

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), 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), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Misty Kennedy (Julia Jones friend), Sarah Beth Bradley (Kristina Allen's friend), Lori Wilds Chassereau Family (Patricia Turner's niece), Gail Eubanks, Lois Baker Family, Jean P. Watson (Betty Hurst friend), Dana Jarman (Betty Hurst niece), Kaye Clark (Betty Hurst friend), Andrew Cullinan (Henrietta Kollitz's friend). **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, September 3, 2017

9:00am Choir Practice
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, September 4, 2017

Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

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

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Life Line Screening
3:30pm Nominations Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast
9:00am Choir Practice
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

NEW DIRECTORY - FUMC is partnering with Lifetouch to update our church photo directory. To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome everyone to be a part of our upcoming new directory. Photography will take place at our church beginning September 27th.

Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. Please sign up for your photography session in the hallway next to the church office. If you have questions, please call the church office. **Photography Dates and Times:** Wednesday, September 27th 2:00 - 9:00 pm; Thursday, September 28th 2:00 - 9:00 pm; Friday, September 29th 2:00 - 9:00 pm; Saturday, September 30th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

LEADERSHIP NOTE: The first step to uniting people and being a leader is not saying, "Follow me." It's being someone a group of people will want to follow. It's a matter of trust. (*These ideas originate in Jon Gordon's Gook, The Power of Positive Leadership.*)

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Returns September 13. We begin at 5:30 with our meal. Sign up reservations will be needed. Our Bible Study resumes in Revelation and we will move through the remainder of this book studying multiple chapters. This will give us opportunity to have more than one study in the Fall.

LUNCHEON BIBLE STUDY: It is under consideration to offer a study in the lunchtime hour. This would be on Tuesdays in October and we would study the "I AM" sayings of Jesus. Bring your own lunch and after a short lunch we will look into the study and have you back to work in one hour. If you are interested please indicate it in writing in the offering plate or by calling the church office.

DON'T FORGET EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY!: Next week is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day's pay to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contributions to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

FUMC STAFF

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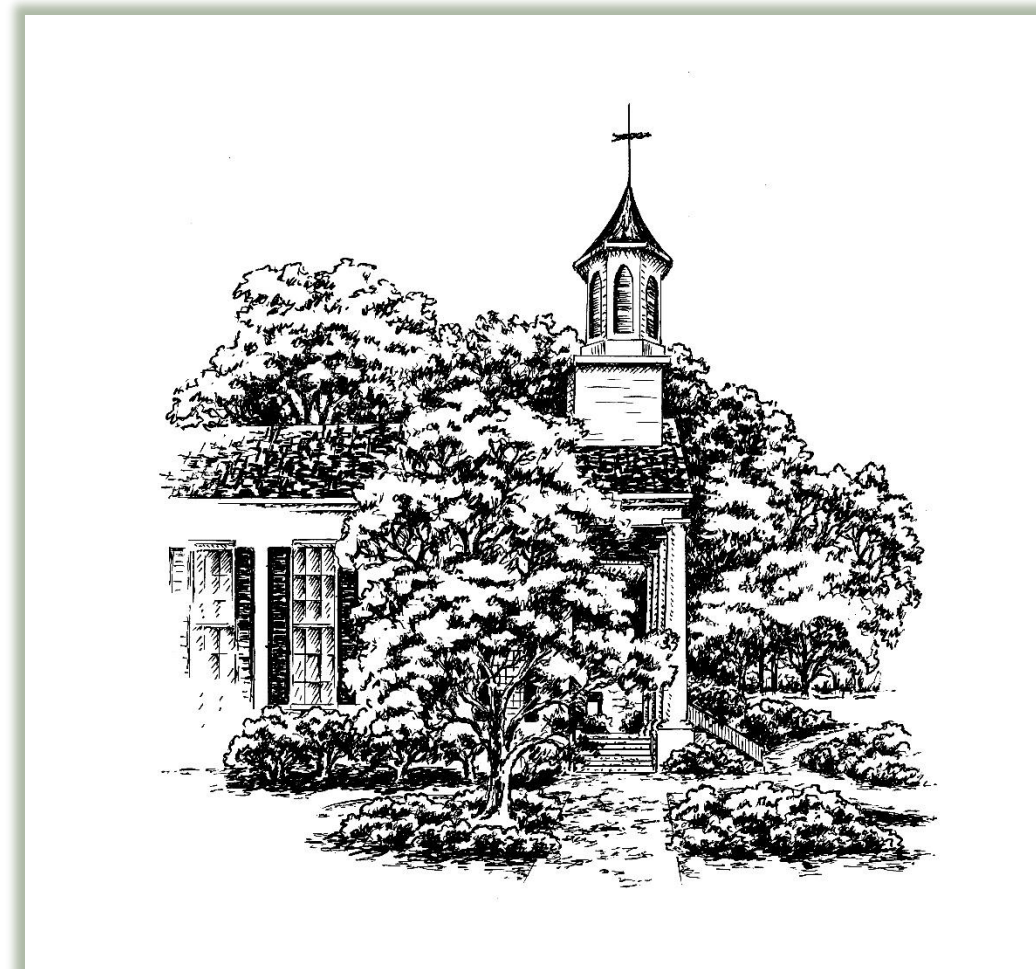
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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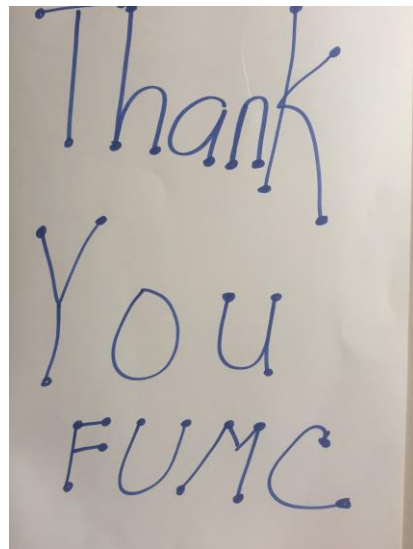
Everywhere one looks nowadays there is information about a diet or a healthier lifestyle. There is *FIT-TV*, advice from talk show hosts, infomercials about special products that help us eat better foods or drink juicier drinks and focus our attention on healthier living, and doctor's advice about health issues we face. We cannot watch television without seeing incredibly healthy people advertising products that "by design and intent" will benefit our life and promote the beauty of our bodies and our longevity. Businesses even place a premium on wellness programs and philosophies. It's everywhere! We have so much that is designed to "help" us:

