

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, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Brother Redfearn (Pam Humphries' friend), Amy Catoe (Jenny Keefe's cousin), Jessica Arant (Jenny Keefe's niece), Helen Humphries (Steven Humphries' mother), Steve Bilby (Harold Lomas' friend), Joe Burch, Jr. (Mary Burr's friend), Anna Owens Linton (Jessica Shepard's sister), Buddy Brooks, Margaret (Maggie) Bundrick (Mary Lynn Watkins' niece). **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, February 25 2018

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)
5:30pm WATF Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm UMKF (Kid's Nook)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 1, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, March 4, 2018

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

HOW TO BUILD A CHURCH: 1. Ask God to open specific opportunities for you to invite people to church. 2. Seek to become a disciple rather than just a believer. 3. Do more than just attend church on Sunday mornings.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: On February 28, following dinner, we begin a new focus in Bible Study. To prepare for this study in Ephesians, please read chapter one. "The Church according to Ephesians" is the name for our study. Menu: Pork tenderloin, string beans, yellow rice and gravy, fat back, dessert, tea and coffee. Eat at 5:30pm, \$7.00 per person, maximum of \$21.00 for a family.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: We are in need of items for our pantry.

MEATS: Spam, canned salmon, tuna, canned chicken, Vienna sausage, potted meat, Hormel completes. SOUPS: All varieties with flip top. VEGETABLES: canned corn, canned green beans, pork and beans, Chef Boy R Dee, succotash, dried beans, dried peas Spaghetti O's, chili, Idaho potato flakes, boxed macaroni and cheese, roman noodles. BREAD, CEREALS and FRUITS: cereal boxes and bags, saltines, Lance crackers, instant grits, instant oatmeal, rice cakes, Nutra-grain bars, pop tarts, canned fruit, Little Debbie cakes, dried fruits, fruit cocktail, apple sauce, fruit snack packets. OTHER ITEMS: peanuts, jelly, peanut butter, syrup, fiber bars, pickles, pudding, raisins, chips. DRINKS: water, canned milk, dried milk, Gatorade, canned or bottled juices. PERSONAL ITEMS: toothbrush, bars of soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, dish soap, deodorant, plastic bags.

MEALS WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS: Ken has selected the following dates in March for meals with college students. The dates are March 12, 13, and 15...March 19, 20, and 22. This is a great chance for a good meal and some time with their minister. Sara and Angie will be making contact to set times up. In the event that we have only one student present at a specific college, that student is welcome to bring a couple of friends.

TIME CHANGE: March 11. Set your clocks one hour ahead or you will get here when we are finishing.

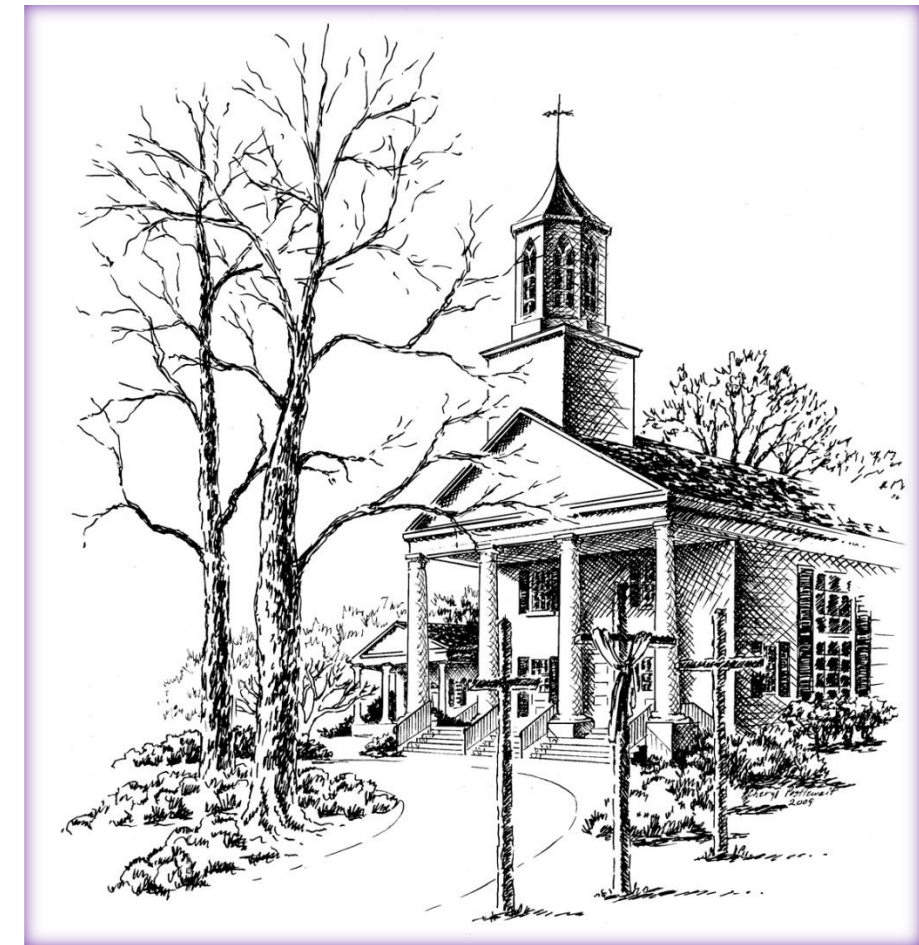
THANK YOU: Thank you to our church family for your prayers and support during the loss of our Mother. You'll never know how much your words of encouragement have meant. Blessings to you all! *Pam Baker, Jan Rogers and family*

