

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), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Chris Thrailkill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Bett Auld (Beth Thrailkill's mother), Mattie Thomas (Norma Cobb's sister), Lynda Coleman (Jenny Outen's friend), Margaret Blue Stewart (Thomas McKinnon's sister), Pal Moore, Ray McManus, James Thurman (Angie Smith's daddy), Ruth Turner Family. **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, May 20, 2018

9:00am Graduate Brunch (Parlor)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Graduation Sunday)

Monday, May 21, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 24, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, May 27, 2018

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

HOLIDAY: The church office will be closed next Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

TRANSITION: With packing and getting ready for the move, I will be out of the office some in the days ahead. In the event of need, contact the church office and Angie or Sara will share with me your needs, and I will get back with you as soon as I possibly can.

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27, 2018: Please come to church as we celebrate those who have given themselves in service to our country. If you have symbols of your branch of service or portions of uniform or insignia from your years of service, please bring or wear them. This remembrance will be an important part of our Worship Service.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY: Crackers, Pop Tarts, spaghetti noodles, jelly, salt/pepper, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, pudding, nuts, canned spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, rice, and dried fruit.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PALMETTO RIDGE MINISTRY: Honey Buns, Lance Toast Cheese Crackers, Coke/Diet Coke (Please Coke products only)

BIBLE STUDY: "You'll Get Through This" – held on Thursdays at 10:00am at 1-5-Ate Bakery...for more details contact Sara at 843-537-7002 or 843-910-7987.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: will be held June 11-14 from 9:00-11:30am. If you would like to help, please let Sara know.

SALKEHATCHIE: Any youth 14 and older or adults interested in attending Salkehatchie this summer should begin registering as soon as possible. Just go online to Salkehatchie.org and choose the Foothills Camp in Pendleton, SC if you wish to go with the larger group who attends each year. Other camps for other dates are also available, so please feel free to choose the camp of your choice. Contact Shannon Johnson if you have questions. We love to add new attendees each year, so please join us!

SYMPATHY: Christian sympathy is extended to Amanda Carabo upon the death of her grandmother and to Edith Quick upon the death of her sister, Ruth Turner. May God's comfort touch your hearts.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

CAMERON EDDINS – Graduated December 2017 from University of South Carolina – BS in Sports and Entertainment Management and Criminal Justice.

SETH KEEFE – Graduated December 2017 from Winthrop University – BS in Health Care Management and Business

JENSEN TOMBERLIN – College of Charleston Honors College – BS in Psychology and Minor in Neuroscience. Will work at MUSC as an intern in the department of Cell and molecular pharmacology and experimental therapeutics. Will enroll in grad school after the internship.

MEGAN GOODWIN – Converse College – BS in Biology with Minors in Chemistry, Environmental Studies and Dance. She received the JoeAnn Lever Outstanding Biology Student Award.

FUMC STAFF

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 20, 2018

PENTECOST/HERITAGE SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

PARSON TO PERSON

I am not a fan of *Reality Television Shows* for several reasons. The first is that if what I see is *reality* that in and of itself creates more concern than I can voice in the space provided here. The second is that the *reality* people pursue is generally money. The third concern is how these *reality* stars treat one another and abuse one another verbally. It is, for me, human behavior at its worst, and I prefer not to watch it. So, I do not wonder about who is surviving on what island location. I do not give a care about Big Brother nor would I want any of them to be my relatives. I do not care to know what it means to grow up with the Kardashian Family nor do I want to know anything about the Real Housewives of any location.

There was an occasion when Paul and Barnabas were in Lystre and Derbe. The people there marveled at the words spoken, and they determine that “the gods have come down to us” and a sacrifice must be made. The sacrifice to be made will be made to Paul and Barnabas. The Apostles are shocked over how the people see them. They try their best to convince the crowds otherwise. But the crowd has made up its mind, and set its mind on the reality it wants to see. The lesson declares, “Even with words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.”

People define *reality* and are not easy to deal with even when it concerns the truth of God. Our graduates stand on the threshold of discovering new realities. Some of their realities will match their dreams, but most will not. Some of the reality of high school will give way to college work which is a world of difference from high school. Some realities will be people encountered along the way that challenge who our youth are and what they will become. Some realities will teach trust and other realities will teach caution. One reality that comes for all is that money isn’t the number one goal. Success is measured in who a graduate becomes. The challenge is to grow as a person and as a Christian. Stand firm in your faith when other realities come and try to challenge your faith in Christ. Another reality comes when we learn that the church is important. God honors those who honor Him. We cannot make a joke of the Sabbath and treat it like any old day and expect success in our endeavors.

That is the church’s reality. I hope to see you Sunday. As summer approaches, we have some who have been missing in action and our giving needs strengthening.
Ken Timmerman



WALKER JONES
Marlboro Academy
Attending Winthrop University and studying Computer Science

JAYSON LEWIS
Cheraw High School
Attending Northeastern Technical College

KATHRYN JOHNSON
Cheraw High School
Attending University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill and studying Business Administration w/double minors in Psychology and Entrepreneurship

ALEX LEE
Chesterfield High School
Attending Winthrop University and studying Biology

HANNAH LEACH
Cheraw High School
Attending University of South Carolina and studying International Business

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Ray Crouse
Lobby Door Greeter: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler
Nursery: Caroline Quick & Nancy Wagnon
Next Week’s Lay Reader: Alayna Carabo
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby
Worship Attendance, May 13 - 186; Sunday School Attendance, May 13 - 77
Received to Date: \$157,913.63; **Expenses to Date:** \$157,333.02
Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, May 13:** \$2,335.00

Head Usher: Doug Carabo
Acolyte: Sawyer Becker
Cross Bearer: Leighton Becker
Hostess: Cindy Sanderson
McArn Items: Instant potatoes

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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. 127** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We thank you, O God, for rites of passage that transform boys and girls into young men and women, for higher education that moves from classroom to careers. On this Sunday on which we celebrate graduates, teach us all that the greatest lessons still come from you. Remind us that we are all under your watchful eye and that we enjoy life when it is in your care and keeping. The future belongs to you, and we ask you to hold our graduates in your powerful hands. Open doors for them we pray, and grant them opportunities to learn as much as possible, and to fashion careers of vocation that honor you and make the world a better place. We thank you for this church and the spiritual formation offered to every young person here. Use minds and hearts to grow your Kingdom on earth, and let it be like the kingdom of heaven. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Recognition of High School Graduates

***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. 191** “Jesus Loves Me” JESUS LOVES ME

Scripture Acts 3: 1-16

Sermon “All That Glitters is Not Gold” Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 2164** “Sanctuary” SANCTUARY

***Benediction**

***Postlude**
***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Tomberlin (Nana) for her birthday and in honor of Jensen Tomberlin and all of the 2018 graduates. Congratulations. Given by Scott, Jennifer, Jensen, Mason and Jacquelyn Tomberlin and Susie and Mike Burgess..