The South Beach diet, the Atkins diet, the vinegar diet, the 3-day diet, the best pills diet, Nordic Track, the Abs machine, the trampoline, the treadmill, the stationary bike, aerobics class. The list could go on. All are well and good in their promotion and their use (except that a change in eating for life is always better than a diet. Diet is always temporary and with a diet weight loss is also temporary.) To be a person "not engaged" in some form of self-improvement seemingly brings scorn and wonder. Why not apply that to our faith?

Even the Bible seems to speak to it as it talks about how healthy Daniel ate and in later works of the New Testament uses phrases referencing personal destruction like: "...their god is the belly; and their glory is in shame." (Phil 3:19) Oh my, even the church jumps on board the fitness train. The fitness of a church is measurable. Christians partake of a steady diet of spirit, praise, devotion, and service. Each member is responsible for their own plan for building spirit as long as these components are utilized. Some try to be "spiritual" without mention of Christ or the Church. Spiritual is not a condition...it is the by-product of a relationship with God. The goal for this Fall is that our Church grow in Spirit and Faith. I hope you will join in as we strive to "Press on" to what God has in store for us as a church. *Ken Timmerman*

J.O.Y CLUB: The J.O.Y. Club will not meet in September, it will meet on Thursday, October 19.

FALL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE: Coming in October.



SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Robert Calhoun

Lobby Door Greeter: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Michelle Rohde

Next Week's Lay Reader: Eric Dusa

Flowers Next Sunday: Keefes

Counters: Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

Alternate Counters: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

Worship Attendance, August 27 —157; **Attendance in Sunday School, August 27** — 97

Received to Date: \$275,251.19 (Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$284,943.31

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week August 27:** \$11,171.94

Head Usher: Todd Becker

Acolyte: Lydia Lee

Cross Bearer: Alex Lee

McArn Item: Canned vegetables

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.**

We pray for a day when all can be gainfully employed and able to provide for their family.

We pray for a day when a fair day's work brings a fair day's wage. We celebrate the workers in our society and pray for those who want to be included. Ken Timmerman.

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. 103**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We celebrate this day, O God, the ability to work and provide. We mourn for those who cannot find work and for circumstances when employees are dismissed from a job. Send your presence into the world and teach us that a bottom line should never overcome grace. Teach us that pride should not be in what we make but in how we live. We are sorry when we put the cart before the horse and think that more money is always the solution to what ails us. Help us define a world that reflects your teachings of the Sabbath and give us strength to say in the face of many choices that you matter the most, O Lord. May the world become made in your image where all workers are treated in fairness and with equality. For we pray in the name of Jesus our Lord who grants a place to all who come seeking him in the Kingdom. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 772

Psalm 37:1-11

Joey Mills, 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. 2152**

"Change My Heart, O God"

CHANGE MY HEART

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

Romans 15: 18-20

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

"Faith By Spirit"

***Hymn No. 363 (vs. 1)**

"And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

SAGINA

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**