

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC**

**Sunday, March 19, 2017**

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

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

2:00pm GriefShare Meeting  
4:30-5:30pm UMKF

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Weight Watchers

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

12:00pm Lenten Lunch at Baptist Church (Ken to speak)  
12:00pm March 26 Bulletin Deadline  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Thursday, March 23, 2017**

April Newsletter Deadline

**Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2017**

Fisher Rehearsal and Wedding

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeter:** Linda Smith  
**Lobby Door Greeter:** Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler  
**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Michelle Rohde  
**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Sophia Prevatte  
**Flowers Next Sunday:** Communion  
**Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell  
**Alternate Counters:** David McLean, Walter Crosby  
**Worship Attendance, March 12** — 114; **Attendance in Sunday School, March 12** — 79  
**Youth Attendance, March 12** — 12 **Bible Study Attendance, March 8** — 58  
**Received to Date:** \$110,326.45 **Expenses to Date:** \$99,067.03  
**Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15 **Received week of March 12:** \$6,313.19

**FUMC STAFF**

**Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor** (timmerman@sc.rr.com)  
**Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant** (fumcangiesmith@gmail.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 19, 2017**  
**Third 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** "Arise, My Soul, Arise" Troubadours  
"Lead Me, Lord"  
"Praise Ye, Praise the Lord"

**\*Hymn No. 428 in the Hymnal** "For the Healing of the Nations"

**\*Special Music Presentation** "Holy Is the Lord" Troubadours  
"Who Can Satisfy"  
"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
"The Gift of Love"  
"Forever Young"  
"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

**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**

**Scripture** Psalm 103: 1-14 Rev. Ken Timmerman

**Sermon** "A Good Deed" Rev. Timmerman

**\*Hymn No. 147 in the Hymnal** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**\*Benediction** "The Smallest Things" Troubadours

**\*Postlude**

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

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God; and in honor of Ron & Bonnie Cundiff on their 55th wedding anniversary by their grateful daughters, Cathy Edwards and Meg Redlin.*

**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), Erika O'Neil (Theodore Burns' friend), Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**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](http://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 66; Tee Shirts 34; Soft Drinks/Water 7; Purple Ribbons 1.

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

**M25 (Relational Ministry) CAMP DEADLINE** — M25 Mission Camp serves the homeless and impoverished. M25 focuses less on manual labor and more on relational ministry as students get a rare chance to meet, get to know, and serve people from a different side of life. Participants also experience nightly worship services and daily training on how to go back home and impact their own community. 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 HIGH SCHOOL 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!!!!

**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. **WHY?** Many of our neighbors in South Carolina live in homes needing repair, and Jesus has called us to love our neighbor (Luke 10:29-37). South Carolina United Methodist Youth need to experience Christian servanthood. And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

**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](http://Salkehatchie.org) home page and click on "2017 Registration Now Open."

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Shannon Johnson or Dawn Leach.

**PARSON TO PERSON** — James W. Moore has written a word that he discovered in the newsletter of Indian River United Methodist Church. It details the difference between a chore and a privilege.

If you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job.

If you're doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a job.

If you stay with it even when no one seems to notice, it's a ministry.

It's hard to get excited about a job.

It's impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

People may say "well done" when you do your job.

The Lord will say "well done" when you complete your ministry.

One of the many things about First Church for which I am thankful is the willingness of individuals to discern their "gifts" and to render service unto God. Every member of this church has a ministry to offer and I see that "fashioned" in persons who lend themselves to those items which create the heart and soul of a faithful church.

I see individuals who give themselves to the ministry of singing not because they have more time to give than others, but because they believe the music ministry of First Church sets the tone of our worship experiences. I see individuals who lend themselves to making Wednesday evenings a "church night" and trusting that fellowship and study are vital to faith development. I see individuals who volunteer to teach Church School which can be a seemingly thankless task. Yet, individuals offer themselves because they believe that Christian Education is essential to faith development. We have folks to undergird Bible Study offerings...people who make church attendance a priority...ushers and altar guild persons who do their job faithfully....persons who work the sound board because it is needed...acolytes and crucifers who process with cross and the Light of Christ...youth who attend youth meetings even though they have other things they could be doing...young learners who come to the front of the church during worship to get life lessons.

At the end of the day, the working members of First Church must feel good to know they have not done their job, but have offered a ministry for the good of the whole Church. Is there something you can do for the Kingdom?

*Ken Timmerman*