

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Oscar Wetternek (Henrietta Kollitz's friend), Sis Funderburk, Mary Burr, Mike Starling, Harry Board, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), 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), Frances Leppard (Julia Jones' friend), Rhett Butler, II (Rhett & Marcia's son), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Rowland Faust (Jerry Turner's brother-in-law), Mark and Norma Moore and family (Nancy Wagnon's friend), Sallie Ingram, Frank Baker, Jr., The Becker Trip to China. **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, October 22, 2017**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
12:30pm UMYF State Fair Outing (Back at 9:30pm)

**Monday, October 23, 2017**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting  
Noon Lunch and Munch (Fellowship Hall)  
5:30pm Weight Watchers

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

5:30pm WATF Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30-7:30pm UMKF Activities (Kid's Nook)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

6:00pm Club Scouts

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

**LEADERSHIP NOTE:** Love is the greatest leadership Principle on the Planet. Leaders who actually love those with whom they work build greatness.

**WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST:** Meal at 5:30pm. The menu is: Chicken bog, sweet peas, corn bread fritters, fat back, dessert and tea. Cost will be \$7.00 for individuals and maximum \$21.00 for a family. Our Study this Wednesday will be on the book *Anxious For Nothing* by Max Lucado, a variety of scripture to study. This Week: "Rejoice in the Lord Always." Join in the fun. Choir practice follows at 7:30pm. Join the choir and lend your talents

**LUNCH AND MUNCH:** Final Session for October: "I Am The True Vine" John 15:1-8.

**PLANNING AHEAD:** Loyalty Sunday will be November 19. Please save the date on your calendars. This is a day when all members of First Church need to be present for worship and Sunday School. This is also the Sunday we will present the Roy L. Smith award.

**ZOAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DRIVE THROUGH NATIVITY:** The Live Drive Through Nativity will be Sunday, December 10 from 6:00-8:30pm. Come and enjoy this annual event. If you would like to participate, please call Leah Crawford 843-623-7075 Home, 843-287-0845 Cell, Helen Long 843-623-2954, or Debbie Foote 843-623-6234.

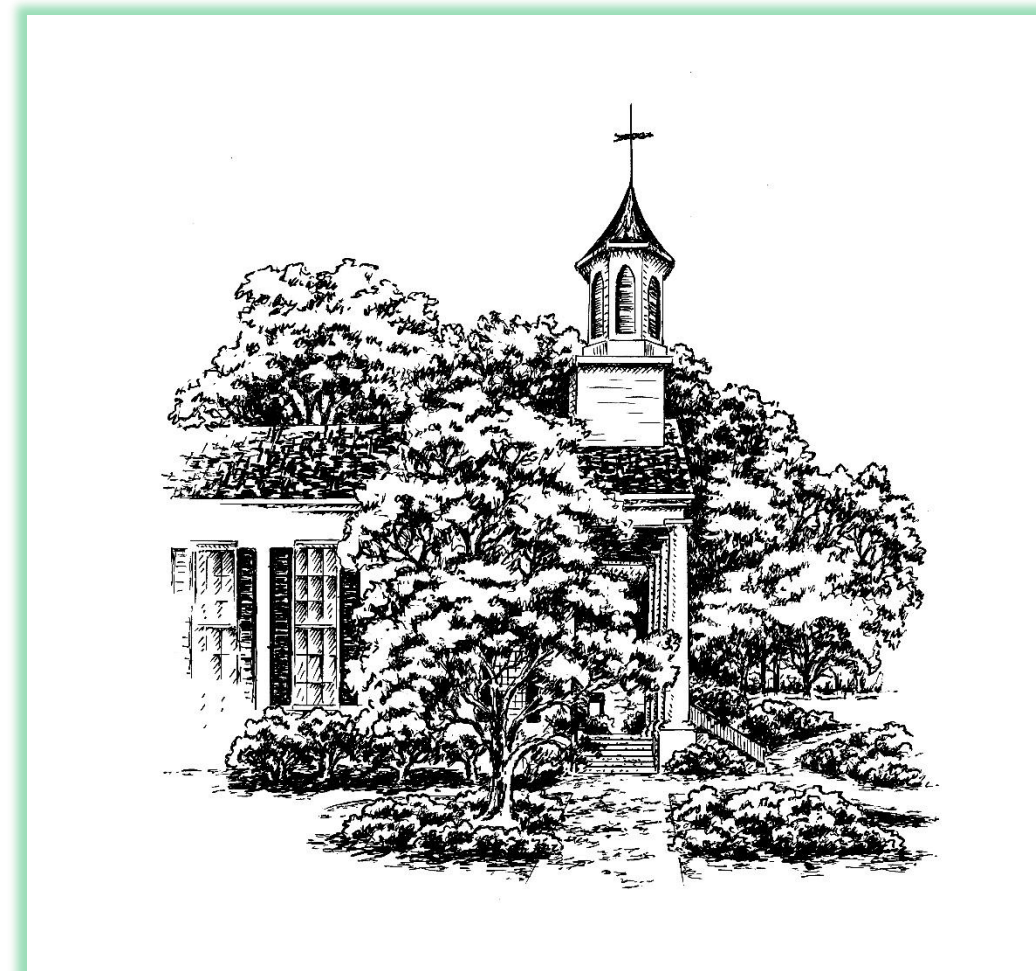
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** It's time once again to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry. This year we have bought boxes for you to use or you can use your own. Please stop by and pick up your box and your list today. I would like to have 100 boxes this year! Please join me in making dreams come true for children around the world. If anyone would like to make donations for this, you can leave the donation in the office or give it to Jenny Keefe. I ask you to please pray about what you can do to help this ministry. *Jenny Keefe*

