

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Sis Funderburk, Jane Mayhew, Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), Sue McManus, Mike Starling, Helen T. Griggs (Betty Hurst's friend), Harry Board, Ronnie Cundiff, Laura Harris, 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), Misty Kennedy (Julia Jones' friend), Andrew Cullinan (Henrietta Kollitz's friend), Dick Mullis (Holly Miles' friend), Frances Leppard (Julia Jones' friend), Mary Hillard (Jimmy Duffy's friend), Rhett Butler, II (Rhett & Marcia's son), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece). **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 24, 2017
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00-6:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut) (*Bring money for meal and parents, please pick up at Wendy's at 6:30pm)

Monday, September 25, 2017
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
 10:30am Staff Meeting
 5:30pm Weight Watchers

Wednesday, September 27-30, 2017
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Wednesday, September 27, 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

Sunday, October 1, 2017
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00-6:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut) (*Bring money for meal and parents, please pick up at Wendy's at 6:30pm)

LIFE TOUCH/NEW DIRECTORY – Sessions for photographs begin on Wednesday and continues through Saturday. If you plan to purchase photograph packets you may bring some canned goods and receive a \$5.00 discount. Makeup date will be November 8.

LEADERSHIP NOTE: You can be the smartest person in the room, but if you fail to connect with others, you will fail as a leader.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Meal at 5:30. The menu is: Roast and gravy, rice, peas, fat back, biscuits, dessert and tea. Cost will be \$7.00 for individuals and maximum \$21.00 for a family. Our Study this Wednesday will be Revelation 15-19. Join in the fun. Choir practice follows at 7:30 p.m. Join the choir and lend your talents

LUNCHEON BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on October 3, there will be a study in the lunchtime hour. We will 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.

FALL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE: October 1 – Hank and Beth Martin will be with us at 6:00pm to share their witness and musical talent. Refreshments follow.
 October 8 – Robbie and Betty Vance will be with us at 6:00pm to share their witness in song and their testimony. Refreshments follow.
 October 15 – The Reverend Dr. Bill Bouknight will be us Sunday morning and evening (6:00pm) to preach. Refreshments follow evening service. If you have things that matter to you by way of talent or interests, bring those things to the fellowship hall that we might be able to display them. For example: Ken will bring his Bible given to him on the day of his ordination. United Methodist are not accustomed to worship in the evenings. Let's be good hosts for our guests and find our place each Sunday evening.

HEALTH KITS: We delivered 50 health kits to be sent to UMCOR for the victims of the recent hurricanes.

UMCOR: To date we have received \$1,480.00 for UMCOR to help assist the hurricane victims.

ATTENTION WOMEN: Baked goods are needed for Market to Market on Saturday, October 21. Baked items should be fall realated (popcorn balls, cheese wafers, pumpkin goodies, "trash", etc.) Your participation would greatly be appreciated.

FUMC STAFF
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

PARSON TO PERSON

When I think of the church, I think of a large family. Denominations are not really barriers to our unity in the Body of Christ, but are as James Howell calls them “a curious collection of broken windows, through which different kinds of broken people still manage to climb into the Kingdom of God.” He goes on to say the following: “The Baptists know the centrality of the Bible. The Quakers embrace the need for silence. Methodists try to engage social issues. The Catholics embody the rich tradition of the faith and the need for saints. The nondenominational denominations creatively reach people wary of churchiness. Mennonites are humble, Presbyterians use their brains. When we in the Apostles’ Creed speak of the “holy catholic church...it is really “a prayer, a longing, a searching after our elusive unity in Christ, a reminder that we all get it wrong, and at times we get it right, and we anticipate life with God in heaven, where there will be no “sections” for various denominational bodies. When I worship in my church, I am mystically joined with Christians across the street...and across the ocean...in every place and language on God’s earth. John Wesley’s advice is helpful: *Let us keep close to the grand scriptural doctrines everywhere delivered. There are many doctrines of a less essential nature with regard to which even sincere children of God (due to weakness of human understanding) are divided. In these, we may think and let think. We may agree to disagree. But let us hold fast the essentials of the faith once delivered to the saints, strongly insisted on at all times and in all places.*” (James Howell, *The Life We Claim*, pages 115-116).

Since we are really one church in Jesus Christ, we are also one people. I look out into our congregation on Sunday mornings and see one big family. We come from different backgrounds, neighborhoods, States, heritage, environments. We are all ages and stages. As we worship together, we commit together to use the gifts and graces God has given us. To be the church reminds us to use what we have been given and each soul is gifted by God. I see it all around this church. We have those who plant flowers, ushers who help on Sundays, caring souls who deliver flowers to ill and shut-in people, children who sing or serve through being leaders in a chancel ministry (crucifers, acolytes, and Bible Bearers), adults who fill the choir (and there’s room for more), volunteers who prepare for Vacation Bible School, people who teach Sunday School, greeters who welcome, volunteers who decorate appropriately the Sanctuary for the seasons we celebrate, people who remember to turn lights off when leaving the room, people who cook or bake or clean up after those who do. All of us have gifts, and as we use them, we celebrate our place in the life of the church. How does one judge the strength of a church? I believe it is known through the power of community and attempting to always grow the community through faithful service. Our love for each other and the Lord brings us together weekly. We do not come to church just to be near our “friends.” We do not come to church just because it is a “habit.” We come to church grow our faith and to grow the church.

Loving Jesus is where we get it right! Devotion to the Body of Christ matters. It is not something that is just casual. Our church family needs ALL IN to come together as we PRESS ON to building his Kingdom in our portion of the vineyard. It really takes commitment on everyone’s part. *Ken Timmerman*

HP WIRELESS SCANNER/PRINTER/COPIER: We have had a HP Wireless Scanner/Printer/Copier given to us to give away to anyone that needs it. If you need this machine, please come by the church office during office hours. First one that comes will get it.

STATE FAIR OUTING: This outing has been moved to Sunday, October 22.

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.

YOU’RE INVITED TO A SHOWER: To celebrate the upcoming arrival of Allison and Todd Becker’s sweet daughter please join us on Sunday, October 1 for a drop-in shower from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Parlor.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jeff Kollitz

Lobby Door Greeter: Herbert Watts

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Sally Smith

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Lib Norton

Flowers Next Sunday: Bennett

Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Worship Attendance, September 17 —141; **Attendance in Sunday School, September 17** — 88

Received to Date: \$292,589.45 (Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$291,670.43

Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; **Received week September 17:** \$4,057.36

Endowment Pledges to Date: \$1,000.00; **Received on Endowment Pledges to date:** \$333.33

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.**



“For the Love of God and this Church”

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. 514**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

WEBB

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

When we worship we ask you to open your ear to our concerns, O God. Thank you that your faithfulness grants us the secure knowledge that you hear our prayer and requests. Train us up in this hour to listen to your words that come to us. Remind us that there is a big difference between your heart and our hearts. Instruct us to do your will and to submit our will to your truth. Make us disciples that show little or no reluctance to the instructions we receive from your Holy Book. We pray for a deeper relationship and a longer walk with you. Teach us that faith is about more than Sunday’s. We pray these things knowing that you hear us, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 771

Psalms 36:5-10

Alex Lee, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 884**

“A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church”

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. 2178**

“Here Am I”

STANISLAUS

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

Jonah 4: 9-10

Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon

“God’s Heart for People”

***Hymn No. 408**

“The Gift of Love”

GIFT OF LOVE

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Lanny’s 80th birthday, by Brenda Rayfield..

FOOD PANTRY: *First Church’s food pantry is getting a little bare. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable dry goods for the pantry. You may put these items in the church office.*