UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, February 26, 2017

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

Monday, February 27, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm GriefShare Meeting

4:30-5:30pm UMKF

6:00pm FC Child Development Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:10pm Choir Meet in Choir Room for Ash Wednesday Service

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room) 12:00pm March 5 Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, March 5, 2017

10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 3:00pm UMW Quarterly Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 5:00-6:30pm UMYF

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Emily Marsh
Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Pam Humphries
Next Week's Lay Reader: Sammy Quick
Flowers Next Sunday: Debbie & Ray McManus
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Head Usher: Keith Smith
Hostess: Flo Outen
Acolyte: Alex Lee
Cross Bearer: Lydia Lee
McArn Item: Toiletries
Altar Guild: Amy Lewis

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Worship Attendance, Feb. 19 -153; Attendance in Sunday School, Feb. 19 -106

Bible Study Attendance, Feb. 15 — 63; Youth Attendance, Feb. 19 — 16

Received to Date: \$77,911.45 **Expenses to Date:** \$74,025.47 **Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15 **Received week of Feb. 19:** \$3,915.69

FUMC STAFF

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February 26, 2017
Last Sunday After the Epiphany
Transfiguration 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.

Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before Lent, recalls Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain with Elijah and Moses. His disciples wanted to remain on the mountain for this grand experience and wanted to stay on for a long time because the experience was so amazing. Jesus indicated that they must go down the Mountain and do the work of the Kingdom. When they descended below, Jesus "set his face" toward Jerusalem knowing that the cross awaited him. The Liturgical color of the day is White to symbolizes the Lord's transfiguration and the glow of God's love that surrounded him.

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

*Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 92 in the Hymnal "Fo

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We thank you, O God, for the family that is the church. All of us have been called by your Spirit to love God and to serve this community in Your name. Thank you that everyone who abides in the Christian family has been caught. As fishermen cast their nets for a good catch, so we know you cast your word and love to catch people. Help us to understand today that our examples of faith draw people to the faith, and our examples of self-centeredness keep people away. Enable us to commit ourselves this morning to greater expressions of our love for you, O Lord. Inspire us to go on onto the roads and into the neighborhoods which are ripe unto harvest and ask people to come that they might have a closer walk with you. We ask this in the name of the One who started the fishing, Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

*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

*Doxology No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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*Hymn No. 2215 in The Faith We Sing (Sing twice) "Cares Chorus"

Scripture Luke 5: 1-11 Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon "Gone Fishing" Rev. Timmerman

*Hymn No. 421 in the Hymnal "Make Me a Captive, Lord"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and to the beauty and joy of spring.

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), 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), Anna Schoderbek (Buddy & Reba Brooks' daughter), Jane Mayhew, Ruby Sims (Jane Mayhew'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.

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS — The schedule for the Confirmation Classes are as follows: February 26, March 12, April 9, April 23, May 7 and May 21; all classes will be held at 10:00am. Confirmation Sunday will be held on June 4.

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!!!

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY — There will be no study time this week as we participate in the Imposition of Ashes in our Ash Wednesday service. The service will begin at 6:30pm. This is an important beginning to our Lenten journey. Make plans to attend.

GIVING UP FOR LENT — This tradition probably grows out of Lenten penance for sin and fasting to be one with Jesus in suffering. Churches or individuals may give to people in need the money saved from their practice of self-denial. In more recent years, people have begun to add something to their ministry to people by helping individuals during Lent.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS — Life Line Screening will be back at FUMC on Monday, March 13. The church office has a few coupons for these tests. If you are interested in a coupon, please contact Angie in the church office. There are only a few and they will be given out on a first come basis.

PARSON TO PERSON — Years ago I had the opportunity to meet Bishop Ernest Fitzgerald. It was in the midst of a church trial in which I was serving as an advocate for the person accused of wrongdoing. I found Bishop Fitzgerald to be a caring individual and after this "church trial experience" was completed, he wrote me on occasion to express interest in my ministry and to thank me for being someone who was willing to seek truth. I was always thankful for his interest in my ministry and was saddened on the occasion of his death.

A friend's daughter-in-law sent me some of Bishop Fitzgerald's writings. One writing was entitled *It's All Right to Get Mad*. Since the church generally discourages anger, I immediately read it and found some very important insights. Allow me to share them.

There are instances when people "fly off the handle" and create havoc for themselves and the people around them. Sometimes fits of anger last only a few moments. At other times, anger smolders for months, even years. More often than not, the results are devastating. Because of these destructive effects, many people believe anger to be evil. Anger is not always bad. Three things should be remembered:

- —All of us have impulses which are not necessarily evil; these impulses are divine gifts. These impulses are as much a part of our lives as the instinctual response to hunger. The Great Teacher overturned tables of money-changers in the Temple and drove them away. And he was perfect! Temper is an important asset in life. A person without temper is too easily bent and often breaks. We must remember, however, it is not good to exercise impulses without restraint.
- —It is the way these impulses are used that determines whether they are good or evil. An old folk saying goes like this: "The size of a person can be measured by the size of the things it takes to make him or her mad." Our problem is that we get mad about the wrong things. We should get angry about injustices, betrayed trusts, and evil forces. We should not get angry over trifles.
- —If anger is to be power, it must be controlled. When the Great Teacher got angry in the Temple, he did not get angry with the evildoer. He was angry with the evil. Temper is to be controlled, not destroyed. We get mad when the neighbor cuts over the line of the yards or someone's dog gets in our yard, or someone cuts us off in traffic. We must ask the question, "Am I losing my temper over something that counts?"

Psalm 8 poses the question to God: "What is man or woman that you are mindful of them?" He is the one who made us. Who we are and what we are must be used to glorify God. The church is blessed when we use who we are, and what we have in positive ways. Do you handle your anger or does it handle you? *Ken Timmerman*