

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, April 30, 2017
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
 5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
 12:00pm May 7 Bulletin Deadline
 6:30pm WATF Bible Study
 7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, May 5, 2017
 Relay for Life

Sunday, May 7, 2017
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service



First United Methodist Church
 A Service of Christian Worship
 The church with a heart, in the heart of Cheraw.



April 30, 2017
Third Sunday of Easter
Youth 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.

Prelude Margaret Jean Harris and Leighton Becker
Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)** Ella Prevatte
 We thank you, O God, that the age of a person is not what you seek when calling people to ministry. You called Jeremiah as a teen to speak your word. You called Joseph as a very young man to be an earthly father to Jesus. You inspired a youngster whose name was Stephen to stand up for the faith. Thank you that you judge a person's heart rather than their age when you call us to service. Bless this congregation for the family it is. We have people of all ages and stages here to praise you. Draw us together with chords of love that cannot be broken. We pray in the name of the Lord who makes us family. AMEN

Words from Margaret Jean Harris

Reception of New Member — Congregational Prayer: O God, receive our joy today as we welcome this new member into this portion of the body of Christ. We pray that you will strengthen our church through our witness and ministry as we join together in the faith. We ask you, O Lord, to surround all of us in this community of love and forgiveness, bless each gift of service and compassion, as we seek to grow in our trust of you and willingness to serve others. AMEN.

Special Music "Praise You in the Storm" Keyshawn Melton

Life Lessons for Young Learners Leighton and Sawyer Becker

Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 762 Psalm 30 Sophia Prevatte

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal "The Apostles' Creed"**

***Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Jacob Rohde

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings
***Offertory** Lawton Harris
***Doxology No. 95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Renie Seel
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Alayna Carabo
Next Week's Lay Reader: Susan Marsh
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph
Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker
Worship Attendance, April 23 — 141; **Attendance in Sunday School, April 23** — 90
Youth Attendance, April 23 — No Meeting **Bible Study Attendance, April 19** — 49
Received to Date: \$143,565.53 **Expenses to Date:** \$135,332.36
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15 **Received week of April 23:** \$3,596.20

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor (timmerman@sc.rr.com)
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***Hymn No. 2130 in *The Faith we Sing* “The Summons”**

The Prayer for Illumination (In Unison) Jacob Rohde
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 **Philippians 1:27; Philippians 2:5-8** Jacob Rohde

Sermon **“Attitudes: Do They Matter?”** Austin Sanderson

Special Music **“Even If”** Keyshawn Melton

Benediction Page No. 2164 in *The Faith We Sing (Congregation is asked to join in.) **“Sanctuary”**

***Postlude**
***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, Amy Smith, Sis Funderburk, 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), Judy Quick (Sally Smith’s friend), Pete Hendrix (Sue McManus’ brother), Sue McManus. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

CELEBRATION — Today Keyshawn Melton joins First Church by transferring from Pine Grove Baptist Church. He has worshiped with us and we have enjoyed him being a part of our church. We are delighted to have him officially become a member of the family.

SYMPATHY — FUMC extends our heartfelt sympathy to Jeff Johnson upon the death of his brother, Richard Johnson.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER — If you would like to come by the church to pray and light a candle on the altar rail on Thursday, May 4, you may do so from 8:30am—6:00pm. Please use the lobby door by the office.

CONFIRMATION — Our journey is not yet finished. We have classes on the schedule for May. Confirmation Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Pentecost is the day for young members joining the church. In the days of Peter, and James, and John there were thousands daily adding their name to the church and pledging to follow Christ and to be the Church.

EPWORTH — TRANSFORM A CHILD’S FUTURE — Each year, Epworth Children’s Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth’s care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms lives. On Sunday, May 14, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother’s Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

RELAY FOR LIFE — The Chesterfield County Relay for Life Committee is teaming up with Groucho’s on Thursday, May 4 from 5 til 8. Please come out and show your support for the Relay by eating dinner with us. We want to thank Groucho’s for being a proud sponsor. Hope to see you there. Thanks, Jenny Keefe.

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 FOR LIFE STATUS — These are the amounts that we have to date: Luminaries 189 (*we had 208 last year, we need you to purchase luminaries today*); Tee Shirts 44; Soft Drinks/Water 18; Purple Ribbons 1; Business Signs 2.

GRAUDATES INFORMATION — If you or your child are graduating from college this year, please let Angie know. The Christian Education Ministry Team would like to send some information to them.

WATF — This Wednesday at 6:30pm, we will continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 5 will be our focus.

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

PARSON TO PERSON — When I was a boy I grew up afraid of the preacher. In those days it was the “guy” in the big black robe. As Methodist ministers, they would come and go. Some pastors made us happy when they got there. Some pastors made us happy while there. The rest were made happy when the pastor left. We had a pastor to join, us and he had a different point of view. He actually liked children and young people as much as he did the adults. In the long run, he drew us all together and shaped a new vision of church for us all. The church is family!

I have tried to make that a vital part of my ministry in every church I have served. I believe that all voices are important from the youngest to the oldest. I believe God has a ministry for us all and uses us if our hearts are willing. I never would have felt God’s hand on my shoulder if not for Reverend Barbee Parsons. He was the first pastor I thought of as a friend rather than just the “guy in the black robe.” He has been a model for me in my ministry as have others who came along after him.

Today, is one of the favorite days in Church. It is a day when our youth will take part in our worship service. I still believe that youth have important things to say and that they do far more right than given credit for. The purpose of youth group is to instill a relationship with God in their hearts. While we make fun trips and do many activities, the purpose of youth is faith development. Sara Sanderson does a great job working to instill a love for Christ and for his church in our youth. I was a youth director and I learned quickly that praise doesn’t come for doing what is right. Often, youth did not see what I knew they needed and some drifted away only to come back years later and say they wish they had that time over. Schedules and interests in other things are not always easy to balance, but we ask youth to prioritize the church and youth group because it helps formulate important faith developments that will help lead them to heaven. The wishes I have for my son are for a good life, a grand education, a strong career, financial stability, and a great family are all second to my desire for him that he knows and honors the Lord. I pray every day that his faith will drive him.

We will hear from young voices today. Their words have not been checked by anyone nor have they been edited. This comes from their own hearts. The faith that is theirs drives them to participate in this service. I do not believe they are this church’s future. I believe they are this church’s now. *Ken Timmerman*