

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### Sunday, June 4, 2017

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

### Monday, June 5, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

### Tuesday, June 6, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Weight Watchers  
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Sunday, June 11, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
4:00pm UMW Quarterly Meeting (Parlor)  
3-6:00pm VBS Kick-Off Pool Party (Mooree Cheraw Country Club)

#### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Manfred Kollitz

**Lobby Door Greeter:** Ellison Outen

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Sarah Allen

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Alayna Carabo

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Calhouns

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

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

**Worship Attendance, May 28** — 143; **Attendance in Sunday School, May 28** — 54

**Bible Study Attendance, May 31** — 41

**Received to Date:** \$172,405.88; **Expenses to Date:** \$173,554.21

**Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15; **Received week May 28:** \$5,043.71

#### FUMC STAFF

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

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Mary Lynn Watkins, Interim Music Director



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



**June 4, 2017**  
**Pentecost**  
**Liturgical Color: Red**

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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.***

**PENTECOST**—the fiftieth day after Easter, comes from the Greek word for fiftieth, *pentekoste*. Greek-speaking Jews called the Jewish Feast of Weeks the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2 tells how the anxious and fearful disciples, who had gathered on the Day of Pentecost, were filled with the Holy Spirit and thereafter preached boldly the gospel of Jesus Christ. This day on which the church received the gift of the Holy Spirit is a fitting time for baptism, for confirmations, and for congregations to reaffirm the baptismal covenant. Red, the color of fire, represents the Holy Spirit.

**Prelude** Simple Gifts (American Shaker Tune, Arranged by Kristeen Polhamus & Wesley Schaum) John Smith

*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. 541 in the Hymnal**

**“See How Great a Flame Aspires”**

#### **\*Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed, below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed, around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ. Our speech is blessed as we set out for God. With beauty before us, with beauty behind us, with beauty below us, with beauty above us, with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place indeed. AMEN.

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

#### **A Service for Baptism and Confirmation**

*Hunter Lee  
Ella Prevatte  
Sophia Prevatte  
Hollis Dusa  
Zach Carabo  
Drew Copeland  
Sawyer Becker*

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal** “The Apostles’ Creed”

Shannon Johnson, Lay Reader

**\*Gloria Patri**

## 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 Acts 2: 37-47 Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon "How To Grow A Church"

\*Hymn No. 580 in the Hymnal "Lead On, O King Eternal"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Blessed Assurance (Fanny J. Crosby & P.P. Knapp, Arranged by Dino Kartsonakis) John Smith  
\*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, 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.**

**THANK YOU** — A simple thank you doesn't fully express our appreciation and all those who helped with the benefit for Holly. Whether you filled boxes, made deliveries, washed pots, or bought plates, your kindness is overwhelming. We ask your continued prayers for Holly, Chad, and family. To God be the Glory, —*Margaret, Roger & Drew*

**PATRIOTIC PROGRAM** — During the Patriotic program on June 25, we will show a slideshow of pictures of America! If anyone in the congregation would like to contribute personal photos taken around America (maybe on vacation), your servicemen and women, picnics...etc. we would love to include them! However, we need copies of them to be turned into the church office this week! Thank you! *Mary Lynn*

**INFORMATION ON JOHN SMITH**—John Smith currently resides in Albuquerque, NM where he is a member of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. John is active in the music ministry, participating in the handbell choir and playing piano and bass in the praise band. He works as a meteorologist at KRQE News 13, the CBS affiliate serving most of New Mexico. On July 8th, he will be marrying Ellen Scott of Albuquerque, NM. John is originally from Cheraw and the son of Linda Smith.

## The Sacrament of Baptism for: Eleanor "Ella" A. Prevatte

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.

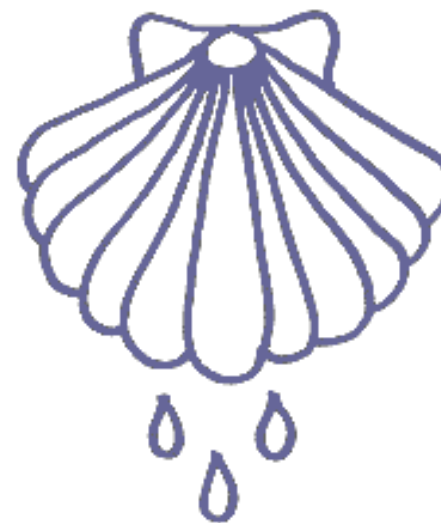
We ask these questions:

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.**

Eleanor "Ella" A. Prevatte, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



## PARSON TO PERSON

I am always thrilled to share in confirmation on Pentecost! We remember how numbers of believers were added to the church on the day of Pentecost as God's Spirit was present in the wind and spread throughout people as the flame of a fire. Traditionally, it is a day and time when we received into full, responsible membership those young people who have been on the confirmation journey. In confirmation, our young people have the chance to study the teachings of the church, to gain understandings about Baptism and Holy Communion, and to prayerfully discern what they believe. Confirmation is not a time to "process" people into the church whether they are ready or not. It is a time of inward reflection. It is a time when young people stand up and answer questions about their faith. Their questions are the same questions posed and answered at the time of their baptism. Today, they declare their faith with their own voice.

When we shared in a time of retreat with them, I was privileged to share a devotion with them. I was disappointed in the program provided by the Lake Junaluska staff. It's not that they did not offer care and concern for our young people. I did not hear anyone speak about the cross or the Lord Jesus or the resurrection. I heard nothing about salvation. John Wesley declared our only purpose is to save souls and lead people to Christ. When we are Confirmed, we are claiming. Everyone is familiar with that. We claim many things. We claim allowance money. We claim the schools for which we love to cheer. We claim our families. In confirmation, we claim the name of Christian. That means, first and foremost, we are people who claim the truth. Jesus spoke the truth in love and let it stand. He did not soft pedal the truth or try to lessen it. As Christians, we are committed to truth. That truth is revealed in Scripture. The Bible is our book which guides us. Never tell God "yes" when you mean "no". God takes us at our word and holds us to that word. Every confirmand and every member in the church must remember this.

As Christians, we commit to claiming our faith through five expressions. Prayer—we pray daily for the church, our pastors, and leaders, and for world situations and people. Presence—Going to church on Sunday is something Christians commit to do. Gifts—the 90-10 Rule is always before us. Ninety percent of all we are given is ours. Ten percent belongs to God and we surrender it cheerfully. Service—Everyone who loves God looks to serve God in tangible ways. Faithful Witness—Everyone has a special gift that helps them share the truth of Christ in word or deeds.

I look forward to Confirmation today. Like the days of old, the wind will blow and the Spirit will come and spread faith like the flame of a fire. Let's celebrate that! *Ken Timmerman*



## THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION INTO THE CHURCH

Dearly beloved, the Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of His Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which the church alone supplies.

These young learners are here to be confirmed having received the Sacrament of Baptism, have been instructed in the teachings of the church, and are now ready to profess publicly the faith into which they were baptized.

I ask you these questions as you stand in the presence of God and before your church family.

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.

We ask that each confirmand kneel and for family members to participate in the Laying on of Hands. This is a special time when we remember how Jesus would physically touch human lives. Today, His hand touches these young lives through the touch of our hands.

Hunter Lee, Ella Prevatte, Sophia Prevatte, Sawyer Becker, Drew Copeland, Hollis Dusa, and Zach Carabo. (Each confirmand receives a stole they made on our Confirmation Retreat.)

The Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your faithful witness? I will, the Lord being my helper.

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome to membership in this local family of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our faithful witness.

Pastor: Go forth in peace, and be of good courage; hold fast that which is good, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever. AMEN.