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**THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.**

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**OCTOBER 22, 2017**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN**

**FUMC STAFF**

**Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor ([timmerman@sc.rr.com](mailto:timmerman@sc.rr.com))**

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**Mary Lynn Watkins, Interim Music Director**

## PARSON TO PERSON

James W. Moore has written a word that he discovered in the newsletter of Indian River United Methodist Church. It details the difference between a chore and a privilege.

If you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job.  
If you're doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.  
If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a job.  
If you stay with it even when no one seems to notice, it's a ministry.  
It's hard to get excited about a job.  
It's impossible not to get excited about a ministry.  
People may say "well done" when you do your job.  
The Lord will say "well done" when you complete your ministry.

One of the many things about First Church for which I am thankful is the willingness of individuals to discern their "gifts" and to render service unto God. Every member of this church has a ministry to offer, and I see that "fashioned" in persons who lend themselves to those items which create the heart and soul of a faithful church.

I see individuals who give themselves to the ministry of singing, not because they have more time to give than others, but because they believe the music ministry of First Church sets the tone of our worship experiences. I see individuals who lend themselves to making Wednesday evenings a "church night" and trusting that fellowship and study are vital to faith development. I see individuals who volunteer to teach Church School which can be a seemingly thankless task. Yet, individuals offer themselves because they believe that Christian Education is essential to faith development. We have folks to undergird Bible Study offerings...people who make church attendance a priority...individuals who visit and encourage those with difficulties. I love how our family cares!

At the end of the day, the good members of First Church must feel good to know they have not just done their job, but have offered a ministry for the good of the whole Church. I believe the Lord is saying to us, "Well done." *Ken Timmerman*

**STATE FAIR OUTING:** This afternoon, we will leave at 12:30pm and be back at 9:30pm.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES:** The Christian Education Ministry Team would like to get your college students address. Please place it in the offering plate, email it to the church office, or call the church office and give it to Angie. Thanks, Holly Miles.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Will be next Sunday, October 29. Trunks need to be decorated by 4:45pm, event begins at 5:00pm.

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** We now have 36 pledges for the Fund. We will continue to receive those pledges through next Sunday.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKE UP DATE:** If you didn't have your picture made for the pictorial directory, you have a makeup date on Wednesday, November 8. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the lobby by the church office.

### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Todd Becker  
**Lobby Door Greeters:** Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter  
**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner  
**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Drew Copeland  
**Flowers Next Sunday:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield  
**Alternate Counter:** Doug Marsh  
**Worship Attendance, October 15** —155; **Attendance in Sunday School, October 15** — 89  
**WATF Bible Study Attendance, October 11** - 51  
**Festival of Praise Attendance - October 1** - 88; **October 8** - 65; **October 15** - 61  
**Received to Date:** \$320,320.06 (Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$319,269.18  
**Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15; **Received week October 15:** \$4,848.56

## 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. 103** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

### \*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**We are grateful for the love you plant in our souls, O God. Help us to be good seeds of faithfulness that grow in our areas of concern and influence. There are times we take your love for granted, and there are times we allow distance to form between your love and our hearts. Grant us perspective to see that faith doesn't grow if it is not shared. Teach us that sharing faith doesn't always take words, and that our examples of faith impress open hearts. May we always reveal our gratitude for your love in the way we live. For we pray in the name of Jesus who lives and breathes in every human heart that seeks him. Amen.**

### Life Lessons for Young Learners

**Responsive Psalter Reading No. 804** Psalm 82 Pam Baker, Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881** "The Apostles' Creed" Lay Reader

### \*Gloria Patri

### Morning 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. 2008** "Let All Things Now Living" THE ASH GROVE

**Scripture** Mark 4: 3-9

**Sermon** "Good Seeds, Bad Ground" Rev. Ken Timmerman

**\*Hymn No.540** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" ST. THOMAS

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

**\*Please stand if able.**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Flo and Ellison's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.*