

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 5, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship
 3:00pm UMW Quarterly Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00-6:30pm UMYF

Monday, March 6, 2017

2:00pm GriefShare Meeting
 3:00pm March 12 Bulletin Deadline
 4:30-5:30pm UMKF

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

10:00am Staff Meeting
 5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 9, 2017

ANGIE VACATION DAY

Friday, March 10, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, March 12, 2017

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Betty Thrailkill
Lobby Door Greeter: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Sarah Allen
Next Week's Lay Reader: Jacob Rohde
Flowers Next Sunday: Gini Eddins
Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore
Alternate Counter: Mary Burr
Head Usher: Theodore Burns
Hostess: Lib Norton
Acolyte: Sawyer Becker
Cross Bearer: Leighton Becker
McArn Item: Canned vegetables
Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff & Ruth Ann Jones

Worship Attendance, Feb. 26 — 158; **Attendance in Sunday School, Feb. 26** — 99
Ash Wednesday Service Attendance — 80; **Youth Attendance, Feb. 26** — 8
Received to Date: \$82,055.22 **Expenses to Date:** \$83,102.23
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of Feb. 19:** \$4,143.77

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 5, 2017
First 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. 103 in the Hymnal** **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We thank you for the privilege of gathering together as a family of faith, O God. Help us to bring all we are and hope to be to this sacred place and seek the transformation that heaven affords. You alone are the One to whom we turn that we might discover who to be and how to be. Allow us to celebrate that we are marked by your love and it shines in us. Grant us the power to worship you in spirit and in truth this morning and to surrender any part of us that we hold in reserve from you. As Jesus walked to the cross for our sake, may we live for him. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 771 **Psalms 36: 5-10** Sammy Quick, 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. 371 in the Hymnal** **"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"**

Scripture **John 13: 31b-35** Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon **"Love One Another!"** Rev. Timmerman

***Hymn No. 408 in the Hymnal** **"The Gift of Love"**

*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 the glory of our Lord, we honor all our grandchildren and great-grandchildren by Ray and Debbie McMcanus.

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), Brewer Bradshaw (Debbie Elmore's friend), Pete Owens, Ellison Outen, Amy Smith, Sis Funderburk, Brooklyn Boone (Jane Rumph's niece), Frances Laney, Katherine & Carter Kenny (Mary & Johnny Johnson's grandchildren), Susan Wilhelm (Sally Smith's friend), Anna Schoderbek (Buddy & Reba Brooks' daughter), 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.**

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.

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!!!

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.

WATF — We will begin our study on the book of Revelation this coming Wednesday.

OFFICE HOURS — 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 to make reservations before 12:00noon on Monday, March 13.

SPECIAL CHANCE TO HELP — Advent United Methodist Church in Simpsonville had its Sanctuary burn a few weeks ago. They were in the midst of refurbishing the Sanctuary. A small spark while cutting steel ignited the fire. Because of the renovation, most of their Sanctuary possessions were in their gymnasium where they have been holding worship. Those who wish to help Advent can pray, and if you want to offer financial help, they have established a fund "After the Fire" at www.advent-umc.org. Give directly or give to First Church Cheraw and we will get it to them.

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. Other camps are available on other dates if Foothills does not suit your schedule.

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 — When Dave Thomas died of liver cancer at the age of 69, America lost one of its favorite pitchmen. He was an ordinary guy like one might expect to see behind the counter of one of the 6,000 Wendy's stores. He'd ask you whether you wanted the Monterey Ranch chicken sandwich, or more bacon on the bacon cheeseburger. He'd invite you to pump as much ketchup as you wanted (a plus in my book!). He owned the company and he wanted you to come back.

Dave seemed like an ordinary Joe, but he had uncommon business sense. He understood the value of R.O.I. If you didn't get a RETURN ON INVESTMENT, you'd be out of business before the lard hardened in the fryer. Return on investment is the percentage you earned on cash you've invested.

Leonard Sweet in Homiletics says that Jesus is interested in R.O.I. but without the money signs. The Lord wants investments of our lives so there can be a R.O.I for the good of the Kingdom. Once he used a little boy who had five loaves and two fish to bring forth a R.O.I of 5,000 people being fed and staying put to listen to the truth of God as Jesus spoke it.

God comes calling and asking us to use what we have to bring a R.O.I for the Kingdom. Too many times our response to God is:

1. "I have nothing."
2. "I'm too old for that sort of thing".
3. "I'm too busy."
4. "I'm not ordained."
5. "I've got too much on my plate right now."

God uses what we surrender and brings forth a *return on investment* for the Kingdom and the church. By the way, your presence today will promise a R.O.I. *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@nccommunitycolleges.edu.