

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 8, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 9, 2017

11:00am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

3:00pm UMW Circle #4 (Parlor)
7:00pm UMW Circle #3

Sunday, January 15, 2017

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

GRIEF SHARE — 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 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 by Monday, January 9, 2017. Bonnie may be reached at 843-537-2422 or 843-910-7526. Sara may be reached through the church office at 843-537-7002.

JOY CLUB — Will meet on Thursday, January 19 at 12:00pm. Deadline to sign up will be noon on Monday, January 16.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Heath Ruffner

Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Turner

Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell

Next Week's Lay Reader: Alex Lee

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Counters: Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternate Counter: John Straughn

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Mary Charlotte Dusa

Worship Attendance, Jan. 1 — 131; **Attendance in Sunday School, Jan. 1** — 72

Received to Date: \$3,837.00 **Expenses to Date:** \$10,477.83

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of Jan. 1:** \$3,837.00

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.



January 8, 2017
Epiphany Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

****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.**

We celebrate The Baptism of the Lord on the second Sunday of the year and remember how Jesus submitted himself for baptism, not because he needed cleansing of sins, but to demonstrate an example for people connecting themselves to God through a symbol of God's grace. This washing ritual was a sign of community. Baptism today is a sacrament of the church and speaks of God's grace. It is not a "pass" into heaven. It is a sign that marks us as Christian disciples and in the event of infant baptism declares God's claim on a child's life. Baptism indicates that God is at work in a child's life long before the child is aware of it. United Methodists do not re-baptize because our awareness of baptism is not the issue. Baptism is God's work and we are participants in God's work. We do acknowledge and remember our baptism at appropriate times. Today you will have a chance to come and touch the water in the font and "remember your baptism."

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

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 98 in the Hymnal**

"To God Be the Glory"

***Invocation**

Rev. Timmerman

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We gather in gratitude, O God, giving thanks for your grace and mercy. Our desire is to submit to your Lordship and reframe our lives in your precious image. Help us to avoid meaningless resolutions and instead to recommit ourselves to the Christian faith. We ask that our New Year be filled with hope and promise. We celebrate your claiming us through baptism and placing your "mark" upon us. Teach us to ask forgiveness of sins daily and to seek to live in right communion with you all our days. We ask all these things in your precious name, O Christ. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Leainers

Rev. Timmerman

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 741

Psalm 25: 1-10

Leighton Becker, Lay Reader

Affirmation of Faith No. 889 **Affirmation from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16**

Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer/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. 410 in the Hymnal**

"I Want a Principle Within"

Scripture

Matthew 3: 13-4:1

Rev. Timmerman

Sermon

"God's Seal"

Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 408 in the Hymnal**

"The Gift of Love"

(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)

***Celebration of Baptism** *(Touch the water in the font and give thanks.)*

***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 Family (Lynn Tweed's friend), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Micki Lockey, 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 (Margaret Wolfe's mother), 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.

WEIGHT WATCHERS — If you are interested in joining Weight Watchers here at FUMC. We hope to start January 10, the cost for 10 weeks is \$114. Please contact Allison Becker (843-910-0542) as soon as possible, if you are interested

THANK YOU — I would like to thank all of you who volunteered with the Christmas program, especially the 'stage crew'. I would also like to thank all that helped make the Shepherds Child Program a success. Programs like this cannot happen without you! **THANK YOU!** Sara

PARSON TO PERSON — A number of years ago I participated in a study prepared by *The Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell* entitled *The Road to Wholeness*. One session of this study was devoted to *Becoming a Leader* and it was determined that before one could become a leader one needs to know how to lead. The Biblical perspective for helping individuals understand leadership is found in Philippians 2: 1-15. Among the leadership qualities in this passage are: being of one mind, not being selfish or conceited, being humble, looking out for the interests of others, being obedient to God as Christ was obedient to God, not arguing, and rejoicing.

Kirbyjon Caldwell challenged the participants to "draw up" a job description for a new church leader. Our group determined the following characteristics of a leader:

- have a knowledge of the Scriptures
- practice compassion
- uphold the Scriptures teachings
- lead by example
- understand that how you live is what your life preaches
- be accountable
- be genuine (be who you truly are)
- be dependent on grace, not merit
- tithe
- believe in the power of prayer
- perfect attendance at worship and church school
- be honest
- commitment must be visible
- accomplish things that inspire respect
- be authentic
- love the Lord with hear, mind, soul, and strength

The list is not exhaustive, but is a good guide for leaders. Kirbyjon declared in this study, "We cannot hold ourselves responsible for what folks think of us but we can contribute to the impression they may have of us." Leaders are not born; they are made. No one can be a good leader in the church without being close to God. A good leader is not swayed by those who express anger and frustration over issues. A good leader looks to God for affirmation because people are fickle. A good leader serves God as a steward and does not believe the church belongs to them. A good leader does not judge others and will love others who do not love them. The church is about the love of God and submission to God. It is not about programs and numbers. The spiritual life of our church will be determined by those who sit in the pews and comprehend that there is more to church than attendance. Let's make this a banner year for our church. *Ken Timmerman*

UMYF — Ken and I have spoken about moving UMYF back to Sunday's. 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 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

THANK YOU — On behalf of the Cheraw Primary School Family, I would like to take a moment to thank the members of First United Methodist Church for their love and generosity that was bestowed upon our students and their parents/guardians. The program was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the event. The parents/guardians expressed to me how they felt so "welcomed." Love was definitely present. Thank you again for blessing the Cheraw Primary School Family. Miss Johnson, Guidance Counselor