

**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), Flo Outen, Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Rowland Faust (Jerry Turner's brother-in-law), Mark and Norma Moore and family (Nancy Wagnon's friend), Jim Murray, Frankie Moody Family. **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, November 12, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm UMYF

##### Monday, November 13, 2017

10:30pm Surviving the Holidays (Parlor)  
6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
6:00pm Child Development Ministry Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm Surviving the Holidays (Parlor)

##### Tuesday, November 14, 2017

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

##### Wednesday, November 15, 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, November 16, 2017

12:00pm J.O.Y Club Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts

##### Sunday, November 19, 2017

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00 pm UMYF  
6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)

**WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST:** Meal at 5:30pm. The menu is: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, 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: "Great Gratitude." Join in the fun. Choir practice follows at 7:30pm. Join the choir and lend your talents

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:** The holidays bring vivid memories of past holidays...some memories might be extremely happy ones, others might be very hurtful ones. As years go by, we start seeing empty chairs around us...some chairs have been empty for many years...others not that long at all. Grief Share---"Surviving the Holidays" is a onetime video seminar designed to help us all come together during the Thanksgiving holiday, and the season of hope; Christmas. Grief Share---"Surviving the Holidays" will be held at FUMC November 13 at 10:30am – 12:30pm, and again at 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Just choose which one is best for you...Sign up by calling Sara (843-910-7987), Bonnie (843-537-2422), or Angie (843-537-7002)

**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. ALL BOXES ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 19. *Jenny Keefe*

**FREE 8 X 10 POTRAIT AVAILABLE:** If you had your picture taken for the pictorial directory, but did not purchase pictures, your free 8 x 10 is in the church office.

**J.O.Y. CLUB:** The J.O.Y. Club will meet on Thursday, November 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses are Syble Sanderson and Shep Straughn. The Thanksgiving meal will be catered by Vonceil Holloman. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr by 10 am Monday, November 13. Join us for fun, fellowship, and good food. Cost per person is \$10.00.

**SYMPATHY:** FUMC sends its sympathy to Mrs. Betty Thrailkill in the death of her brother-in-law, Robert Morris, husband of sister Jenny, that died 6 weeks ago.

#### FUMC STAFF

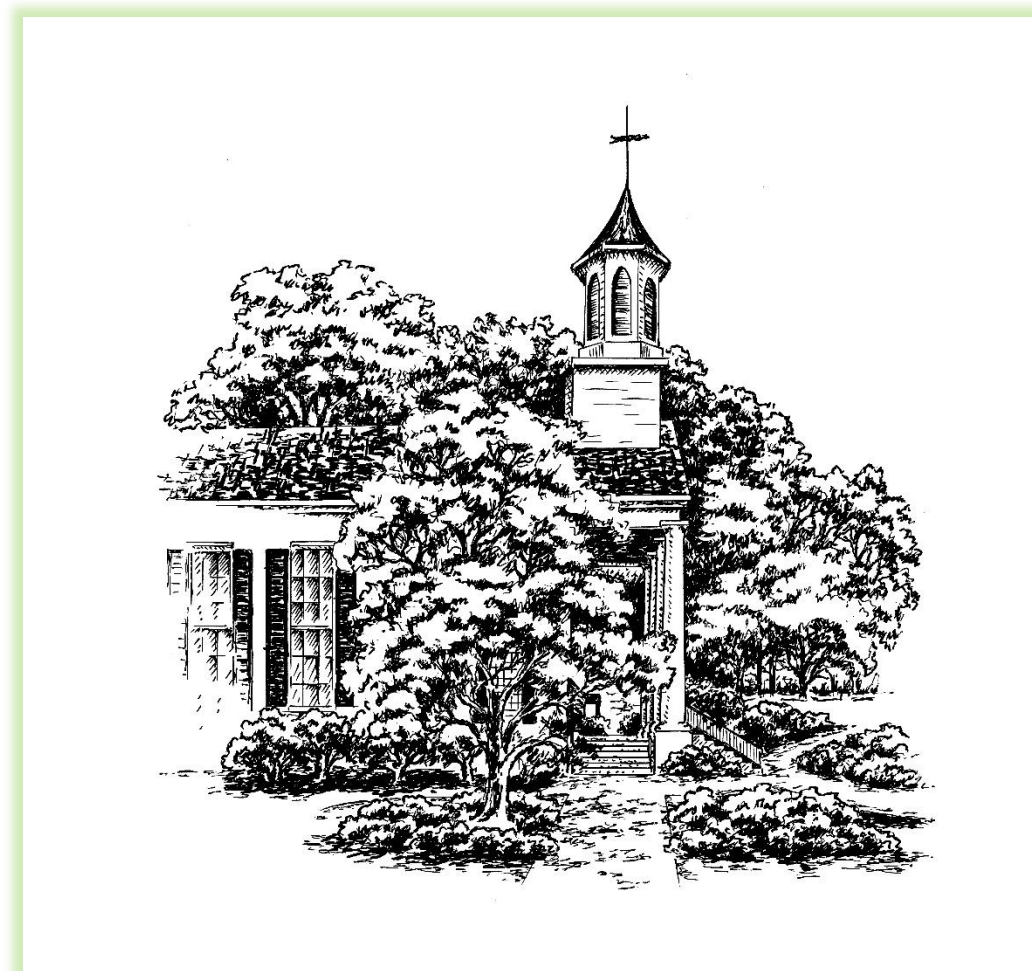
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**THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.**

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR SUNDAY**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN**

## PARSON TO PERSON

While on a flight to Houston for a conference on the value of Traditional Worship, the weather “started getting rough.” We would later learn that there was a tornado to the north of Houston that “influenced” our descent. The descent was “bumpy” and the passengers were quiet except for the guy who had “one too many drinks.” I was tempted to borrow some of his nourishment. Instead, I was quiet but “chatting” ...most would call it prayer. I did not ask “get me down,” but prayed as I do daily: “Lord, I resign myself to your care and keeping.” It is my way of being ready for what life may bring. While I cannot predict what is coming, I can be ready. Ready means placing myself into God’s hands.

