

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC**

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

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

**Monday, May 15, 2017**

4:30-5:30pm UMKF  
*Angie Vacation*

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting  
 5:30pm Weight Watchers  
*Angie Vacation*

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

6:30pm WATF Bible Study  
 7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)  
*Angie Vacation*

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

11:30pm J.O.Y Club (Meet at Country Kitchen)  
 6:00pm Child Development Graduation  
*Angie Vacation*

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service (Graduation and Scholarship Sunday)  
 5:00-6:30pm UMYF

**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** M&M Thomas McKinnon  
**Lobby Door Greeters:** Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills  
**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Lesley Jean Watson  
**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Shannon Johnson  
**Flowers Next Sunday:** Tombelins  
**Counters:** Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick  
**Alternate Counter:** John Straughn  
**Worship Attendance, May 7** — 142; **Attendance in Sunday School, May 7** — 93  
**Youth Attendance, May 7** — 10; **Bible Study Attendance, May 10** — ??  
**Received to Date:** \$156,552.70; **Expenses to Date:** \$148,578.88  
**Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15; **Received week of May 7:** \$7,838.41

**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.  
**May 14, 2017**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**  
**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** "For The Beauty of the Earth" Kocher  
*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew,  
 putting the sheet in the offering plate.*

**\*Call to Worship** "In This Very Room" Ron Harris

**\*Hymn No. 89 in the Hymnal** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**\*Opening Prayer (In Unison)**  
 We pause today, O Lord, to celebrate the parent-like love you give us. We are reminded of your great love through the love shown by our mothers. We thank you for mothers willing to give their lives for their children. Though lessons for life can be painstaking, our mothers forge ahead and provide wisdom and guidance. Help those women who cannot be a guiding presence for their children, and help children whose parental memories do not bring peace. It is your love that never fails us. It is your presence that grants us peace. It is your wisdom that gives us direction. Thank you that you invest yourself in moms the world over. May we honor them today as we also honor you, O God. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN

**Life Lessons for Young Learners**

**Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 856 in the Hymnal Psalm 143:1-10** Lawton Harris, 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** "A Worthy Woman" (Proverbs 31:25-31) John F. Wilson  
**\*Doxology No. 95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th  
**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn No. 445 in the Hymnal** "Happy the Home When God Is There"

## 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** Acts 3: 2-6; 4:18-22 Rev. Ken Timmerman

**Sermon** "Teach Me How To Be A Fool"

**\*Hymn No. 701 in the Hymnal** "When We All Get to Heaven"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**  
**\*Please stand if able.**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Annabel Bennett and Margery Bennett and in honor of all mothers by Jim Bennett.*

**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), Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Meg Redlin, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Pete Hendrix (Sue McManus' brother), Sue McManus, Harry Board, Mike Starling, Elisabeth Cullinan (Henrietta Kollitz'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.**

**VACATION TIME OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — I will be on vacation Monday—Thursday, May 15—18.  
*Thank You, Angie*

**J.O.Y CLUB** — The J.O.Y Club May meeting will take place at The Country Kitchen on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 11:30am. We will meet in the private dining room, say the blessing, and go through the buffet line (this is a Dutch treat lunch). We hope to see everyone at this meeting, before we take the summer off. **Remember place change—The Country Kitchen and time change 11:30am.**

**THANKS** — Thanks to everyone that has shown so much kindness to me during this very difficult time. Your calls, visits, cards, food, flowers, and most of all your prayers, have truly been appreciated! I'm still recuperating, but I did go to church last Sunday. Please keep the prayers coming! May God bless each of my church family. Thanks again, with love, *Mary Burr.*

**GIDEON DINNER MEETING, JUNE 6** — The Gideon's are seeking Christian men in our congregation who might be interested in Gideon Ministry (which is scripture placement work). If interested, please let the church office know and we will share your name and address with the Gideon's.

**CONFIRMATION** — Our journey is not yet finished. We have one class in 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.

**SIGN UP FOR WATF MEAL, MAY 17** — On May 17 we will have a WATF Meal at 5:30pm before the Bible Study. The menu will be hot dogs with the trimmings, baked beans and slaw. This meal will be at no cost. Please use the sign up cards, in the bulletin, to make your reservation for this meal.

**EPWORTH — TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!** Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information, please visit Epworth on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

**WATF** — This Wednesday at 6:30pm, we will continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 7 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 little boy, we had a nightly ritual in the Timmerman household. My brothers and I would each kneel by our bedsides and with Mom or Dad watching, we would say our prayers: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take." (My childhood prayer time preceded the "word sensitive" concerns of our present day.) Following our prayers, we got into bed and mom read to us. To this day I remember those times. She had a big Bible story book, and she would alternate nights sitting at the foot of each of our beds and peacefully read us its stories.

I grew up knowing about Samson and his strength, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Moses and the burning bush, and Ezekiel and those dry bones. I listened as she read stories of Jesus and told us how he took little children on his knee and loved them. I learned about Saul who did not like Jesus very much, but changed his heart and became Paul. I met many people in those Bible stories. The widow, the little boy with fish and loaves, a woman by the well, and a soldier at the cross who said, "Truly, this was the Son of God." What a treasure my memory possesses because I was reared in a Christian home where Bible stories were sacred.

My mom and dad made an investment in our future by sharing the Bible with us. That's one reason I am thrilled when churches gift young people with Bibles. The Bible is a roadmap for life. It contains truth from above. I also thank God for moms who see the importance of the Bible, and they make it their mission to impart the Bible's truth to their children. Then, together we can all sing:

*"The B-I-B-L-E, Yes! That's the book for me!  
I stand alone on the word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!"*

What place does the Bible hold in your home?

*Ken Timmerman*

