

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, April 2, 2017

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

Monday, April 3, 2017

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

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

5:30pm Weight Watchers
5:30pm Missions Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

12:00pm Lenten Lunch at Baptist Church
12:00pm April 9 Bulletin Deadline
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00-6:30pm UMYF

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jerry Therrell
Lobby Door Greeter: Pete Owens & Ellison Outen
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Sally Smith
Next Week's Lay Reader: Hollis Dusa
Flowers Next Sunday: Kim Williamson
Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore
Alternate Counter: Mary Burr
Head Usher: Jeff Johnson
Hostess: Carole Hennessee
Acolyte: Hollis Dusa
Cross Bearer: Mary Charlotte Dusa
McArn Item: Peanut Butter
Altar Guild: Susan Eschenfelder, Zenda Rushing
Worship Attendance, March 26 — 160; **Attendance in Sunday School, March 26** — 104
Youth Attendance, March 26 — 14 **Bible Study Attendance, March 22** — 49
Received to Date: \$118,396.97 **Expenses to Date:** \$101,981.54
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of March 26:** \$4,214.50

FUMC STAFF

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April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple

****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, putting the sheet in the offering plate.*

*Call to Worship

***Hymn No. 128 in the Hymnal** **"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"**

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We thank you for the freedom that we have to live our lives fully. You allow us to make choices for living even when they do not honor you. We are able to decide to worship or not. We come asking your help and you never fail to offer it. When we seek forgiveness, we always find it. We are thankful this morning that your goodness doesn't depend on our goodness. We thank you that you love us even though you hate our sins. Help us this morning to make better choices and decisions. May we glorify you by the way we live and not by words only. Remind us not to take our freedom in Christ for granted. It is by grace only that we live, and we thank you in His name and Spirit. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 744 **Psalm 9: 11-20** Mary Charlotte Dusa, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal** **"The 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. 2108 in *The Faith We Sing **"O How He Loves You and Me"**

The Prayer for Illumination (In Unison)

Come, Holy Spirit. Unlock the Truth and inspire our hearts that we may be led in the Way that leads to eternal life. AMEN

Scripture

Galatians 5: 1-9

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

“Outward Signs—Inward Glow”

Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 365 in the Hymnal**

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God; and in memory of Lanny Rayfield by Brenda Rayfield and his children.

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, Sloan Baker(Charlotte Crosby’s sisters), Mary Burr. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

YOUTH MATTERS — A new basketball goal is coming for our youth to use outside. Also, remember we are planning to refurbish the Youth Hut to make it a first-rate place for our youth to hold meetings. Renaming the Youth Hut will be a part of the plan as well. If you want to contribute to this refurbishment, please clearly mark your checks “for Youth Hut.” Rebuilding is not on the table at this time. We have asked the youth the types of things they desire to see happen, and they have responded. It is a project we all need to support above and beyond our regular support of the church. *Ken Timmerman*

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. Rev. Ken plans to go to the campuses and take our college students as a group for a meal.

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.

MERCILESS METHODIST RELAY STATUS — These are the amounts that we have to date: Luminaries 87; Tee Shirts 44; Soft Drinks/Water 14; Purple Ribbons 1; Business Signs 2.

WATF — This Wednesday at 6:30pm, we will continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 3 will be our focus.

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

NEW CUB SCOUT PACK # 653 — A new Cub Scout Pack has been formed and is meeting on Thursdays at 5:30pm at the Scout Hut. Applications for both youth and adults can be picked up at the church office.

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.

UMYF — Don’t forget to sell your luminaries!!!!

PAINT PARTY — The Ezer Sunday School Class is sponsoring a paint party led by Melanie Truskey on April 6 from 7:00-9:00pm in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$25 which includes all the supplies. Come join the fun. If you want to join us, please call the church office so Angie can get a count for the artist.

SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE — WHO? Salkehatchie Summer Service is for high school and college age youth drawn primarily from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. Participants must be at least 14 years old by the beginning of the camp they attend. Adult leaders are also needed to offer guidance and support.

HOW MUCH? There is a \$230 fee per person. Each volunteer participates fully in the experience of serving, growing, learning and sharing together.

WHEN? FUMC participants have been attending the Foothills camp for the past several years. Dates for this year’s Foothills camp are July 1-8. If Foothills does not suit your schedule, other camps are available on other dates.

HOW TO SIGN UP? Go to the Salkehatchie.org home page and click on “2017 Registration Now Open.”

QUESTIONS? Contact Shannon Johnson or Dawn Leach.

PARSON TO PERSON — I enjoy watching the game show channel and catching shows like “Deal or No Deal.” Since television is “instruction,” it amazes me how the “greed” that lives in many people manages to “inspire” contestants to take so many extra chances. Rather than go home with very good money, many end up going home with next to nothing because “greed,” has led them to bad choices and risk taking. Our family finds itself “shouting” at the screen, “Take the deal!” In the midst of instruction from the tube that says “go with greed” we counter it by saying, “Take the deal!”

I saw a commercial that has two men on a basketball court. One guy is talking a great deal as he dribbles the ball. The other guy is just watching him as the guy makes all his “moves.” One guy is doing all the talking...one is watching. As one guy puts up a shot, the other blocks the ball back into the guy’s face. The guy crumples to the ground. (I take note that the other guy offers no consolation to the injured guy nor does he say, “Sorry.”) The commercial continues with the guy showing a video of this on his cell phone to co-workers at his office. Guy with two black eyes and bruises on his face asks, “Whatcha watching?” And with snickers and lowered eyes, they say it is okay to gloat over hurting someone else...and that other people’s pain is funny...I counter by saying, “Being ugly is a bad thing.” Instruction is all around us today via images and slogans. Humankind has always been replete with “instructions” offered by the words, actions, and deeds of people. It is not a new thing. Even on the cross when Jesus called out, “I thirst,” some standing nearby offered him “sour wine.” (John 19:28-29)

I am thankful for the church as it lifts up “higher instruction” from the Bible and through the life of Jesus. The “ways of the world” are not always the best teachers. The Scriptures remain valid today because they reveal a Living God, a Loving Savior, and a Holy Spirit. Our journey to the cross during Lent is a place where the ground is level, and God’s love reaches out to everyone. But it is also a place where love and life are raised to a higher plain.

It is here where such “instruction” reaches out. It’s different than on TV and we have no commercial breaks.

Ken Timmerman

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 9 — PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 13 — MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT 7:30PM

APRIL 15 — EASTER EGG HUNT 10:00AM

APRIL 16 — EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:30AM

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00AM