

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, Mike Starling, Elisabeth Cullinan (Henrietta Kollitz's sister), David Harry (Jane Edwards Hoerner's son). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SYMPATHY – Our congregation expresses sympathy and love to Rev. David Townsend upon the death of his wife, Anne Townsend.

THANK YOU – We would like to thank each of you for the flowers, food, expressions of sympathy, love, support and especially the prayers for our family during our loss. *The Townsend Family.*

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, July 2, 2017

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, July 3, 2017

Office closed 4th of July Holiday

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Office closed 4th of July Holiday

Sunday, July 9, 2017

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 2, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

FUMC STAFF

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PARSON TO PERSON

James Moore has written a book entitled *At the End of the Day* and in it he writes: We in the church have loved to sing our faith from the very beginning. And with good reason: We have a faith worth singing about!

I don't know about you, but I love the different kinds of varieties of faith music. I love the majestic anthems of Bach and the gospel songs of Fanny Crosby. I love the exuberant music of Mozart and the powerful hymns of Charles Wesley. I love Handel's *Messiah* and Newton's *Amazing Grace*. I love camp songs and folk songs and French carols. (*James W. Moore, At the End of the Day, page 115*)

Faith music is great to hear and great to sing! We are blessed with individuals who provide music for us in worship each week. Mary Lynn works on Sunday with great volunteers who give time and voice to sing and bless us. It's important because all of us learn our theology through the hymns we sing.

It's great to have such a love for God that it inspires music. This Sunday we have the chance to incorporate into our singing another kind of love that brings forth music. The love for our country can inspire us to burst forth in song. We will do this in worship this morning. American Christians are citizens of two worlds. We belong to the Kingdom of God and we live in America. Some would suggest that there is a tension between the two. I think not! I love my country and I worship God. As a citizen of both worlds, I find more than enough devotion for both. On occasions when my country develops policy contrary to God's will...I choose God.

There is nothing that says I cannot love my country and God at the same time. Yet, it is vital to love God more. Let us join together as we sing praises to the God we love and celebration songs about our country...the land we love.

Ken Timmerman

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Shelton Rumph
Lobby Door Greeters: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Sally Smith
Next Week's Lay Reader: Zach Carabo
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore
Alternate Counters: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

Head Usher:
Acolyte: Peyton Taylor
Cross Bearer: Hunter Lee
McArn Item: Canned fruit

Worship Attendance, June 25 —155; **Attendance in Sunday School, June 25** — 86
Received to Date: \$198,798.54 (Includes \$5,000 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$200,486.23
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week June 25:** \$2,357.50

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

****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. 431**

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Gracious God, help us to celebrate the freedom that is ours. Teach us that there is a peace that exists that is not fragile. It comes from you. Human efforts are not good at creating peace because human efforts have motives behind the efforts. Forgive our leaders in government and even leaders in the church that decisions and choices must always have "something in it to suit me." Help us remember that our country was not founded on the "me" principle, but that we were created to be a nation "under God." Forgive us for trying to make life about us when it is about following the Lord of life. Do not allow our love for country to guide us away from putting you first and seeking your will. Do not allow us to believe that political parties are the place to put our loyalties because only you, O God, can make us the nation we are intended to be. We pray this in the name of Jesus who it Lord of life, country, and church. AMEN.

Baptism of Liam Alexander Lewis

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 834

Psalm 113

Bonnie Cundiff, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

"The Apostles' Creed"

Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**

"Jesus Is Calling America"

Peterson

***Doxology No. 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Patriotic Hymn sing No. 697**

696

"My Country Tis of Thee"

"America the Beautiful"

"God Bless America"

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

Nehemiah 4: 1-3, 6-9, 13-15

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

"Doing is Better than Not Doing"

***Hymn No. 405**

"Seek Ye First"

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**