

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of
Pal and John Moore's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Sue McManus, Mike Starling, David Harry (Jane Edwards Hoerner's son), The Rev. David Townsend & Family, Helen T. Griggs (Betty Hurst's friend), Harry Board, Zenda Rushing, Lib Livingston (Christy Ruffner's friend), Ronnie Cundiff. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, July 16, 2017

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

Monday, July 17, 2017

5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
(Harris SS Classroom)
6:00pm Church Council Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Weight Watchers
5:30pm Christian Education Meeting
(Harris SS Classroom)
6:30pm Endowment Committee
Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy
Classroom)

Thursday, July 20, 2017

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, July 23, 2017

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



At Tiger Town Tavern Wednesday night,
July 5
Back row: Keyshawn, Hannah, Mason,
Sarah, Mary-Charlotte, Dawn, Benson
Middle: Kathryn, Lydia, Shannon, Ximena
Front: Alex, Jake, Stephen Johnson

BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN — Last year we collected 39. This year our goal needs to be larger. We are asking for 139. The Christian Education Committee will provide a list of supplies and when we purchase the backpacks, let's fill them with supplies from the list. It is one way our church can become known in Cheraw as a church with a heart for need and especially the needs of children. Thank you in advance. The date we will need our backpacks will be August 13. Watch for the forthcoming list of supplies.

WORK AREAS — All Work Areas will need to begin working on their 2018 budget requests. This requires meeting and planning for the next year as it approaches. We need to consider new ministries in addition to what we are doing currently.

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES -- An insert is available in this week's bulletin concerning the Marks of a Christian Leader. In addition, in the coming weeks I will be making available some of the traits of true Christian leaders. These suggestions are meant to be pondered and implemented within our own efforts to serve Christ. Number one: Leaders are not negative. Leaders do not point out why something cannot be done. They strive to ask themselves: How can we get this accomplished?

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 16, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

PARSON TO PERSON

Communion Sundays are important days because we are a Sacramental people and sacraments convey to us an inward grace. When I began my ministry a number of years ago, I noted that several persons declined to “come to the table” on a Communion Sunday. Since I was then (and now) a critter of curiosity, I took opportunity to inquire about the reluctance to partake. The fact of the matter is that hardly ever would some of these folks come to the altar for communion. The answer to my inquisition was to be told that not coming to the table was a self-imposed declension because they did not feel worthy of communion. I respected their decision, but shared with them my understanding that Communion was “for people who are not worthy to receive it” and that individuals should not deny themselves the “means of grace.”

My reasoning was shaped by John Wesley who, in his writings and preaching, reminded people that Jesus declared, “Do this in remembrance of me.” The first reason to come to the table is to do our duty as Christians. Jesus offered no conditions surrounding his words to partake. He said, “Do this!” It is a specific way to remember his life, death, and resurrection. And it was his “dying words” to his followers.

Secondly, Mr. Wesley reminds “the people called Methodists” that we should “do this” because the benefits are so great. We share communion in obedience to God, receive the forgiveness of sins both past and present, and receive the present refreshing and strengthening of our souls. We live in a world filled with temptations, and it is a given that we will “stumble into sin.” Too often sin prevails. Communion confirms the pardon of our sins and enables us to leave them “intending to lead a new life following the commandments of God.”

That is precisely why each communion service requires us to make our “confessions unto Almighty God” and to receive “absolution that comes from above.” Holy Communion is a sacred meal that no one merits, but everyone gets to receive. (Including children.)

This Sunday, we come to the table once more. It is not a Methodist table but open to all who will receive the “means of grace” that the church supplies. It is both our duty before God to partake and our opportunity to find God’s grace offered to us. It’s wonderful when the family joins at one table before our Lord whose great love defines us and inspires us to cherish the faith and hope that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Ken Timmerman

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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.**

Prelude Welcome to every visitor. 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. 57** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***Gloria Patri**

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881** “The Apostles’ Creed”

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**

The Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

As we open the Scriptures this morning, give us receptive hearts and minds that we might hear the Truth and respond to it. Teach us your Word, O God. AMEN.

Scripture Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 20-23, 30-32 Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon “Consequences of Sin”

***Hymn No. 641 (Sing twice)** “Fill My Cup, Lord”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Micki Lockey

Lobby Door Greeters: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Kim Williamson

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Micki Lockey

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Head Usher: Roger Wolfe

Acolyte: Peyton Taylor

Cross Bearer: Hunter Lee

McArn Item: Shampoo

Worship Attendance, July 9 —164; **Attendance in Sunday School, July 9** — 85

Received to Date: \$219,373.47 (Includes \$5,000 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$221,134.82

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week July 9:** \$5,624.61

