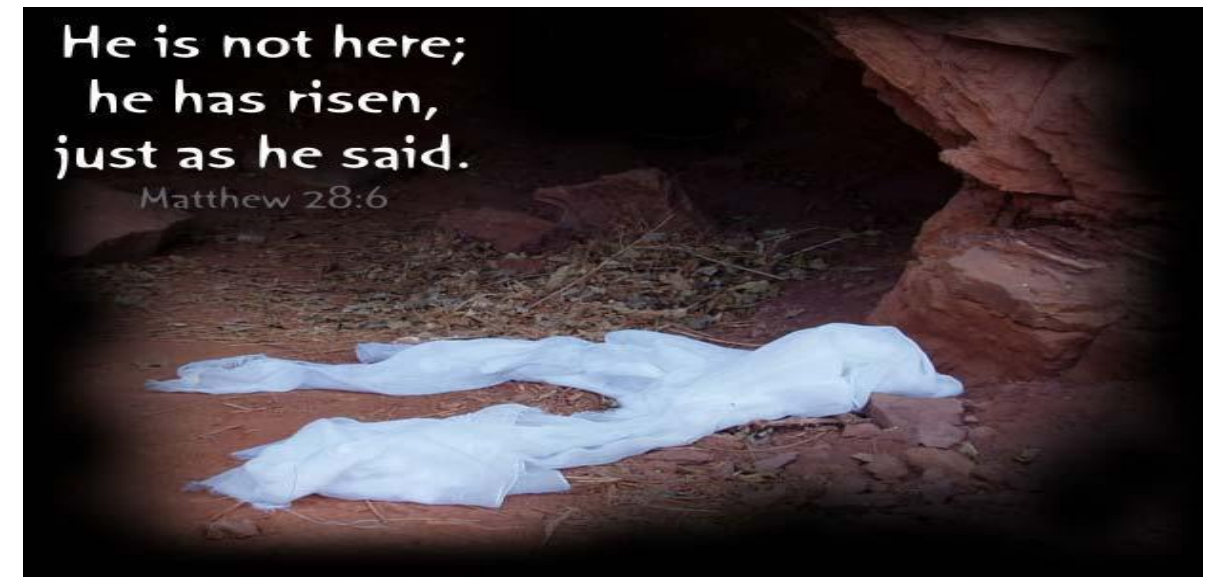
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

PARSON TO PERSON

When I was in the early years of college life, I began dating a girl I met in one of my history classes. In those days people got to know “about” each other as the dating progressed. One did not get a resume of the person’s entire life before deciding to proceed. Interestingly, I discovered after having dated a few weeks that this young lady professed to be an atheist. I discovered this when I asked her to go to church with me one Sunday. It was unsettling because I had never actually met someone who said they did not believe in God much less dated them. My faith was important to me. Friends offered advice. They said “stop dating”...”move on”...they said that the Bible is pretty clear that a believer and an unbeliever should not be yoked. (I wasn’t “yoked”...I was dating!)

My mother sensed my dilemma and asked me. I told her that I was pretty sure this dating adventure was on a ‘one way street leading nowhere.’ My mother then asked a question (she was good at that). She asked, “Son, how do you know that God will not use you to help her find her faith?” I knew my faith would best be revealed rather than preached. So I determined to be the best example I could be.

1. I made a point to say my blessing over food in a restaurant. 2. I said I could not make plans for Sunday morning because I needed to go to church. 3. I would be happy to join up with her later, but Sunday morning was church. 4. One day when I found \$10.00 on the floor of a store, I took it to the management and asked them to take my number and let me know if someone reported losing a specific amount of money.

