

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, May 28, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, May 29, 2017

Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
2-7:00pm Blood Drive
5:30pm Weight Watchers
5:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Fred Harris Classroom)

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

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

Sunday, June 4, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Pat Barham
Lobby Door Greeter: Herbert Watts
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Pam Humphries
Next Week's Lay Reader: Joey Mills
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Head Usher: Rhett Butler
Acolyte: Sophia Prevatte
Cross Bearer: Ella Prevatte
McArn Item: Canned meats

Worship Attendance, May 21 — 209; **Attendance in Sunday School, May 21** — 96
Youth Attendance, May 21 — 14; **Bible Study Attendance, May 24** — 48
Received to Date: \$167,362.17; **Expenses to Date:** \$173,543.01
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week May 11-May 21:** \$10,809.47

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor (timmerman@sc.rr.com)
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May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension 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 *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.*

Call to Worship

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

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal** "The Apostles' Creed" Greer Bennett, Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Sacrament of Baptism *Zachary Davis Carabo*

Invitation to Celebrate Holy Communion

Sacrament of Holy Communion Page No. 12 in the Hymnal

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 **Matthew 5: 21-26** Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon "Leave Your Friends"

***Hymn No. 620 in the Hymnal** "One Bread, One Body"

***Benediction**

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

The Cradle Cross on the altar today is in honor of the birth of Liam Alexander Lewis, who was born on May 17. Liam is the son of Farrah & Alex Lewis and the grandson of Amy & Jay Lewis.

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, 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), Pete Owens Family. **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.

WATF — This Wednesday at 6:30pm, we will continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 9 will be our focus. This will be the last WATF Bible Study before the Summer break.

THANK YOU — A great big thank you goes out to the Christian Education Committee for all your work last week. Your efforts and great cooking made the graduation breakfast wonderful. Also, thanks to Druscilla Walker for the lovely handmade prayer shawls, and Cheryl Postlewait for the color prints that were given to the graduates. They were beautiful. —*Holly Miles*

PARSON TO PERSON — In her book *Gospel Medicine*, the Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor writes the following: "When I was little, I used to like standing on my head. I was shorter then. Just about everything in the world was taller than I was, taller and boring, but by standing on my head, I could liven things up a little. Grass hung in front of my eyes like green fringe. Trees grew down, not up, and the sky was blue lawn that went on forever. My swing set was no longer an "A": but a "V" and my house seemed in danger of falling off the yard...just shooting off into space like a rocket...leaving a sidewalk lined with pansies that led to nowhere. I liked standing on my head because it made me see old things in a new way."

When Jesus spoke the Beatitudes, that's what he was doing. He was turning the known world upside down... I believe Barbara Brown Taylor is on to something. For example, when Jesus shared in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you, and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account." It's hard for many people to see being "reviled" or "persecuted" even for "righteousness sake" as something that is blessed. But Jesus sees things in a different way and defines the Good Life by different criteria. Success in the Kingdom is not how much we manage to create life and its favor on our terms. Success in the Kingdom is defined by how much of God's vision of life we share. There's no "should" or "ought" in this sermon from Jesus. The Beatitudes describe what the "future holds." (quotations from the Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor) And God will not ask anyone to vote on it.

Jesus helped turn the world upside down with his vision of what makes people "blessed." Mrs. Taylor declares that "the world looks funny upside, but maybe that is just how it looks when you have got your feet planted in heaven." It shapes many things about us: mission, prayer, worship, tithing, Christian education, and stewardship.

Today we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. No one can fully understand Communion as it conveys an inward grace. God works in every human heart and to kneel for Communion and remember his crucifixion and resurrection for our sake is important. In my opinion, the world doesn't think about Jesus as much as is needed. There is plenty of commitment to many things, and that is how it should be as long as God gets His time. Check your own heart and mind and determine how much Jesus crosses your mind and alters your lifestyle. I believe Christ can change your mind and focus your heart on things that are eternal. *Ken Timmerman*

The Sacrament of Baptism for: Zachary Davis Carabo

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift offered to us without price.

We rejoice that you have come today desiring to make your profession of faith and to be baptized in the faith.

We ask these questions:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sins? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races? **I do.**

Zacahary Davis Carabo, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

