

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, April 16, 2017

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, April 17, 2017

2:00pm GriefShare Meeting
12:00pm J.O.Y. Club Reservation Deadline
OFFICE CLOSED EASTER HOLIDAY

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
5:30pm Weight Watchers
6:30pm Endowment Committee Meeting (Fred Harris Classroom)

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

12:00pm April 23 Bulletin Deadline
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 20, 2017

12:00pm J.O.Y Club Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Friday—Sunday, April 21-23, 2017

Confirmation Retreat (Lake Junaluska)

Sunday, April 23, 2017

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Curtis Jones
Lobby Door Greeters: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Kim Williamson
Next Week's Lay Reader: Lilly Melton
Flowers Next Sunday: Traynham Estate
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby
Worship Attendance, April 9 — 166; **Attendance in Sunday School, April 9** — 109
Youth Attendance, April 9 — 6; **Bible Study Attendance, April 5** — 47
Received to Date: \$131,603.52; **Expenses to Date:** \$123,437.28
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week of April 9:** \$5,700.72

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor (timmerman@sc.rr.com)
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April 16, 2017
Easter 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.

Easter Joy: The world gathers together in churches across the world to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The focus is united on this Holy day. From the morning that the women went to the tomb and found it empty, our world has celebrated God's promise to overcome death. The early Christians changed the Sabbath from Friday and Saturday to Sunday. This was done to remember that the resurrection of Jesus happened on Sunday. Martin Luther said that every Sunday morning when Christians gather for worship, it should be a "little Easter." This morning we greet you with music and praise as we welcome you to God's house, and we rejoice in our risen Lord. "Hear the bells ringing that Christ is risen from the dead."

Prelude

"Christ Arose"

Lowry

*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew,
putting the sheet in the offering plate.*

*Call to Worship

"Easter Song"

*Hymn No. 302 in the Hymnal

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal

"The Apostles' Creed"

Greg Sanderson, Lay Reader

*Gloria Patri

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*Offertory

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Handel

*Doxology No. 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Story in Song

**“Behold the Lamb”
“Then Came Sunday”
“Holy is He”**

Shackley
Strader
Clydesdale

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Scripture

John 20: 1-16

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

“The First One In and The Last One Out!”

*Hymn No. 304 in the Hymnal

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

*Benediction

“Easter Song”

Bells, Choirs, Brass

*Postlude

“He Lives”

Ackley

***Please stand if 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), Amy Smith, Sis Funderburk, Catherine & Carter Kenny (Mary & Johnny Johnson’s grandchildren), Jane Mayhew, Ruby Sims (Jane Mayhew’s friend), Erika O’Neil (Theodore Burns’ friend), Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby’s sister), Mary Burr, Stan Quick, Meg Redlin, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk’s son), Elizabeth Caughman (Flo and Ellison Outens great-grandchild). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SPECIAL THANKS — Special thanks to those who helped with the special music today: Margaret Jean Harris, trumpet; Vincent Prevatte, trumpet; Steve McGinnis, tuba; Lawton Harris, tympani; Amy Goodwin, flute; and John Wagon for being our narrator.

J.O.Y. CLUB — The J.O.Y Club will meet for a catered meal by Hidden Treasurers on Thursday, April 20. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00 per person. Please make your reservation with your caller **no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, April 17.**

COLLEGE GRADUATES INFORMATION — We need information from those graduating from college this year; please call or email Angie with this information. We will use this information on graduation Sunday.

ACCOLADES — To James C. Williamson, Ph.D., who was installed as President of the North Carolina Community College System on April 10, 2017. Congratulations and best wishes to him.

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? [WE HAVE ENOUGH SOFT DRINKS AND WATER, PLEASE PURCHASE LUMINARIES.](#) 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.

MERCILESS METHODIST RELAY STATUS — These are the amounts that we have to date: Luminaries 112 (*we had 208 last year, we need you to purchase luminaries today*); Tee Shirts 44; Soft Drinks/Water 17; Purple Ribbons 1; Business Signs 2.

WATF — This Wednesday at 6:30pm, we will continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 4 will be our focus.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT — Will be at Lake Junaluska on April 21-23.

VBS VOLUNTEERS — It is time to start planning for VBS the week of June 11. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Sara at 843-910-7987.

UMYF BEACH RETREAT, JULY 16-21 — Sign up and a deposit of \$100.00 is due by May 22.

YOUTH SUNDAY — Will be held on April 30. Please make plans to attend.

PARSON TO PERSON — I remember many facets of Easter as I grew from being a child to an adult. As Easter approaches, I have been thinking about the many things I have learned.

1. I remember waking on Easter morning to get an Easter basket and being taught that the eggs were symbols of the resurrection.
2. I remember being taught that new clothes on Easter were not nearly as important as a new heart.
3. I remember growing up and learning to love singing “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” and the great celebration that music inspires.
4. I remember pictures of family and the church and the beautiful lilies.
5. I remember thanking God for people like the Reverend Dr. John M. Younginer, Jr. whose ministry taught me about the significance of Lent and how important it is to remember and to relive the journey to the cross and the victory of the empty tomb.
6. I remember the great power of hearing the Hallelujah Chorus sung in worship.
7. I remember the many flowers decorating the Living Cross.
8. I remember the numbers of people coming to worship even when rains were falling on Easter Sunday.

Easter is a great day in the life of the church. In the resurrection of Jesus, comes the promise of new life and the gift of eternal salvation. Is there greater news? In the Gospel of Mark, it declares that when those who encountered the empty tomb, they left in silence and said nothing to anyone. It was Easter silence. Yet, the world got the message! *Ken Timmerman*