I did not think these things up to make an impression. These are things I normally did. My witness was to be myself! And it did have an impact. When I read the Scripture lesson for today, my mind went back to those days. I am an Easter person. I believe that the presence of the Living Lord changes all people. I believe that those who say they don’t believe can be won by seeing the faith lived out before them. I believe that many people who never come to church except on Easter, do so because family “pulls” them to church, but I also believe many come because they wonder if the church is right. I know the church is right and as an Easter person, I want to live in such a way that all will come to desire the faith. Today says that nothing is impossible with God. *Ken Timmerman*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School theme this year is Shipwrecked. The dates are June 11-14, 9:00am-11:30am.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

****Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.
This is a sacred time when God communes with his people.**

Easter Joy: The world gathers together in churches across the world to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The focus is united on this Holy Day. From the morning that the women went to the tomb and found it empty, our world has celebrated God’s promise to overcome death. The early Christians changed the Sabbath from Friday and Saturday to Sunday. This was done to remember that the resurrection of Jesus happened on Sunday. Martin Luther said that every Sunday morning when Christians gather for worship, it should be a “little Easter.” This morning we greet you with music and praise as we welcome you to God’s house, and we rejoice in our risen Lord. “On the third day Christ arose.”

Prelude Welcome to every visitor. Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.

*Call to Worship

***Hymn (Words in Bulletin)** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Gloria Patri

Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory** “I’ve Just Seen Jesus” GAITHER
***Doxology No. 95** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn (Words in Bulletin)** “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” REGENT SQUARE

Scripture Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew 28: 5-7

Sermon “Set Your Minds Above” Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Choral Benediction** “On the Third Day” ALLEN POTE

***Postlude** “ I Serve A Risen Savior” ARR. HART
***Please stand if able.**

The Easter Lilies are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in celebration of Easter by the Ezer Sunday school class and to honor their seventh anniversary together as a class.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Manuel Assef
Lobby Door Greeter: Eric Dusa, Greg Sanderson
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Leslie Jean Watson
Next Week’s Lay Reader: Greg Sanderson
Flowers Next Sunday: Mary Burr
Counters: Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore
Alternate Counter: Micki Locky, Todd Becker
Worship Attendance, March 25 - 141; Sunday School Attendance, March 14 -93
Received to Date: \$112,744.90; **Expenses to Date:** \$108,962.12
Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, March 25:** \$1,654.70

Head Usher: Jeff Johnson
Acolyte: Hollis Dusa
Cross Bearer: Mary-Charlotte Dusa
Hostess: Carole Hennessee
McArn Items: Peanut butter/jelly

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

WORDS TO OFFERTORY SONG (I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS)

We knew He was dead. "It is finished!" He said. We had watched as His life ebbed away. Then we all stood around 'til the guards took Him down; Joseph begged for His body that day. It was late afternoon when we got to the tomb, wrapped His body and sealed up the grave. So I know how you feel His death was so real! But please listen and hear what I say: I've just seen Jesus! I tell you He's alive! I've just seen Jesus, my precious Lord, alive. And I know He really saw me, too; As if 'til now I'd never lived. All that I've done before won't matter anymore. I've just seen Jesus, and I'll never be the same again.

It was just before dawn, I was running along, barely able to see where to go, for the tears in my eyes and the dusky sunrise seemed to cloud up my vision so. It was His voice I first heard those kind, gentle words asking what was my reason for tears. And I sobbed in despair, "My Lord is not there." He said "Child, it is I, I am here!" I've just seen Jesus! I tell you He's alive! I've just seen Jesus, my precious Lord, alive. And I know He really saw me, too; As if 'til now I'd never lived. All that I've done before won't matter anymore. I've just seen Jesus, and I'll never be the same again.

EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On the victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

ON THE THIRD DAY

Jesus was crucified. Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried, died and was buried, Jesus was crucified.

On the third day, on the third day, on the third day Christ arose. On the third day, on the third day, on the third day Christ arose

He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God—the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, His kingdom will have no end. Christ is risen from the dead, He is risen as He said. He is alive, He is alive, Alleluia! Christ has conquered death and sin, died for us our souls to win, He is alive, He is alive, alleluia! He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God—the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, His kingdom will have no end.

Ah, ah, ah, alleluia!

On the third day, on the third day, on the third day Christ arose!

THOSE HELPING IN THE SERVICE THIS MORNING

*Martha Starling and Nancy Wagnon, Hand Bells
Leighton Becker, Euphonium
Eric Dusa, Jesus*

*Lawton Harris, Tympani
Vincent Prevatte, Trumpet*