

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### Sunday, May 7, 2017

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

### Monday, May 8, 2017

4:30pm UMKF

### Tuesday, May 9, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting  
3:00pm UMW Circle # 4 (Parlor)  
5:30pm Weight Watchers  
6:00pm UMW Circle # 3 (at Fatz Café)

### Wednesday, May 10, 2017

12:00pm May 14 Bulletin Deadline  
6:30pm WATF Bible Study  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Sunday, May 14, 2017

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

#### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Ray Crouse

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Lawson Harris

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Jim Bennett

**Counters:** Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

**Alternate Counters:** Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

**Worship Attendance, April 30** — 148; **Attendance in Sunday School, April 30** — 95

**Youth Attendance, April 23** — 6 **Bible Study Attendance, April 26** — 40

**Received to Date:** \$148,714.29 **Expenses to Date:** \$146,932.62

**Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15 **Received week of April 30:** \$5,148.41

#### FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor ([timmerman@sc.rr.com](mailto:timmerman@sc.rr.com))

Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant ([fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com))

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Mary Lynn Watkins, Interim Music Director



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May 7, 2017

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Liturgical Color: White**

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**\*\*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.**

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**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. 127 in the Hymnal** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

We come to this Sanctuary each Sunday to express gratitude for the many ways you express your love for us. You help us to speak kind words and to nurture compassionate hearts. You provide the wonder of life every day that we awaken to go about getting what brings us great joy. You stand with us when troubles rise and you give us peace amidst life's storms. Remind us today that it is important to you, O God, that we return to thank you for all you do. May there never be a Sunday that you are seeking us and we are not present. Thank you for teaching us that gratitude is the key to being healed. Reach out your hand today and help us reach our hands to touch yours. For it is in the name of Jesus, the one who healed ten lepers and discovered that only one was grateful, we pray. AMEN

**Life Lessons for Young Learners**

**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.

**Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 852 in the Hymnal** Psalm 137

Susan Marsh, 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**

**\*Doxology No. 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn No. 474 in the Hymnal**

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**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**

**Luke 17: 11-19**

Rev. Ken Timmerman

**Sermon**

**“Gratitude”**

**\*Hymn No. 384 in the Hymnal**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*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, 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. **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 Mimi Coffey joins First Church by transferring from McColl First Baptist Church. She has worshiped with us, and we have enjoyed her being a part of our church. We are delighted to have her officially become a member of the family. She is the Director of our Child Development Ministry.

**VACATION TIME OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — I will be on vacation Monday—Thursday, May 15—18. I need office volunteers to answer the phone and open the door. If you would be willing to help for a half of a day during this time, please contact me at 843-537-7002 or email me at fumcangiesmith@gmail.com.

*Thank You, Angie*

**MOMS INVITED TO UMM BREAKFAST ON MOTHER’S DAY** — The UMM invites all moms to join them for breakfast on Mother’s Day at 8:30am.

**ACCOLADES** — To all those who participated in the Relay for Life. We are going to be merciless until cancer is beaten.

**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.

**EPWORTH — DON’T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME NEXT SUNDAY!** — Next week is Mother’s Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children’s Home will not be celebrating Mother’s Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church’s ministry to children. Your generous contribution to our church’s ministry enables transformation to happen for 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](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

**GRADATES 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 6 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** — I believe God speaks through music and allows us to reveal the inner depths of our hearts and souls. Our second hymn on Sunday leans itself to this idea. *Precious Lord, Take my Hand* was written by the African-American composer, Tommy A. Dorsey. In 1932, when he was 32 years old and a fairly new husband, he and his wife, Nettie, were expecting a baby. Tommy was scheduled to go to St. Louis to be the featured soloist at a large revival meeting. He did not want to go, but decided he would honor his obligation. Tommy went though something in his soul that said “*stay*.”

The next night in the steaming heat of St. Louis, the people called for him to sing again and again. When Tommy finally sat down, a messenger boy ran up to him with a Wester Union telegram. Tommy ripped it open and on the sheet were the words: YOUR WIFE JUST DIED. Later that night, the baby died.

Tommy fell into deep despair and felt God had done him an injustice. He no longer wanted to write Gospel songs, but thought he would return to the jazz world that he once knew so well. But then Tommy remembered the urging and feeling that he should not leave Nettie on that night. Tommy felt that he should have paid more attention to God’s prompting. And in that moment he determined to listen more closely to God.

The grief continued and late one evening, while at the piano, his hands started to browse the keys. Something happened. Tommy felt at peace. He felt as though he could reach out and touch God. He found himself playing a melody...one in his head...it just seemed to fall into place:

*“Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.”*

The music healed his spirit. That is the power of God’s music in the soul. Our music is so vital to worship. It’s not merely something done for entertainment on Sundays. It is a ministry. To fully develop our ministry at First Church we need more singers. Our goal is to have 30 voices. There’s always room for another voice in the choir. If interested, speak to any choir member or to Mary Lynn. Your voice can help the church speak volumes.

*Ken Timmerman*