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), Mary Burr, Mike Starling, Harry Board, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Jim Murray, Sammy Boan (Amy Lewis' cousin), Lynda Coleman (Jenny Outen's friend), Betty Thrailkill, Chris Thrailkill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Lib Eddins (Scott Eddins' mother), Sarah Jefferies Calhoun. 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, January 21, 2018

9:30am Communion 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 5:30pm UMYF (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

Monday, January 22, 2018 5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom) 6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

### Tuesday, January 23, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting 5:45pm Training for Child Development (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

## Wednesday, January 24, 2018 10:30am Grief Share (Parlor) 5:30pm WATF Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm UMKF (Kid's Nook) 6:30pm WATF Bible Study (Fellowship Hall 7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, January 25, 2018 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, January 27, 2018 Training for Child Development (Fellowship Hall)

## Sunday, January 28, 2018

10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 1:00pm Parlor in Use 5:30pm UMYF (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

FLOWER CALENDAR: A flower calendar for 2018 has been placed in the lobby by the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to go by and sign up for a Sunday or two to put flowers in the church.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Begins again January 17. Our study resumes in Anxious for Nothing by Max Lucado, and we will be studying "Think About What You Think About." Meal at 5:30pm. The menu is: Vegetable soup, chicken soup, fat back, corn bread, dessert, tea and coffee. Cost will be \$7.00 for individuals and maximum \$21.00 for a family.

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Your attendance is needed at youth meetings in January. We are looking to prepare a new youth suite and want input. Meetings begin here at the church at 5:00pm and end at 6:30pm at Wendy's. Join us! A new basketball goal is being ordered too. Ken Timmerman

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JANUARY 21, 2018 LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW. A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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## PARSON TO PERSON

I love spending time with the young learners. They are so good about coming down and listening to this old guy try to tell them some things about life. I have a special place in my heart for each one of them. Last Sunday, I taught them a prayer to use as they grow. It is a prayer a little beyond the "Now I lay me down to sleep" that we all know and love. My focus is to help them focus on their time with God, their relationship with God, and the guidance God can offer them through his presence. Some of you have asked me to provide a copy of the prayer because you have loved ones with which you want to share it. So here it is:

Dear God, I love you. Will you love me back? I know about you and the stories about your love. I want to be in your heart and to have you in mine. You know everything there is to know about me...the good and not so good...yet you continue to love me. As you know my thoughts and feeling and inclinations...take my hand and draw me closer to you. There are some people who do not think you are real, but I believe in you. Help me grow into your image and to believe that faith makes a difference. Thank you that I never have to earn your love. Thank you for the cross. Draw me closer to you, Lord. I lift my hand to yours and ask you to walk with me all the way. In your name I pray. Amen.

Loving God is about a relationship. A relationship is not possible without conversation. The Lord comes to help when we ask. God doesn't look down and say, "Look, Ken needs help again. I'm going to send it." Nope. We need to ask God to meet our needs and help us with our trials and tribulations. We don't need to ask God to fix other people, because he only fixes the pray-er. He doesn't let us judge how other people are supposed to be and then fixes them to our specifications. Our relationship to the Body of Christ (The Church) has a lot to do with our eternal destiny. Therefore, every soul, young or old, needs to commune with God through prayer. I see a relationship with God to be the best thing in life. God helps us use what we have for his glory and blesses us in the process. Baptism, service projects, Sunday School, Worship, Bible Study, mission trips, personal connections to others, are all wonderful things, but they do not provide a "go to heaven card." Your relationship with the Savior is the grace that brings heaven to us. And you cannot have it if you never talk with God and your life and what needs to be done differently.

Self-love is a great thing, but I caution us all not to let that move us away from the Savior who says, "all fall short of the glory of God." Jesus must increase, and I must decrease. We learn that when we pray.

**SERVING TODAY** 

Ken Timmerman

Greeters: M&M Jim Crawford **Head Usher:** Anthony Harris Lobby Door Greeters: Rhett Butler **Acolyte:** Lawton Harris Nursery: Caroline Berry & Nancy Wagnon **Cross Bearer:** Margaret Jean Harris Next Week's Lay Reader: Lib Norton McArn Items: Toiletries Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN Hostess: Ruth Ann Jones **Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby Worship Attendance, January 14 - 130; Sunday School Attendance, January 14 - 101 Received to Date: \$51855.47; Expenses to Date: \$30299.80 Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; Received Jan. 12 – Jan. 18: \$3,861.73

\*\*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.

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*Hymn No. 580	"Lead On,
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## A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

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Rev. Ken Timmerman

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## HOLY BAPTISM ANNSLEIGH MORGAN HI LAN BECKER DAUGHTER OF TODD AND ALLISON BECKER JANUARY 21, 2018

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given the promise of new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift offered to us without price. It was Jesus who instructed us to bring the children unto him for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. And this privilege must not be denied them.

We rejoice that you have brought your child to the Altar this day to be baptized in this Sacrament of God's grace.

I ask you these questions:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you, to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.** 

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do**.

Because you have brought your daughter to this altar, we ask you this additional question:

Will you nurture this child in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? I do.

What name is given this child?

**Annsleigh**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and pray God's blessings on your life. AMEN

Walking Tour: (Concludes with singing verse 1 of Hymn No. 191)

**Charge to the Congregation**: Members of the Household of faith, I commend to you the love and care of this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that this child may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**Congregational Response**: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that **Annsleigh** surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.