I know we read the Scriptures, but do we hear the Scriptures? They tell us to “hear” and to “listen” and then to “understand” and to “do.” The lack of Scripture Study today impacts the world in a negative way. Without direction from above, we are left to our own devices and knowledge. In my life when I have been left to those things because I did not listen to God, I have found myself in quite a “mess.” I believe God is speaking to us all daily through the circumstances and situations of living. He loans us his wisdom that we might be able to endure and persevere tough times. The Lord has a number of things he speaks about and attempts to teach us. He speaks of tithing and giving the Lord his due. He speaks of truth and the necessity of it. He speaks of forgiveness so that relationships are never sacrificed. He speaks of kindness and the fruits of his Spirit growing in us all. He speaks to preparing for the future and caring for His House. He speaks of reaching out to others and caring for the poor. I find it amazing that some people say, “The Lord has never spoken to me.”

When we come to worship on Sunday morning, it is the Lord who speaks through the liturgy and what we do. He has made us all stewards of his mysteries and his certainties. One of the certainties is our caring for the ministry of the church. We met with the youth last Sunday in the Sanctuary, and Sara spoke of the importance of our worship and the special place which we have for worship. We spoke of symbols and the hard work of people that are remembered yet many of us will never know. We have been here in the center of Cheraw for so many years, and our hope is to continue into the future. What we do in the present determines our future. As we work to care for the church we honor those who lived and worked before us. We live for now and are committed to doing what is needful. Our future will be more certain by decisions and choices made today (like the endowment fund). As stewards we are called to care for the church and its ministry.

Listen as the Lord speaks to us all. Let us prepare to PRESS ON. *Ken Timmerman*

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY:** Today is Ruth Funderburk’s 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. Remember her in your prayers today, and if you want to send her a card, the address is: Ruth Funderburk, Chesterfield Convalescent Center, PO Box 1329, Cheraw, SC 29520. “Sis” continues to be an important part of First UMC in Cheraw.

**STEWARDSHIP NOTE:** Our lives are guided by the 90-10 rule. Ninety percent of what we own is ours. Ten percent belongs to God. In most churches today, if people gave the tithe, the churches would have to meet and determine how to utilize the tithes.

**PLANNING AHEAD, THIS WEEK:** You will be mailed the Loyalty Sunday information which includes a letter from the Stewardship Committee, a copy of the proposed budget for 2018, and a pledge card. Please bring the pledge card with you to worship on November 19 (Sunday morning). It will be a holy moment between you and God as we offer commitments on our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Faithful Witness.

## LOYALTY SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 19 PRESS ON

**NOVEMBER 19:** The Community Thanksgiving Service will be here at First Church. Please plan to bring an offering that will support McArn as well as canned goods.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Since the first of October, we have given out 28 bags of food for those in need. That being said we are low on most things in our pantry. The following are a few of the items we need for our pantry: Spaghetti noodles and sauce, canned meats, hot and cold cereals, grits, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mixes and syrup, Jell-O, applesauce, pudding, or any type of snack items.

### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Greg Sanderson

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Jacob Rohde

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Wilson

**Counters:** Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

**Alternate Counter:** -----

**Worship Attendance, November 5** — 142; **Attendance in Sunday School, November 5** — 84

**WATF Bible Study Attendance, November 1** – 42

**Received to Date:** \$339,879.11 (Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$346,845.01

**Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15; **Received week November 5:** \$6,783.41

## 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.**

*Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday: November 12 is the Sunday to give consideration of becoming a potential organ or tissue donor. All of us know people who have been blessed to receive organ transplants and continue to live because others, upon their death, were organ donors. It is a worthwhile consideration for us to pray about.*

### Prelude

**“Fur Elise”**

BEETHOVEN

*Lawton Harris, piano*

*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. 73

**“O Worship the King”**

LYONS

#### \*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch him and to say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and teach us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus. We cannot  
live on our own without your sacred help. Bind us together this morning in our common need to be  
known and loved by you. In the name of Jesus we pray. AMEN**

### Life Lessons for Young Learners

#### Responsive Psalter Reading No. 804

**Psalms 84**

Sammy Quick, Lay Reader

#### \*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

**“The Apostles’ Creed”**

Lay Reader

#### \*Gloria Patri

#### A Stewardship Word

Druie Walker

### 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. 77 (v 1,4)

**“How Great Thou Art”**

HOW GREAT THOU ART

#### Scripture

**Acts 28: 23-28**

#### Sermon

**“Hearing and Seeing”**

Rev. Ken Timmerman

#### \*Hymn No. 191

**“Jesus Loves Me”**

JESUS LOVES ME

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Postlude

**\*Please stand if able.**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in honor of Jakie and Ethel Ann Streater by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In 1937, when Jakie Streater was ten years old and Ethel Ann Laney was eight, the two made the commitment to join the First United Methodist Church, and they became members on the very same day in this sanctuary.*

*Eighty years later, the two remain faithful members of the First United Methodist Church of Cheraw. Their children would like to honor them today, and every day, and remind them of what a blessing from God they are to all of us.*