

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### Sunday, May 21, 2017

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

### Monday, May 22, 2017

4:30-5:30pm UMKF

### Tuesday, May 23, 2017

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

### Wednesday, May 24, 2017

5:30pm WATF Meal (No Charge)  
6:30pm WATF Bible Study  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Sunday, May 28, 2017

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

#### SERVING TODAY

**Greeter:** Penny Quick  
**Lobby Door Greeters:** Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler  
**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Jean Assef  
**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Greer Bennett  
**Flowers Next Sunday:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell  
**Alternate Counters:** David McLean, Walter Crosby

**Head Usher:** Rhett Butler  
**Acolyte:** Sophia Prevatte  
**Cross Bearer:** Ella Prevatte  
**McArn Item:** Boxed foods

#### 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 21, 2017**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Graduation and Scholarship 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**                    *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.*

**\*Call to Worship**                    **"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)**                    Rick Founds

**\*Hymn No. 545 in the Hymnal**                    **"The Church's One Foundation"**

#### **\*Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We thank you, O God, for rites of passage that transform boys and girls into young men and women, for higher education that moves from classroom to careers. On this Sunday on which we celebrate graduates, teach us all that the greatest lessons still come from you. Remind us that we are all under your watchful eye and that we enjoy life when it is in your care and keeping. The future belongs to you and we ask you to hold our graduates in your powerful hands. Open doors for them we pray, and grant them opportunities to learn as much as possible and to fashion careers of vocation that honor you and make the world a better place. We thank you for this church and the spiritual formation offered to every young person here. Use minds and hearts to grow your Kingdom on earth, and let it be like the kingdom of heaven. We pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN

#### **Life Lessons for Young Learners**

#### **Recognition of High School Graduates**

**Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 858 in the Hymnal**    **Psalm 146**                    Shannon Johnson, 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**                    **"O Lord You Know Me Completely"**                    Hopson  
**\*Doxology No. 95**                    **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**                    Old 100th  
**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Recognition of Scholarship Recipients**

**\*Hymn No. 2160 in *The Faith We Sing* "Into My Heart"**

**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** **1 Corinthians 2: 1-10** Rev. Ken Timmerman

**Sermon** **"How Smart Are You"**

**\*Hymn No. 452 in the Hymnal** **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

**\*Benediction** **"Find Us Faithful"** John Mohr

**\*Postlude** **Please come to the front and greet the graduates**

**\*Please stand if able.**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Tomberlin on her birthday by Scott, Jennifer, Jensen, Mason and Jacquelyn Tomberlin and Susie, Mike, and Amanda Burgess.*

**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.**

**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 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.

**WATF** — This Wednesday at 6:30pm, we will continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 8 will be our focus.

**PARSON TO PERSON** — It was 1973 and I attended our Baccalaureate Service as was required in those days. I sat with my class of 107 in our caps and gowns in a gymnasium that was old enough not to have air condition. It was more than a little warm. The preacher for the evening took his text from the Old Testament and spoke about the "Seven Lamps of Wisdom." He spend about 15 minutes on each "lamp of wisdom" and when the service was done, our greatest joy was that the service had finally ended. The "mind will only retain what the seat can endure" so many of us finished a long time before our speaker stopped.

This Sunday is Graduation Sunday, and we will honor our high school graduates during worship. Our message for them will not be one of great length, but one of hope and promise. These young people are on the thresholds of a new phase of life. It is the best of times. There will be a litany for our high school graduates. We will also celebrate those graduating from college. The entire service will rejoice in the rites of passage and how our lives are under God's watchful eye. We will speak to understanding that the only person that can do anything about it is us. It is a waste of time and energy trying to "stay even" with others. God made us an individual and gave it to us as a gift. Our best energy is spent trying to be the very best individual we can possibly be. Christ is the model for our individuality. As we move forward in life, we have a chance to grow in Christ and change the world.

We congratulate our High School Graduates. The list is below:

Austin Sanderson  
Jacob Rohde  
Sarah Allen  
Matthew Wicker

Our college graduates are listed below:

Michael Wagnon  
BS Degree in Economics and Minor in History from Clemson University  
Stephanie Rogers  
Second Masters in Educational Leadership from Wintrop University  
Joel Keefe  
BS Degree in Exercise Science, Cum Laude from University of South Carolina  
Zachary Keefe  
BS Degree in Sports Entertainment and Management, Magna Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina  
Keyshawn Melton  
Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Spartanburg Methodist College

What a great day to be the church! *Ken Timmerman*



Congratulations Class of 2017!