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

FUMC STAFF

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Mary Lynn Watkins, Interim Music Director

PARSON TO PERSON

Someone sent me the following email. The man whispered, “God, speak to me” and a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear. So, the man yelled “God, speak to me” and the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen. The man looked around and said, “God, let me see you.” And a star shined brightly. But the man did not notice.

And the man shouted, “God, show me a miracle” and a life was born. But the man did not know. So, the man cried out in despair, “Touch me, God, and let me know you are here.” Whereupon God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Don’t miss out on a blessing because it isn’t packaged the way you expect. That’s the email’s message. It is also the Lenten message. God reveals His spirit among us as we journey to the cross. Beware of determining in advance the “packaging” of that Spirit. God is ever present in ways we rarely comprehend. His spirit is found in moments of reconciliation and in times when children ask great questions. God’s spirit is present when nature unfolds its wonder and beauty declaring its consistency. God’s spirit is present in hands folded for a blessing in a restaurant. Many times we miss God’s spirit because we anticipate its packaging.

Today, we are going to study Psalm 31 and determine that in the midst of life, hard as it can be, how God is always present to us with His help and inspiration. We may miss it because God’s work in our life doesn’t always come in a predictable package.

Ken Timmerman

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****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.

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 No. 66** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We come to church this morning, each with our own feelings and concerns, O Lord. We want to cast them upon you, and we thank you that we can. Knowing you know about us, grants us comfort and strength. Yet, our attitudes suffer because we see life attacking us, and we don’t feel like the conquerors you said we could be. Adjust our focus today, and help us to see that you are our help, but you ask us to approach life with faith and not distress. While you make your strength our strength, we still have to do the living. Teach us that what happens today is not all there is to life. Do not let us judge our lives by the difficulties that befall us. Grant us the strength to call on you for guidance and hope. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 752 Psalm 22: 1-6 Peyton Taylor, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 883** “A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada” Lay Reader

*Gloria Patri

Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

*Offertory

***Doxology No. 95** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Hymn No. 2140** “Since Jesus Came into My Heart” MCDANIEL

Scripture Psalm 31: 1-5, 14-18, 22

Sermon “Lift Up Your Hearts” Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 452** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

*Benediction

*Postlude

***Please stand if able.**

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Anthony Harris

Lobby Door Greeter: Roger Wolfe, Keith Stubbs

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Sawyer Becker

Flowers Next Sunday: Reba & Buddy Brooks

Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Worship Attendance, February 18 - 151; Sunday School Attendance, February 18 - 90

Received to Date: \$85,882.11; **Expenses to Date:** \$71,444.81

Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday February 18:** \$4,884.51

Head Usher: Keith Smith

Acolyte: Hunter Lee

Cross Bearer: Peyton Taylor

Hostess: Susan Furr

McArn Items: Peanut butter and jelly