

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship
 5:00-6:30pm UMYF

Monday, March 13, 2017

2:00pm GriefShare Meeting
 4:30-5:30pm UMKF
Life Line Screening

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
 3:00pm UMW Circle # 4 (Parlor)
 5:30pm Weight Watchers
 7:00pm UMW Circle # 3 (Home of Carole Hennessee)

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

12:00pm March 19 Bulletin Deadline
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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

SYMPATHY — Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Frances Laney who passed away on March 5, 2017. Our sympathy to David Rohde upon the death of a friend whom he shared a brotherly love with.
 Jesus said, **"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live. John 11: 25**

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Harold Lomas	Head Usher: Theodore Burns
Lobby Door Greeter: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills	Hostess: Lib Norton
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Michelle Rohde	Acolyte: Sawyer Becker
Next Week's Lay Reader: Sophia Prevatte	Cross Bearer: Leighton Becker
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN	McArn Item: Canned milk
Counters: Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick	Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff & Ruth Ann Jones
Alternate Counter: John Straughn	
Worship Attendance, March 5 — 168; Attendance in Sunday School, March 5 — 106	
Youth Attendance, March 5 — 16	
Received to Date: \$104,012.98 Expenses to Date: \$90,342.89	
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 Received week of Feb. 26: \$21,957.76	

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor (timmerman@sc.rr.com)
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First United Methodist Church
 A Service of Christian Worship
 The church with a heart, in the heart of Cheraw.
March 12, 2017
Second 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.*

***Call to Worship**

***Hymn No. 133 in the Hymnal** **"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Forgive us, Lord, for the lack of prayer we embrace. Days are busy and we have so much to do. Teach us today the desire you have for us to make time to talk with you. Remind us that after we pray you expect us to listen as you speak to our hearts. We admit that sometimes we treat prayer like it is supposed to be magic. We ask, and we expect immediate results, and we expect you to give us what we ask. Speak to us this morning and remind us that many times your answer to some prayers is NO. Forgive us that prayer has become just asking you for things. Forgive us when we ask you to fix other people. Speak to us this morning and remind us that you are into one-on-one conversations. Visit with us this morning, and conduct your business with each of us in your personal way. Point us to the cross and help us to see the power of love in it. Transform us as we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 772 **Psalms 37: 1-11** Jacob Rohde, 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. 424 in the Hymnal** **"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"**

Scripture **Luke 11: 1-4** Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

“No Magic”

Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 378 in the Hymnal**

“Amazing Grace”

***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 Dick Griggs
by Scott, Gini, Cameron and Greer Eddins.*

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, Frances Laney Family, Katherine & Carter Kenny (Mary & Johnny Johnson’s grandchildren), 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.**

NEW MEMBER — On February 26, Jan Rogers joined First Church by transfer of letter. 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.

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.

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 21; Tee Shirts 25; Soft Drinks/Water 3; Purple Ribbons 1.

WATF — This Wednesday at 6:30pm, we will continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 2 will be our focus.

OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING MONDAY — After 8 months here, I have watched the ebb and flow of the office, our peoples’ needs, and we are adjusting the office hours. The Church Office will be closed on Fridays. Monday through Thursday, the Office will be open 8:30am until 4:30pm. This will have Angie working an hour longer each day we are open. We have numerous calls and people coming to the church after 3:30, Angie’s normal departure time.

J.O.Y CLUB — Will meet on March 16 at 12:00noon. Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with us. Hostesses are Gailya Wilson and Dare Marsh. Sign up with your caller or call Mary Burr 843-537-3920 to make reservations before 12:00noon on Monday, March 13.

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.

M25 (Relational Ministry) CAMP DEADLINE — Sign up and make a deposit of \$75.00 for the youth (6th grade and up) by March 27. Adults are needed for this trip.

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

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS — **PLEASE SUBMIT 10 PHOTOS FOR A VIDEO PRESENTATION ON SENIOR DAY TO SARA BY MARCH 30.**

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

SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE — **WHO?** 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 — “Brock, do you want to ask Jesus into your heart?” asked his father. Brock thought about it for a moment and said in a matter-of-fact fashion, “No.” His dad was a bit bewildered wondering why his son, Brock, talked about Jesus and the church so much but did not want to invite the Lord in. Then Brock said as only a little one can: “As soon as Jesus gets out of the Bible, I will ask him into my life.”

For many people, Jesus is someone who is a character in a book, and the mission of the church is to help the Lord become big as life and real for the sake of the world. There are some ways to help the Lord become “real” for others, and while my list is not exhaustive, it is a good starting place.

1. Get up and go to church on Sundays. Many people do not understand why people use Sundays for worship when there are so many other choices of things to do. The Lord taught us to keep the Sabbath holy and coming to church is one way to do that. It demonstrates our love and loyalty to a living Lord.

2. Keep calm when all around you do not. We live in a world where emotions escalate. One person says this and the other says that. Emotions and frustrations move from one level to the next. Christians can provide a great example of how vital peace and calm can be. It is the living Lord who declares that he gives “peace” to his people. Model it!

3. Offer prayer over your food in restaurants. Too many times we wait to be seated, our names are called, we place our orders and we “dig” in. It is good to pause and bow offering gratitude for God’s gift of food and nourishment. Wasn’t it our living Lord who asked his disciples, “Can’t you remain awake and pray with me one hour?”

4. See every person as a member of creation’s family. Too many times we allow differences to separate and divide. Bill Bouknight taught me how to see all as brothers and sisters and to call them that! Wasn’t it Jesus who, as the Good Shepherd, left the flock and went to find the one who was lost?

The journey to the cross is with a living Jesus. The invitation to reflect him comes daily! It is also our high privilege to talk to Christ and to God in prayer. A great model is our Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that does not have the word “I” in it. Think on it. *Ken Timmerman*

INSTALLATION INVITE — The North Carolina Community College System requests the honor of your presence at the Installation of the 8th System Office President, James C. Williamson, PH.D at 10:00am on Monday, April 10, 2017, in The Robert L. and Elizabeth S. Cole Auditorium and Community Center, Richmond Community College, Hamlet, NC. RSVP by March 24 to 919-807-6950 or mckenziep@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.