

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, October 30, 2016

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 12:00pm Charge Conference

Monday, October 31, 2016

9:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

12:00pm Sunday, November 6 Bulletin Deadline
 5:30pm WATF Meal
 5:30pm UMYF WATF Meal and activities
 6:00pm Handbell Practice (Choir Room)
 6:30pm WATF Bible Study for Adults

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 11:00am Worship Service

NO COMMUNION — Communion will not be next Sunday due to our special All Saints Day Celebration

ZOAR UMC LIFE NATIVITY DRIVE THROUGH — Please mark your calendars for the 17th Annual Live Nativity Drive Through at Zoar United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 11 from 6—8:30pm. Also if you would like to play a character in the Christmas Story, set up, cook and serve food, assist with costumes, taking scenes down, or singing in the choir, please contact Sylvia Campbell at 843-623-7572.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jay Leach
Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter
Altar Guild: Cindy Sanderson & Syble Sanderson
Next Week's Lay Reader: Jim Bennett
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph
Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Alayna Carabo

Head Usher: Roger Wolfe
Hostess: Marianne Crawford
Acolyte: Ella Prevatte
Cross Bearer: Sophia Prevatte
McArn Item: PB&J and soups

Worship Attendance, Oct. 23 — 126 ; **Attendance in Sunday School, Oct. 23** — 95
Received to Date: \$335,953.98 **Expenses to Date:** \$326,148.36
Needed Weekly: \$6,523.01 **Received week of Oct. 23:** \$8,189.52

FUMC STAFF

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October 30, 2016

24th Sunday after Pentecost, Liturgical Color: Green

****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.**

There will always be hungry people and all the agencies and ministries in this world cannot keep up with the need. Yet, the church makes its best effort to feed those who are in need and tries to fight hunger one soul at a time. Our Food Closet, created today, will allow us to feed those in need when they come to our door. At the close of this service during the singing of our closing hymn, please bring your offerings to the altar rail as a sign that we will not accept the condition of the world without raising our hands and using our resources to do something about it. A child was afraid of the dark and when put to bed he expressed that fear to his mom. She said, "Don't worry...God is with you." The child said, "If it's all the same to you I'd like someone with skin on him." We are God with skin to a world that is hurting and hungry.

Prelude

"Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major"

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.

*Hymn No. 577 in the Hymnal

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Invocation

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Rev. Timmerman

We thank you, O God, for life and for the adventure it is. We feel privileged to live a life that becomes the Gospel. We know life is a journey and not a destination, so we ask you for strength along our way and vision to see where it is you desire to have our faith lead us. It is a wonderful thing that the ground beneath the cross is level and that every soul is the same. Grant us power to acknowledge our need for you while on our knees. As citizens of heaven, we seek your guidance and ask for your daily blessings. We pray in the name of Jesus who revealed the way to live. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Rev. Timmerman

Reception of New Members

Lyle and Linda Coffy

Congregational Prayer O God, receive our joy today as we welcome these new members into this portion of the body of Christ. We pray that you will strengthen our church through our witness and ministry as we join together in the faith. We ask you, O Lord, to surround all of us in this community of love and forgiveness, bless each gift of service and compassion, as we seek to grow in our trust of you and willingness to serve others. AMEN.

Psalter No. 828 in the Hymnal **Psalms 105: 1-11** Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881** **The Apostles' Creed** Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer Rev. Timmerman

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings Rev Timmerman

***Offertory** **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**
***Doxology No. 95** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Old 100th
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 540 in the Hymnal** **"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

New Testament Reading **Philippians 3: 12-20** Rev. Timmerman

Sermon **"Citizens of Heaven"** Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 2130 in The Faith We Sing** **"The Summons"**
(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)

***Benediction** Rev. Timmerman

***Postlude** **"Trumpet Fanfare"**
***Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eddie McManus by Sue McManus and family.

WELCOME VISITORS — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact information. If you wish to join the church by Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership, please notify Rev. Ken at the church office at 843-537-7002.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Larry Heustess (Lynn Tweed's friend), Chap Allison (Holly Miles' friend), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Missy Robinson (Sue McManus' friend), Raul Wetternek, Micki Lockey, Shirley Walton, Carl Li, Garrett White (Jay & Elizabeth Bennett's son), Cindy Swartout (Jerry Turner's niece), E.G. Harper (Holly Miles' friend), Miriam H. Michaels (Judy Jones' sister), Calvin Freeman (Betty Board's brother), Jim Curry (Betty Board's cousin), Joe Reid. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION — If you should have an emergency and need Rev. Ken over the weekend, when the office is not open, please call the church office 843-537-7002 and it will be forwarded to Rev. Ken's phone.

WATF MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY — NEW SIGN UP PROCEDURE — NO SIGN — NO EAT
The Wednesday at the First meal will begin at 5:30pm this Wednesday. **The menu will be vegetable soup, chicken rice soup, cooked apples, crackers, dessert and tea.** The cost of the meal is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old (Maximum \$21 for a household). In order for us to purchase enough food for this meal, it is important that you sign up for the meal. There is a sign up card in the bulletin for you to fill out and put back into the offering plate today, youth must sign up if they plan to eat with Sara. **The WATF Bible Study will begin at 6:30pm; study will be on Matthew 13: 44-52, "Treasurers and Trash".**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) WORKDAY — If you would like to go to the distribution center for OCC, we will go on Wednesday, November 23. There are 16 places available, so please let Sara know if you want to go. We will leave at 10:00am and return at 8:00pm. This time is subject to change, if an earlier shift comes available.

ALL SAINTS DAY BANNERS — All Saints Day will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016. This is a special day in the life of our Church. On this day we honor all of our Church Family Members who have died in the past year, and are now living with our Lord. **Praise to our Father.** ----- This year there will be an addition to honoring the ones who have passed in the last year. There will be two All Saints Day banners, made by our youth and children, in the Narthex next Sunday. There will be a basket with bells, and we ask that you please take a moment and pin a bell on these banners in memory of your loved one, or loved ones, who have passed on to a greater life in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

THANK YOU — I would like to thank all who supported First Church with feeding the Cheraw High Band and Cheerleaders and also all those who supported and participated in Trunk or Treat. What a wonderful church family we have! *Sara Sanderson*

CHARGE CONFERENCE TODAY — We welcome our District Superintendent, The Reverend Dr. Robin Dease, to First Church to preside over our annual Charge Conference.

STEWARDSHIP TIME

Our Theme for this year is: ALL IN and our key verse from Scripture is: Malachi 3:10 “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” How much of us does God get? How much time do we contemplate our faith and relationship with God? How special is the church to us? Did you know that we are stewards of the church? How are you serving God here? These are important questions to ask as we consider the stewardship of soul, body, and mind. While the Body of Christ will endure to the end of time, it is important for us to take care of this local portion of his vineyard. November 20 will be our Loyalty Sunday where we make our pledges to this church for 2017. Consider the place the church holds for you and make your commitments. ALL IN is what we need, and when we are ALL IN, the church will benefit. Bless you, *Ken Timmerman*