

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, June 11, 2017

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

Monday, June 12, 2017

5:30-8:00pm VBS
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

5:30-8:00pm VBS
 5:30pm Weight Watchers
 7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

5:30-8:00pm VBS

Thursday, June 15, 2017

5:30-8:00pm VBS

Sunday, June 18, 2017

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jerry Tucker
Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Turner
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Sarah Allen
Next Week's Lay Reader: Rhett Butler
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Counters: Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick
Alternate Counter: John Straughn

Head Usher: Heath Ruffner
Acolyte: Zachary Carabo
Cross Bearer: Alayna Carabo
McArn Item: Peanut butter and Jelly

Worship Attendance, June 4 — 163; **Attendance in Sunday School, June 4** — 88
Received to Date: \$178,628.18; **Expenses to Date:** \$186,222.42
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week June 4:** \$6,222.09

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor (timmerman@sc.rr.com)
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First United Methodist Church
 A Service of Christian Worship
 The church with a heart, in the heart of Cheraw.



June 11, 2017
Trinity 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 **"Then Sings My Soul"** Hine
 FUMC Men's Choir

***Hymn No. 308 in the Hymnal** **"Thine Be the Glory"**

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**
 We look to you this morning and delight in our understandings of you. You love us with a parental and father-like love. You correct us as your heart speaks to ours. We know you as a brother found in Jesus our Lord. You came to us and walked with us and talked with us revealing a heavenly truth. We thank you that you care about our hopes and dreams. You also come as Spirit and live within us as a director of our path. We pray this morning to you, O three-in-one, that you grab our attention as Father, Son, and Spirit. Help us to worship you and to know that knowing you is better than just reading about you or talking about you. Fill us, Holy Trinity, and grant us your gifts and blessings. In the name of Christ, we pray. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 832 in the Hymnal **Psalms 111** Alayna Carabo, 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** **"Blessed Assurance"** Fanny Crosby
 FUMC Men's Choir

***Doxology No. 95** **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Old 100th

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 2086 in The Faith We Sing** **"Open Our Eyes"**

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.

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| Scripture | Colossians 2: 6-15 | Rev. Ken Timmerman |
| Sermon | “Creatures of Habit” | |
| *Hymn No. 364 in the Hymnal | “Because He Lives” | |
| *Benediction | “God Be With You” FUMC Men’s Choir | Rankin |
| *Postlude | *Please stand if able. | |

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God by Robert and Sarah Jefferies Calhoun in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 18.

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.**

REAPPOINTMENT — At the end of Annual Conference, Bishop Holston reappointed Rev. Ken Timmerman to another year at First Church Cheraw.

UMW QUARTERLY MEETING — Sunday, June 11 at 4:00pm in the fellowship hall. Rev. Ken will bring a short program and will be followed by a light supper that will be provided.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

PARSON TO PERSON

Vacation Bible School is here. I am always thrilled with VBS because the children come out in large numbers, their parents join them, registration is very organized, adult Bible Study moments are special, the food is terrific, our VBS staff and all volunteers see hard work, pay huge dividends spiritually, the music is great, lessons and teachers are prepared and caring, crafts are always fun, play-time on the grounds is great, and a glorious time is had by all. Many folks do not realize the hours of preparation VBS takes. The children come to church for a great time and learn how much God loves them. What a treasure!

The children see it, embrace, understand it, and hold onto it. They do so because they trust the church and their teachers. There is nothing so powerful than coming to church and learning John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever should believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” It is good enough for the children to know that God loves them enough to send his son for their good.

Why do we lose that? Why is it that for so many faith and trust in God becomes so complex? Why is it that we become so demanding of God, even asking God to grant us things we know God would never agree to? Why do prayers become so self-centered? Why do people begin to wonder if Jesus is really the Way, the Truth, and the Life? Maybe it’s because people have “issues” with standards. Maybe it is because faith requires surrender. Maybe it is due to our need to follow the Bible’s teachings rather than fashioning our own directives.

Past President of Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, S.C. (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), H. George Anderson, said once upon a time that his worry for the church is that it becomes “a non-prophet organization whose true colors are plaid.” Thank goodness for VBS who reminds us of God’s holy prophet, Jesus, who points to God’s treasure of faith, and invites us to the Way, Truth, and Life that walks a road that is narrow rather than wide.

My Adult Study “A Disciple’s Path” written by the Reverend Jim Harnish will meet each night beginning tonight and continuing through Thursday. Our sessions will be:

Monday: “Why are we United Methodist?”
Tuesday: “A Disciple’s Path Defined”
Wednesday: “The Path of Biblical Prayer”
Thursday: “The Priority of Presence”

Hope to see you tonight and every night.

—Ken Timmerman