

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, February 5, 2017

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

Monday, February 6, 2017

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

9:30am Clergy Gathering
5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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

Sunday, February 12, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Rhett Butler

Lobby Door Greeter: Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Altar Guild: Amy Lewis

Next Week's Lay Reader: Pam Baker

Flowers Next Sunday: Emily Marsh

Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate Counter: Mary Burr

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner

Worship Attendance, Jan. 29 — 164; **Attendance in Sunday School, Jan. 29** — 95

Received to Date: \$60,345.33 **Expenses to Date:** \$45,585.47

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of Jan. 29:** \$5,360.52

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 5, 2017
Fifth 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. 163 in the Hymnal** **"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"**

*Invocation

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Father, we walk in the door each Sunday asking that you help us grow in our faith and in our trusting. Help us to keep those promises to love and honor you with heart, mind, soul, and strength. Teach us today that you keep your promises to humanity and are ever faithful in your Word. Just as you blessed five thousand hungry people with one boy's offering of food, we pray you bless us with our offerings of praise and thanksgiving. We welcome your Spirit into our hearts this morning and make our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 821 **Psalm 100** Lydia Lee, 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

***Doxology No. 95** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Old 100th

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn No. 2022 in *The Faith We Sing **"Great Is the Lord"**

Scripture **John 6: 1-14** Rev. Timmerman

Sermon

“God is Always Faithful”

Rev. Timmerman

*Hymn No. 657 in the Hymnal

“This Is the Day”

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

*Benediction

*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), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith’s uncle), Raul Wetternek, Carl Li, Miriam H. Michaels (Judy Jones’ sister), Calvin Freeman (Betty Board’s brother), Kristina Roy (Mason Tomberlin’s roommate), James & Linda Thurman (Angie Smith’s parents), Isaiah Deal, Brewer Bradshaw (Debbie Elmore’s friend), Jim Murray, Pete Owens, Manfred Kollitz, Ellison Outen. **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.

THANK YOU — Thank you all for your generous expressions of love and appreciation. Being the Director of Music and Organist at FUMC has been one of the best experiences of my musical career. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and be a part of the FUMC family. To the choir—thank you for your dedication, love, and support. You all are truly an amazing group of talented people. Till we meet again, *Shane*.

MUSIC — Mary Lynn Watkins is going to be in place to help us continue our tradition of good music for worship with the choir singing. Our prayer is that this will lead to good things. Mary Lynn is a wonderful woman of faith and has great talent to share. Keep her in your prayers as she helps us.

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.

ACADEMIC TEAM TO BE HONORED — FUMC will cook/serve the Cheraw High School Academic Team on 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!!!

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

PARSON TO PERSON — We live in a sea of opinions. Every opinion should count, but every opinion does not necessarily contain truth that benefits the world. We live in the midst of narcissism which is self-love. Each person holds their version of personal truth as the best thing for themselves and for others. I am not going to judge that, but I want to offer a word about THE TRUTH which comes from God and is higher than personal truths. Opinions are important and people are entitled to them. No one should “give” you your opinion or “legislate” your opinion for you. This is America where free speech reigns even though there are those who want it silenced. Speech and violence should not be linked. Media News agencies should not create their reports in such a way as to coerce people into “guided” opinions. Opinions should not create drama so that everything becomes stress-filled. Thanks to technology today no one has unpublished thoughts. The Book of James declares, “Be quick to listen and slow to speak.” This is a great teaching because differences of opinion lead to character assignation.

What seems to be missing today is that it is impossible for everyone’s opinion to prevail. Some folks are going to have to come to grips with their thoughts not being the prevailing thoughts. The best thing we can do is to “speak the truth in love.” To speak truth, one must know the truth. That’s where the church comes in. No one speaks for God. Our mission is to speak about God and use God’s words to spread the Gospel and the faith. God doesn’t give us opinions. God gives us the truth. His nature is truth, and God speaks the truth to our human condition.

It takes humility to not get puffed up when things in the world are not going your way. It takes humility to ask God how our ideas and opinions should be shaped. It takes humility to submit to the truth when our opinion might be different. I think the plethora of opinions today is lined to the lack of knowledge of the Scriptures. In the church, humility is the key to faith. Submission to God is not popular, but it is necessary. Think about it.

Ken Timmerman