

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), Helen T. Griggs (Betty Hurst's friend), Harry Board, Zenda Rushing, Lib Livingston (Christy Ruffner's friend), Ronnie Cundiff, Laura Harris, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Mondell & Henry Brasington (Debbie Adams' mom and dad), Clark McAlister (Jerry Turner's nephew), Brooklyn Boone (Jane Rumph's niece), Flo Outen, Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother). **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 30, 2017

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

Monday, July 31, 2017

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

10:30am Staff Meeting
5:30pm Weight Watchers

Thursday, August 3, 2017

6:00pm Set-Up Meeting (Littleton St.
Camden)

Sunday, August 6, 2017

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

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.

Closing Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" is considered by many to be the first great missionary hymn. It was written at a time when the church was doing little missionary work.

Isaac Watts, the author, envisioned a day when Jesus would reign throughout the world – wherever the sun shines, from shore to shore. His original verses envisioned a time when all people – princes, savage tribes, people of all languages, even infants – would praise Jesus' name. Current hymnals have modernized the language somewhat.

If Watts were alive today, he would be amazed at the realization of his dream. As the sun makes its journey around the world on a Sunday morning, Christians in every time zone awake and get dressed and go to church to praise Jesus Christ. I think that Watts would be pleased.

Christ calls only a few of us to be missionaries, but he calls each of us to proclaim the Gospel. He calls each of us to give time and money to support the work of the church. He calls each of us to care about each other—and to care about people around the world.

As we sing this hymn, I invite you to do two things. First, consider all the Christians who have sacrificed comfort, safety – even life itself—to make Jesus known around the world. Second, ask yourself what Christ is calling you to do.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JULY 30, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

PARSON TO PERSON

The late Reverend Dr. Howard Olds served the United Methodist Church faithfully until cancer ended his journey while serving as Senior Pastor of Brentwood UMC in Brentwood, Tennessee. Dr. Olds and I met at the “consultation on the larger church” at St. Simon’s Island years ago. His laugh and personality were infectious. His booming voice is not easily forgotten. In a collection of devotions written by him, I found the following:

“While I was enduring an extended stay in the hospital for cancer treatment, a friend sent me this quote from Winston Churchill: “If you are going through hell, keep going.” The sharp statement became my motto through the long days of recovery. Life does not promise us a rose garden. Sometimes the road is hard and downright difficult. People who know pain know what I am talking about. It feels like hell!

When life dumps us in some hellish spot like that, it is important to realize that it cannot last. No problem enjoys eternal life. Every difficulty has a life span. This too shall pass. The best thing we can do for the time being is endure the present in the sure and certain hope of a better future.

So if you are going through hell, remember to keep going. Hell is no place to stop, give up, or throw in the towel. We are not meant to dwell in hell. There will be a better day. There will be a brighter tomorrow. The loving hand of the Almighty will lead you to a finer habitat. He will see you through.” (*J. Howard Olds, Faith Breaks, page 103*)

What a wonderful word! Remember, the name of the Lord makes the gates of hell shiver.

Ken Timmerman

LEADERSHIP POINT: - All have heard of Murphy’s Law. “Whatever can go wrong will go wrong.” Positive leaders do not fear when things go wrong. They believe we can become stronger when the world becomes harder. So, when adversity hits, don’t run from it. Don’t be scared of it. Face it. Take it on and keep moving forward. Kick Murphy out of the room.” (Jon Gordon – The Power of Positive Leadership)

REMEMBER: When you are away, the church continues to count on your support. Help us move forward during this summer in strong fashion because of your faithfulness. Go to church while you are on vacation, but stop by and leave your tithes and offerings here.

BACK-PACKS – Please keep this important ministry in your mind and heart. Providing for underprivileged children is a cornerstone of the Methodist Church and its founder John Wesley. Back-packs are due on August 13.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Roger Wolfe

Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Alayna Carabo

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Christy Ruffner

Flowers Next Sunday: Marianne Crawford

Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker

Head Usher: Roger Wolfe

Acolyte: Peyton Taylor

Cross Bearer: Hunter Lee

McArn Item: Toothpaste

Worship Attendance, July 23 —166; **Attendance in Sunday School, July 23** — 93

Received to Date: \$232,440.54 (Includes \$11,163.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$230,646.93

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week July 23:** \$4876.56

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.67**

“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

From the rising of the sun til the going down of the same, your name is to be praised, O God. Forgive us that often we reserve praise for Sunday Church. Help us to become instruments of your praise in the places we live our lives. May we leave no doubt among the people we meet and know that we are yours. Teach us that faith is about the condition of the heart, and we do not have to prove our faith to anyone. The fruits of your spirit do not come because we seek them. Instead they come because you and only you create them within our hearts. Each of us has a special gift to use in growing the Kingdom. Grant us power today to discern what it is you have for us to do and then to get on with doing it. We pray in the name of Jesus who lives in every human heart that seeks. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 746

Psalm 13

Ray Crouse, 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**

***Doxology No. 95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old 100th

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 133**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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

John 14: 6-12

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

“Following the Lord is Not Just a Principle”

***Hymn No. 157**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**