

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 Thraillkill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Bett Auld (Beth Thraillkill'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, Clyde Goodwin. **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 27, 2018

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Graduation Sunday)

Monday, May 28, 2018

Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting
2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm Weight Watchers Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

6:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 31, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, June 3, 2018

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

HOLIDAY: The church office will be closed 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.

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!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Sara has a new email address, please use it when contacting her from this point forward, it is saralsanderson1@gmail.com.

FLOWER CALENDAR: There are quiet a few Sundays open during the summer for flowers. We realize that buying flowers can be expensive, so another option for you is to use spring garden flowers or greenery to make an arrangement. If you would like to do so, please sign up on the flower calendar in the lobby by the fellowship hall.

LOVE OFFERING: Pastor Ken's last day as our assigned pastor will be on June 24. We would like to present him a love offering gift that day in recognition of his service to our church. You may give this to Angie Smith in our church office or you can place in the offering plate on Sunday and mark it LOVE OFFERING. Thank you very much, Staff Parish Relations Committee

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the wonderful members of the Education Committee for all their hard work last Sunday. The brunch was delicious, and you couldn't ask for more willing hands than these. I would especially like to thank Debbie Adams, Mary Lou Long, and Druie Walker for knitting the beautiful prayer shawls. I know that our graduates will treasure them. *Holly Miles*

FUMC STAFF

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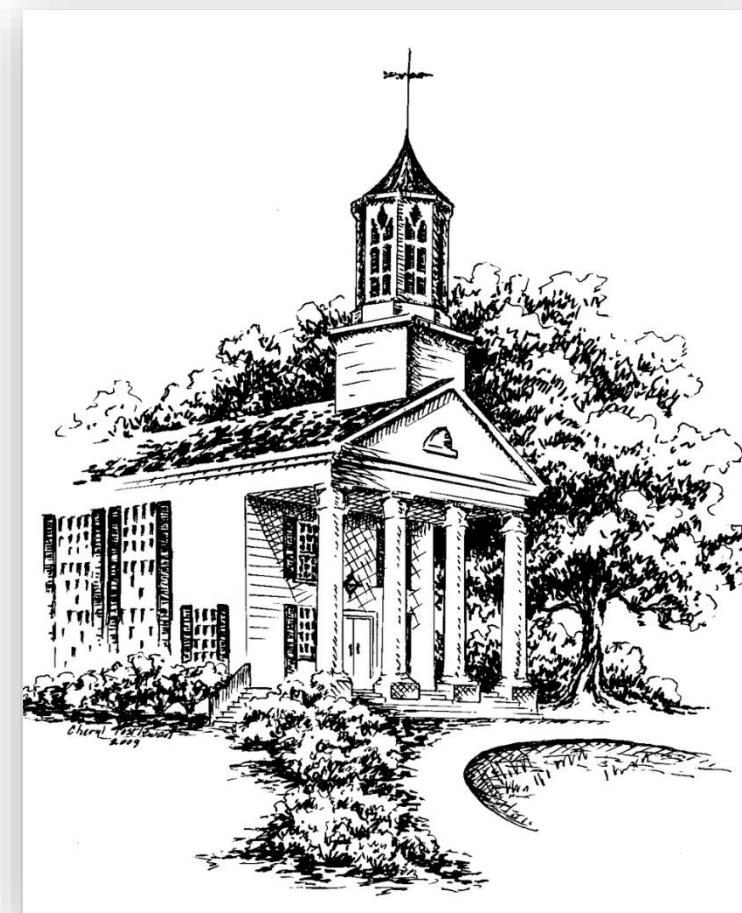
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 27, 2018

TRINITY SUNDAY

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

PARSON TO PERSON

Glenn Ludwig has written the following words: Paradigms are a way of envisioning, ways of understanding things. History is full of examples of people and organizations who have gotten stuck in one paradigm, one model of understanding, that they failed to grasp the significance of the new. There are several pointed examples:

1. Western Union’s internal memo of 1876 concluded: “The device (the telephone) is inherently of no value to us.”
2. Decca Recording Company made one of the biggest blunders of the music industry when, in 1962, they said, “We don’t like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out.” They were referring to The Beatles.
3. Gary Cooper said this about a part he rejected for a movie: “I’m just glad it will be Clark Gable who’s falling on his face and not Gary Cooper.” The part? How about the part of Rhett Butler in *Gone With the Wind*.
4. Ken Olson, president and founder of Digital Equipment Corporation said in 1977: “There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.”

These are examples of people and organizations stuck in patterns of thinking which kept them from seeing, or hearing, or recognizing the new opportunity which was upon them. (*Glenn Ludwig, Changing a Paradigm...or Two, pages 21-22*)

The church has been around for a long time! The 1966 ritual for Confirmation says of the church, “. . .the church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time. . .” It will be preserved because the church speaks a truth that is timeless and shapes its preaching and teaching in ways that are timely. The church doesn’t always do the same thing over and over again or limits its understanding to one model of ministry, nor does it negate new ideas. The church preaches an old, old story in a new, fresh way. The church conducts its business in traditional manner but is open to new traditions. The church constantly works to recognize the new opportunities that are before it.

As we enter the summer months we have the chance to embrace a new paradigm. We can understand that the church’s strength is determined by what it is and what it does during the “summer lull” months. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if our attendance, giving, and programming grew during June, July, and August? The chance to begin is now and your place and pew await.

Ken Timmerman

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655 NEWS: On behalf of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop 655, I wish to announce that Eagle Scout Jackson Potter McLeod has been awarded the Dan C. Stowe Boy Scout Troop 655 Memorial Scholarship. Also, I wish to commend him for his past accomplishments, and wish for his continued success as he pursues his educational goals.

John Moore, Chartered Organizational Representative



SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY



GRADUATION SUNDAY

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Drusilla Walker

Lobby Door Greeter: Herbert Watts, Jackie Furr

Nursery: Caroline Quick & Christy Ruffner

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Rhett Butler

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Worship Attendance, May 20 - 177; Sunday School Attendance, May 20 - 100

Received to Date: \$163,250.78; Expenses to Date: \$167,169.52

Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; Received Sunday, May 20: \$2,761.00

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.**

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** “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

***Hymn No. 92** “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**
We gather to worship you, O God, and to give thanks for our nation on this Memorial Day weekend. We thank you for the freedom in which we live, all the while understanding that freedom is not free. There are those no longer among us who gave the ultimate sacrifice in freedom’s pursuit. May your love be a healing balm for those who have lost friends and loved ones. We yearn for the day when the lion will lie down with the lamb, when weapons will be beaten into plowshares, and we shall learn war no more. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 761 **Psalm 29** Alayna Carabo, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 887** **Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39** Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory** **Memorial Day Remembrance**
***Doxology No. 95** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** OLD 100TH
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 367** **“He Touched Me”** HE TOUCHED ME

Scripture **I Corinthians 12:3-13**

Sermon **“Many Gifts, One Spirit”** Rev. Ken Timmerman

Special Music **God Bless America**

***Benediction**

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

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and to all who have served our country.