

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, November 27, 2016

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

Monday, November 28, 2016

9:30am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

No WATF Activities

Saturday, December 3, 2016

9:00am District Event with Bishop

Sunday, December 4, 2016

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Children/Youth Christmas Program)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M John Straughn

Lobby Door Greeter: Herbert Watts

Altar Guild: Sara Sanderson and Charlotte Crosby

Next Week's Lay Reader: Sammy Quick

Flowers Next Sunday: Advent Poinsettias

Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Pam Humphries

Worship Attendance, Nov. 20 — 168; **Attendance in Sunday School, Nov. 20** — 107

Received to Date: \$364,629.22 **Expenses to Date:** \$360,240.32

Needed Weekly: \$6,523.01 **Received week of Nov. 20:** \$3,968.96

Attendance Community Thanksgiving Service — 165

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor (timmerman@sc.rr.com)

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First United Methodist Church
A Service of Christian Worship
The church with a heart, in the heart of Cheraw.



November 27, 2016
1st Sunday in Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

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

***Call to Worship** Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 196 in the Hymnal "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"** Lighting of Hope Advent Candle

Hope Advent Candle Reading Mary-Charlotte Dusa
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Psalter No. 756-757 in the Hymnal Psalm 25:1-10 Lib Norton, Lay Reader

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

***Gloria Patri**

Life Lessons for Young Learners

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 Sing No. 221 & No. 230 in the Hymnal (v 1 & 4)**
"In the Bleak Midwinter" & "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 1: 3—9 Rev. Timmerman

Sermon "Faithful by God" Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 220 in the Hymnal “Angels From the Realms of Glory”**

(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.**

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), Raul Wetternek, Micki Lockey, Carl Li, Dot Jordan, Miriam H. Michaels (Judy Jones’ sister), Calvin Freeman (Betty Board’s brother), Jim Curry (Betty Board’s cousin), Joe Reid, Kristina Roy (Mason Tomberlin’s roommate), Jimmy Lisenby (Ray McManus’ friend), Doug Wilson Family, James Thurman (Angie Smith’s father). **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.

ADVENT HYMN SING — I am not a pastor who chooses to utilize Advent hymns and save the Christmas hymns until late in the month of December. These great hymns are meant to be sung in more than just a limited venue. I will select and use a few of the Advent hymns, but to help us enjoy the music of the season, we will participate in a hymn sing in the second hymn spot in our service of worship. Such a change is not a major thing especially since our society moves straight from Halloween to Christmas skipping Thanksgiving altogether. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming to God’s greatest gift. Jesus is the only reason for the season.

THE BISHOP’S FOCUS FORWARD — Bishop Jonathan Holston is traveling from District to District to discuss with laity and clergy within the Districts a plan for church vitality. He will be here at First Church Cheraw on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00am until noon. Refreshments are to be coffee and water only. The good people of the Hartsville District are to be present that day. We will need help with set up and take down. Please contact Angie in the church office if you are willing to help.

THANK YOU — First Church Child Development Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated in the fundraiser for Sophia Brock. We raised over \$6,200 for the family. If any would like to donate to the family, write your check to Ashley Brock.

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.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY — The church office will be closed on Wednesday-Friday, November 23-25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Remember as you give thanks that Thanksgiving is the only official government holiday created for purely religious reasons.

LIFE LINE SCREENING — We are pleased to host a Life Line Screening event on 12/19/2016 at First United Methodist Church. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441, sign up on the sheet in the lobby by the church office, or go online to www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

ADVENT 2016

Advent and Christmas traditions are all important to us. We celebrate the season with timeless traditions. Some traditions are quite old.

1. The Christmas tree began as a German tradition as early as A.D. 700 and moved to England and America through immigrants.
2. The first manufactured Christmas Tree ornament was sold at Woolworth’s in 1880. Martin Luther is credited with first decorating trees with candles in the sixteenth century. Calvin Coolidge ceremoniously lit the first outdoor tree at the White House in 1923.
3. Mistletoe has been used as a decoration for thousands of years, but because of its association with pagan rituals, the Church forbade its use in any form, suggesting holly as a substitute. The pointed leaves of the holly symbolizes the thorns on Christ’s crown and the red berries, the drops of His blood.
4. Christmas cards started in London in 1843 and in America in 1848. Today, about two billion Christmas cards are exchanged each year in the United States.

(Marshall Brian, “How Christmas Works”)

There are some who would like to see the world move away from tradition and do things new. While that may not be a bad idea with reference to some traditions...with Christmas it would be a shame. For Christmas proclaims an *“old, old, story that will never lose its power and glory.”* Be mindful of our Christmas traditions as they stand the test of time just as the eternal Word of God stands and remains timeless.

Ken Timmerman

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Amount of Pledges — \$256,820.00
Number of Pledge Cards Received — 69

ALL IN — If you did not have the opportunity last Sunday to offer your Loyalty Pledge Card, please do so this Sunday.

THANK YOU — Thanks to those who helped with the covered dish lunch on Sunday: Kinsey Mulloy Bible Class; Ron Cundiff; Jim Bennett; the Men’s Class for purchasing the meat; and Mary Crouse.