

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, February 19, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:00-6:30pm UMYF

Monday, February 20, 2017

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

6:30pm WATF Bible Study
12:00pm February 26 Bulletin Deadline

Friday, February 24, 2017

Ken out of office

Saturday, February 25, 2017

9:00am-12:00pm Fellowship Hall in use

Sunday, February 26, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00-6:30pm UMYF

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Anthony Harris

Lobby Door Greeter: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Jean Assef

Next Week's Lay Reader: Sawyer Becker

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Worship Attendance, Feb. 12 — 177; **Attendance in Sunday School, Feb. 12** — 83

Bible Study Attendance, Feb. 8 — 55; **Youth Attendance, Feb. 12** — 16

Received to Date: \$73,995.76 **Expenses to Date:** \$65,672.40

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of Feb. 12:** \$5,887.31

Head Usher: Keith Smith

Hostess: Flo Outen

Acolyte: Alex Lee

Cross Bearer: Lydia Lee

McArn Item: Canned soups

Altar Guild: Amy Lewis

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.



February 19, 2017
Seventh 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**

***Hymn No. 577 in the Hymnal** **"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

In the stillness, O God, receive the prayers of your people. Hear the confident voices of children, who are close to your kingdom, and the trembling voices of adults, who fear that they are not. Comfort those whose hearts have been stricken by grief, that they may live once more with hope. Bind up the wounds of the shy and the lonely and the disappointed, that they may discover love and fulfillment. Teach us all to be at peace within ourselves, that we may become peacemakers to others. Forgive us for the selfishness and shortsightedness that have blinded us to your appearances all around us — in the song of a child, the touch of a friend, the smile of a stranger, the taste of bread, the benediction of a sunset. Renew your spirit of love and creation and fellowship within us, that we may help the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdom of our Christ. And in everything, let us dance for the grace that is in us through Jesus our Lord, who is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, incarnate and sublime. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 746

Psalms 13

Austin Sanderson, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**

Lawton Harris

***Doxology No. 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Hymn No. 2162 in *The Faith We Sing

"Grace Alone"

Scripture

John 2: 1-11

Sara Sanderson

Sermon

“He Changes Things”

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Anthem

“Grace”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of Otis Quick by his 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), Kristina Roy (Mason Tomberlin’s roommate), Brewer Bradshaw (Debbie Elmore’s friend), Pete Owens, Ellison Outen, Amy Smith, Sis Funderburk, Brooklyn Boone (Jane Rumph’s niece), Frances Laney, Katherine & Carter Kenny (Mary & Johnny Johnson’s grandchildren), Susan Wilhelm (Sally Smith’s friend). **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.

LAST SUNDAY — Angela Holliday joined First Church on profession of faith. She has worshiped with us and we have enjoyed her being part of our church. We are delighted to have her officially become a member of the family.

YOUTH — Our youth group numbers on Sunday night are doing well. We are praying for still more to be present. We thank our Safe Sanctuary volunteers, and we greatly appreciate those who are providing snack supporters. We have been meeting in the Youth Hut, and it becomes more and more apparent each week how we need to refurbish it. If you wish to participate, please give above and beyond your regular support of the church. We are in the fact-gathering stage and cannot share a number yet. As soon as we have it, we will share that news with you. We love our youth, recognize how difficult it is to grow up in these times, and want to provide a special place for them to come and talk about the love of God and their faith.

MERCILESS METHODIST T-SHIRTS — Jenny Keefe is receiving orders for T-Shirts in a variety of colors. Order forms are outside the church office. Wouldn’t it be great to wear those T-shirts to church on April 30 (The Sunday that precedes the Relay for Life)? Defeating cancer is an achievable goal. Many of us have people we love who are cancer survivors. Let’s all participate.

SCOUT SUNDAY — Accolades to the Scouts and their leaders who helped make worship special last Sunday! Scouting remains the special ministry of helping young men grow in their love of country and love of God.

CONFIRMATION CLASS — Schedules are available for those interested in confirmation. We will not meet each Sunday. Ken Timmerman and Sara Sanderson will lead the classes. If anyone wants a “refresher” course, all are welcome. Most of our work will be done in class so as not to interfere with regular studies at school.

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.

COLLEGE STUDENT INFORMATION — The Christian Education Team is trying to compile a list of all our current college students and their addresses. Please submit your college students information to Angie in the church office.

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!!!

CONGRATULATIONS — Congratulations to Jessica Johnson and Chris Kenny, daughter and son-in-law of Mary and Johnny Johnson, on the birth of their twins, Katherine and Carter.

RELAY FOR LIFE — We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2017 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 5 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$113,000. What’s your life worth? How can you help? 1) We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church office marked RELAY. 2) We need you to buy lots of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love. If you would like to join our team or make an online donation, you may do so by going to www.relayforlife.org and put “Merciless Methodists” in the team search box.

PARSON TO PERSON — Charles Allen served as a United Methodist Pastor for a number of years most notably at Grace UMC in Atlanta, Georgia and then at First UMC in Houston, Texas. He was a great preacher and became an author. He wrote *God’s Psychiatry* which was a pastor’s look at Psalm 23. Listen to some of what he wrote:

Our modern word “psychiatry” comes from the two Greek words “psyche” and “itreaia.” The word “psyche” really means the person, and is variously translated as “breath,” “soul,” “mind,” “reason,” and the like. The word “itreaia” means “treatment,” “healing,” “restoring,” and the like.

So, put together the two words, and we have “the healing of the mind” or as David might have said, “the restoring of the soul.” The word can mean medical treatment by a physician, but that is only one of its meanings. Often the minister is a psychiatrist, because the minister deals not only with the minds of people but also with their souls. Beyond our bodies and minds are our souls. And only God can heal the soul. So, the first and most important psychiatry must be God’s psychiatry.

These words that come from the Introduction to his book, *God’s Psychiatry*, explain in part why Charles Allen was known to prescribe the 23rd Psalm to soul’s that were hurting. He prescribed it reading as the first choice of the day, then after breakfast, then after lunch, and the last thing before going to bed. It was to be read carefully, meditatively, and prayerfully. It was not to be a quick, hurried reading. Doing this would make things very different for one’s soul.

As I preach, I attempt to speak about how the Lord “shepherds” the church. He has specific teachings that we need to know and he issues an invitation to be like Him. I share the Scriptures that speak to human hearts about faith in God. I point to the Father who has the power to help and heal. Sometimes the healing will be painful. Sometimes, it will be uplifting. It will always be inspirational to those who listen. As a pastor, it is my job to point to truth, but it is your job to implement it. And with God’s help, I believe the church can reflect the Kingdom of God.

Too many times I believe the world conducts its business as though we were sheep without a shepherd. To connect our souls and minds to the Shepherd is to change the way we do business. The church too often tries to reflect our culture rather than fulfilling its mission to reshape the culture. After all, we are called to follow the Shepherd and not the other way around.

We start at BELIEF, then move to FOLLOWING, and finally we arrive as DISCIPLES. Think and pray about it.

Ken Timmerman