

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 29, 2017

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Fellowship Hall in use

Monday, January 30, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting

2:00pm GriefShare Meeting

4:30pm UMKF

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

6:30pm WATF Bible Study

6:30pm UMYF WATF Activities

12:00pm February 5 Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, February 5, 2017

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Chase Watson

Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell

Next Week's Lay Reader: Lydia Lee

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Alayna Carabo

Worship Attendance, Jan. 22 — 157; **Attendance in Sunday School, Jan. 22** — 99

Received to Date: \$54,984.81 **Expenses to Date:** \$43,006.26

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of Jan. 22:** \$5,991.67

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 29, 2017
Fourth 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. 159 in the Hymnal** **"Lift High the Cross"**

***Invocation** Rev. Timmerman

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We come to church each week, O Lord, and hear glorious things spoken about you and the Kingdom. Your words of life are inspiring, and as they are spoken, they cause us to think. Yet, there are many in churches today who believe that they are only nice words that have little or no power. Use this hour to remind us that you are at work in every human life. Our names and circumstances are known to you. You invite us to make space in our hearts for your spirit to come and do its work. Transform us this morning, O God, and show us what a difference you make in every life. Open our hearts and minds that they may be handled by your love and grace. We pray in the name of Jesus who revealed your power to every life. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners Rev. Timmerman

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 758-759 **Psalms 27** Austin Sanderson, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881** **Apostles' Creed** 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. 2108 in *The Faith We Sing* “O How He Loves You and Me”**
Scripture John 11: 1-7; 17-27 Rev. Timmerman

Sermon “When We Believe” Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 421 in the Hymnal “Make Me a Captive, Lord”**
*(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
celebration of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward Reid.*

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 Family, Isaiah Deal, Brewer Bradshaw (Debbie Elmore’s friend), Jim Murray. **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 — Begins February 19. Those seeking to be part of this class need to sign up. Sara Sanderson and Ken Timmerman will lead the class and a schedule of Sunday mornings will be provided.

WATF — This Wednesday at 6:30pm (No meals yet). Our study this week will continue to focus on Major Themes in Revelation as we continue our journey toward 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.

ACADEMIC TEAM TO BE HONORED — FUMC will cook/serve the Cheraw High School Academic Team on Wednesday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 8. Anyone who wishes to help in any way, please contact Sara Sanderson.

MERCILESS METHODIST — Relay for Life is coming up May 5. We need a cure for cancer and you can make this happen with your donations and prayers. But first we need all cancer survivors to register. This is how!!
1. Get a form from Angie and fill it out.
2. Go online to cancer.org.
3. Call 877-957-7848 or 800-227-2345
Please get this done now!!!

COMMITTEE WORK — Many of our committees have not met in quite a while. I would like to ask the leaders of committees to meet and make plans for the quarter before us. I would ask Missions, Worship, Trustees, Christian Education, Children’s Council, Committee on Archives and History, Endowment Fund Committee, Evangelism, Parsonage Committee, Nursery Ministry Team, and Stewardship Ministry Team to meet. Some groups have met and are meeting, but they are listed. If I have left out a group I apologize in advance. Each group needs to meet at the start of each quarter and make plans for the immediate months before us. I will be happy to meet with these committees for encouragement and to answer questions. Copies of the Officiary are available for you in the Narthex and outside the office.

Ken Timmerman

PARSON TO PERSON — One evening in another place during a recent Festival of Faith, Cooper wore his little Carolina football jersey bearing the number 21. When a friend, Ron Osborne, met Cooper that evening, he greeted Cooper and said, “I see your football jersey and number 21. Do you know who that is? (And, of course, Ron, an Ohio State fan, was referring to Ryan Brewer, a product of Ohio who came to USC to play football.) Yet, in response to Ron’s inquiry, “Do you know who that is?” Cooper responded, “Yes, it’s ME!”

In spite of the fact that he would pretend to be Spiderman or Batman or a Power Ranger, Cooper knew that he is just Cooper. There’s a great message in that as we journey to the cross. This journey helps us remember who we are, whose we are. The cross and our Lord’s Passion upon it reminds us of God’s abiding love for all of his children. The Scriptures bear testimony to that as they share teachings like “the hairs upon our head are numbered” and that “we have been known by God since before we were born.”

God in Christ died for our transgressions! What will we in response do about it? It seems to me that we would struggle to formulate lives that are filled with faith and a willingness to declare God’s centrality in our living. Most all church members could use an Extreme Makeover. As Christians, we are in a constant state of self-examination, self-evaluation, and renewal.

Somebody else’s faith will not serve us. We must each make time and take time with the Master to grow in spirit and holiness. Church is not a weekly exercise for the masses alone. It is time for the individual to come before God. And when God poses the question, “Who is it?”, we can respond saying, “It’s me, Lord. Not my brother or my sister. It’s me. Standing in the need of prayer.”

Ken Timmerman

THANK YOU — To FUMC, thank you very much for your support of the Cheraw High School yearbook. Your purchase benefits the Cheraw Yearbook program by allowing us to offer a better product to our yearbook customers. We hope that your ad is successful and brings more youth to your church, and we look forward to working with you again in the future. Alayna Carabo, Cheraw High School Yearbook Staff.

UPCOMING EVENT — UMM Sweetheart Banquet, Friday, February 17 at 7:00pm.