

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 12:00pm UMYF Fundraiser Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, September 19, 2016**

9:30am Staff Meeting  
 3:30pm UMKF (Fellowship Hall/Kid's Nook)  
 6:00pm Boy Scouts (Boy Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

7:00am UMYF Breakfast (Hardee's)  
 3:30pm UMW Organizational Meeting (Parlor)  
 5:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

12:00pm Sunday, September 25 Bulletin Deadline  
 5:30pm WATF Meal  
 5:30pm UMYF WATF Meal and activities  
 6:30pm WATF Bible Study for Adults

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

October Newsletter Deadline

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 3:00pm Praise and Worship (Sanctuary)

**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** M&M Mike Elmore  
**Lobby Door Greeters:** Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler  
**Altar Guild:** Marianne Crawford and Pat Barham  
**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Joey Mills  
**Flowers Next Sunday:** Rayfield  
**Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell  
**Alternate Counter:** David McLean, Walter Crosby  
**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Amanda Carabo

**Head Usher:** Todd Becker  
**Hostess:** Lib Norton  
**Acolyte:** Mary-Charlotte Dusa  
**Cross Bearer:** Hollis Dusa  
**McArn Item:** Paper products

**Worship Attendance, Sept. 11** — 147 ; **Attendance in Sunday School, Sept. 11** — 100  
**Received to Date:** \$278,303.34 **Expenses to Date:** \$280,757.52  
**Needed Weekly:** \$6,523.01 **Received Sept. 11:** \$4256.18

**FUMC STAFF**

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**September 18, 2016**  
**18th 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.**

**Prelude** “When we think of justice we do not think about grace. Perhaps this is because our personal sense of justice does not concentrate on mercy. God’s justice is different than ours. God’s justice is truth and in God’s truth there is mercy for the sinner. Fairness is not part of the Kingdom’s theology because no one can hope for heaven if God is fair. I want God’s mercy and God’s blessings. Therefore, I search for blessings. Paul’s letter to Corinth says in chapter two, “Those who are unspiritual, do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” (I Corinthians 2:14 NRSV) Take some time today to realign your understanding of justice and blessings to stand with God. Ken Timmerman

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

**\*Hymn No. 101 in the Hymnal “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

**\*Invocation**

Rev. Ken Timmerman

**Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Rev. Timmerman

Your Word teaches us to love justice and to walk humbly with you. Help us to understand that justice must include mercy to be holy. As we deal with one another, let us always be interested in justice which means truth. Allow us to forgive one another and not hold grudges since grudges go against your Holy Spirit. Your mercy erases the wrongdoing and puts us all on a level field where love wins the day. Remind us not to fail where mercy is concerned because we all have received mercy from above. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ who offers mercy to all who need it and seek it. Amen.

**Children’s Sermon**

Rev. Timmerman

**Psalter No. 750 in the Hymnal**

**Psalms 19**

Shannon Johnson, 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**  
**\*Doxology No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Old 100th  
**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn No. 2162 in *The Faith We Sing* "Grace Alone"**

**Scripture Reading** **Zephaniah 3: 11-20** Rev. Timmerman

**Sermon** **"Bringing Justice"** Rev. Timmerman

**\*Hymn No. 557 in the Hymnal "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**  
*(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**  
**\*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Winholtz and Mr. L.B. Postlewait by Cheryl Winholtz Postlewait.*

**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, Unspoken Prayer Requests, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Larry Heustess (Lynn Tweed's friend), Chap Allison (Holly Miles' friend), Clark McAlister (Jerry Turner's nephew), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Missy Robinson (Sue McManus' friend), Cindy Brooks, Raul Wetternek, Robin Carnes (Ruth Ann Jones' friend), Micki Lockey, Angie Baskins (Charlotte Crosby's friend), Coach Sam Wyche (Friend of the Crosby's), Shirley Walton, Carl Li. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER LUNCH** — The youth will have a fundraiser lunch after worship this morning in the fellowship hall. The menu will be chicken, potato casserole, green beans, bread and dessert. Take out plates will be available, and the cost is a donation of your choice.

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP** — Next Sunday, September 25, the local band "Redeemed" will sing and Bryan Hardison will speak. This is a community youth event but all ages would enjoy. Plan to join us at 3:00pm next Sunday.

**UMKF (K-5)** — Will meet each Monday from 3:30-4:30.

**YOUTH WATF MEAL SIGN UP** — If you are planning on eating on Wednesday, please contact Sarah (843-910-7987) by Monday at noon.

**NEW SIGN UP PROCEDURE — NO SIGN — NO EAT**  
**WATF MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY** — The Wednesday at the First meal will begin at 5:30pm this Wednesday. **The menu will be fried chicken, string beans, macaroni and cheese, rolls, fat back, 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 sheet in the bulletin for you to fill out and put back into the offering plate today. **The WATF Bible Study will begin at 6:30pm, study will be on Luke 6: 39-49 "The Blind Leading the Blind."**

**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.

**RADA TOMATO KNIVES** — If you would like to purchase a RADA tomato knife, please contact Angie in the church office. The United Methodist Women (UMW) have these for sale for \$5.00 each.

**RED BIRD MISSION TRIP** — This year's Red Bird Mission Trip to Kentucky is scheduled for October 9—15. Your financial support, as well as your prayers, will be greatly appreciated.

**UMYF HAPPENINGS** — UMYF will meet at **HARDEE'S** on Tuesday, September 20 and 27 at 7:00am.

\*\*UMYF will have a fundraiser Lunch after worship today.

\*\*UMYF Praise and Worship will be in the Sanctuary next Sunday, September 25 at 3:00pm.

\*\*UMYF ski trip is planned for Thursday, December 29 - Sunday, January 1, The total cost is \$225 per person; the first payment of \$100 is due by Monday, October 3; the second payment of \$50 is due on Tuesday, November 1; and final payment of \$75 is due on Thursday, December 1.

**AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH** — Each week we stand as we affirm our faith. We use words from the creeds or from the Scriptures because they speak to the doctrines of our faith. Doctrines are truths that do not change with the passage of time. Such matters as the Word, the Son of Man (Jesus' heavenly title), Resurrection, the Holy Spirit, Faith in the Trinity, the Sufficiency of Scriptures for Salvation, Original Sin, Free Will, Good Works, the Church, the Sacraments, the Cross, Justification by Faith, the Virgin Birth, Sanctification and Perfection. This list is not exhaustive. It is important that we testify to the Doctrines of God. That is why we affirm our faith using what some people call old words and old thoughts. In a world with multiplicity of thoughts, ideas, and issues, it is important to testify things that center our faith in God. Many today formulate their own ideas without benefit of checking the Scriptures for what we are to believe. Our affirmations testify to the Christian life with words that have stood the test of time. We join with a long line of splendor as people we know and love gave their lives to these words. How could we do anything less?