

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 15, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 16, 2017

2:00pm GriefShare Meeting
4-5:00pm UMKF
5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Fred Harris Sunday School Classroom)
6:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Office Closed MLK Holiday

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

2-7:00pm Blood Drive
5:30pm Weight Watchers

Thursday, January 19, 2017

12:00pm J.O.Y Club Luncheon

Friday, January 20, 2017

February Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 22, 2017

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jim Crawford
Lobby Door Greeter: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas
Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell
Next Week's Lay Reader: Lib Norton
Flowers Next Sunday: Sue McManus
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Kim Williamson
Worship Attendance, Jan. 8 — 127; **Attendance in Sunday School, Jan. 8** — 89
Received to Date: \$42,576.57 **Expenses to Date:** \$25,460.48
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of Jan. 8:** \$38,739.57 *(includes \$35,495.79 prepaid last year)*

FUMC STAFF

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First United Methodist Church
A Service of Christian Worship
The church with a heart, in the heart of Cheraw.
January 15, 2017
Second Sunday After the Epiphany
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 *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.*

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

***Hymn No. 73 in the Hymnal** "O Worship the King"

***Invocation** Rev. Timmerman

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners Rev. Timmerman

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 754 **Psalm 23** Alex Lee, Lay Reader

Affirmation of Faith No. 888
Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20 Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer/The 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. 2025 in *The Faith We Sing "As the Deer"

Scripture **John 5:19-24** Rev. Timmerman

Sermon

“Listen to God”

Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 172 in the Hymnal**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

(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), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith’s uncle), Raul Wetternek, Carl Li, Miriam H. Michaels (Judy Jones’ sister), Calvin Freeman (Betty Board’s brother), Jim Curry (Betty Board’s cousin), Kristina Roy (Mason Tomberlin’s roommate), James Thurman (Angie Smith’s father), Brant Thompson, Dot Watson Family (Margaret Wolfe’s mother), Isaiah Deal, Charlotte Crosby. **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.

OFFICE CLOSED — The office will be closed on Monday, January 16 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

UMYF — Ken and I have spoken about moving UMYF back to Sundays. For this to be possible, we need one person to volunteer who is willing to be at each meeting. (We will not have a schedule for week-to-week volunteers.) We will meet from 5:00-6:30 each Sunday. If you are willing to devote an hour and a half each Sunday afternoon for this ministry, please call the church office 843-537-7002. Ken’s experience with week-to-week volunteer schedules is that they do not work. Please prayerfully consider working with this ministry.

We would also need volunteers to serve a snack supper each week. (Pizza, tacos, subs, spaghetti, etc.) If you would like to serve in this manner, please call the church office to be placed on the calendar for snack suppers. If your names is on the calendar, it is your responsibility to make sure the supper is served on that date. *Sara*

JOY CLUB — Will meet on Thursday, January 19 at 12:00pm. Deadline to sign up will be noon on Monday, January 16. The menu will be shrimp creole, soup, bread, crackers, and desserts; the cost will be \$7.00 per person.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES — On the horizon. Those seeking to be part of this class keep your eyes tuned. Sara Sanderson and Ken Timmerman will provide a list of dates for the class which will be on Sunday mornings. Confirmation materials are being ordered now.

WATF — Until further notice we will forego supper and begin our Bible Study time at 6:30pm. Carolyn has had surgery and as she recuperates, we will keep you informed. Our study this week will continue with some preliminary work on The Book of Revelation. It is a mistake to just “jump” into Revelation without some prior discussion of major themes in the book itself. Numerous people have questions about Revelation and those questions should be asked. I have several questions that people ask and will attempt to provide some answers. This week we continue with the preliminary preparations for Revelation.

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 106 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.

Having said that, it is with sadness we wish Shane Robertson blessings as he goes to his next work. He has been with us and we have come to love him, and to appreciate his work. We will certainly miss him. Shane has provided a spark in our music and has brought laughter to our hearts as he has been part of the family. As he goes from us he goes with God. We will sorely miss him. Yet, the Church is of God and there is someone else to come and lead us in music. Who that is we do not know. Let us spend time in prayer seeking God’s direction and wisdom. Today, we thank God for Shane. *Ken Timmerman*

GRIEFSHARE — GriefShare is a Christ-centered seminar and support group for people who are hurting from the pain of grief. The death of a spouse, child, family member or friend is devastating. Even mature Christians with a solid faith need ongoing comfort and encouragement during the grieving period. GriefShare is a network of thousands of grief recovery support groups meeting around the world. GriefShare brings together in video form some of the foremost Christian experts on grief issues, addressing the emotional, spiritual and practical needs of those in grief. A video is viewed each week followed by group discussion. Participants use a workbook to learn what God’s Word has to say about grief-related topics, to journal thoughts and to help them sort through their emotions. First United Methodist is offering a 13-week GriefShare group which begins Monday, January 16, 2017 at 2:00pm. The cost of the workbook is \$15. Group facilitators will Bonnie J. Cundiff and Sara Sanderson. If you would like to be a part of this group or if you would like to refer someone in the community to the group, please let us know. Bonnie may be reached at 843-537-2422 or 843-910-7526. Sara may be reached through the church office at 843-537-7002.