

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 22, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 23, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
2:00pm GriefShare Meeting
4-5:00pm UMKF

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

6:30pm WATF Bible Study
12:00pm January 29 Bulletin Deadline

Friday, January 27, 2017

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Wedding

Sunday, January 29, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
Fellowship Hall in use

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Joey Mills

Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell

Next Week's Lay Reader: Austin Sanderson

Flowers Next Sunday: Roddy Wedding

Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Jean McLean

Worship Attendance, Jan. 15 — 142; **Attendance in Sunday School, Jan. 15** — 88

Received to Date: \$48,993.14 **Expenses to Date:** \$34,595.08

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of Jan. 15:** \$6,416.57

FUMC STAFF

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A Service of Christian Worship
The church with a heart, in the heart of Cheraw.



January 22, 2017
Third 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. 89 in the Hymnal** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

***Invocation** Rev. Timmerman

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Father in Heaven, we lift our hearts to you on this Sunday morning with hopes of a conversation about our lives. Help us to focus on your goodness and our need this day. Teach us to look harder at life because we miss some of the moments you send trying to get our attention. Provide us power to dismiss the need to always decide who is right and who is wrong. Remind us this morning that there is nothing sacred about opinions unless they match your goodness. Bind us together with chords of love that cannot be broken by anything. Help us be the church which is different from what we see on display in the world. Help the misguided souls who write things online they would never have the courage to say face to face. And spare the church harmful attitudes, O God. We pray in the name of the One whose Name is Truth and whose Word can always be trusted. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners Rev. Timmerman

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 766 **Psalms 32** Lib Norton, Lay Reader

Affirmation of Faith No. 887 **Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39** 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. 473 in the Hymnal	“Lead Me, Lord”	
Scripture	Luke 16: 19-31	Rev. Timmerman
Sermon	“The Value of Living Right”	Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 514 in the Hymnal** **“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**
(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 today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Stafford 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), 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 & Linda Thurman (Angie Smith’s parents), Brant Thompson, Jeff Foster, Isaiah Deal, Brewer Bradshaw (Debbie Elmore’s friend), Jim Murray, James Henry McQuaige, Jr. Family (Mary Lomas’ brother). **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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS — 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 — This Wednesday at 6:30pm (No meals yet). Our study this week will focus on Major Themes in Revelation as we continue our journey into the Book.

ORGANIST/DIRECTOR SEARCH — Anyone with information about possible individuals that might help us during the interim or apply as a candidate, please give us the name and contact information as you aid in our search. Submit names and information to Angie Smith, Sara Sanderson, or Ken Timmerman.

PARSON TO PERSON — Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone’s passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person’s share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone’s list, “Let Someone Else do it.”

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; “Someone Else can work with that group.” It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you are asked to help this year, remember—we can’t depend on Someone Else anymore. (Author Unknown)

These words are so true. To get the things accomplished that need to be done, we must have people in our congregation step up to the task. Whether building Sunday School classes or helping strengthen youth ministry, we must have committed souls to help. The church leaders are not responsible for getting the programs just right. The participants make the program and not the other way around. Whatever our history has been, it is time to move on to the present and then the future. What we agree on makes us stronger. What we disagree on weakens us. All of us have been praying for the “good of our Church.” Now comes the time to step up and commit to helping. It is the only way to keep the church from the fate of Somebody Else. *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 be 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.