

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, Jane Mayhew, Nancy Walters (Charlotte Crosby's sister), Mary Burr, Kit Canada (Connie Funderburk's son), 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), 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), Rowland Faust (Jerry Turner's brother-in-law), Carlyle Smith family (Angie's father-in-law). **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 8, 2017

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
6:00pm Festival of Praise

Monday, October 9, 2017

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 11, 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 15, 2017

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
6:00 pm Festival of Praise

LEADERSHIP NOTE: Positive leaders help other people feel valued by their willingness to be good listeners. Leadership is more about listening than talking.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Meal at 5:30. The menu is: Chicken and dumplings, cabbage, corn bread, 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 variety of scripture to study. This Week: Rejoice in the Lord's Sovereignty. Join in the fun. Choir practice follows at 7:30 p.m. Join the choir and lend your talents

LUNCH AND MUNCH: Tuesday, October 10, we begin at noon and will lunch a bit and then munch on the Word. This Session: I am the Light of the World, John 8: 12-18. (Bring your own lunch).

FALL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE: Robbie and Betty Vance of Fancy Gap, North Carolina will be with us to sing and share Robbie is a native of Cheraw. "Reminiscing" is the name of their singing program to Seniors. Accompanied by piano, memories are refreshed with classic country, 50's, 60's, and the Gospels. Service begins at 6:00 and will be followed by refreshments. See you here!

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.

J.O.Y CLUB: J.O.Y. Club will start this month, October 19. Come enjoy a good meal and program. Hostess will be Beth Witherspoon, Nell Huntley, and Martha Greene. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00 per person.

FOOD PANTRY: Thank you for the contributions to help restock our Food Closet.

FUMC STAFF

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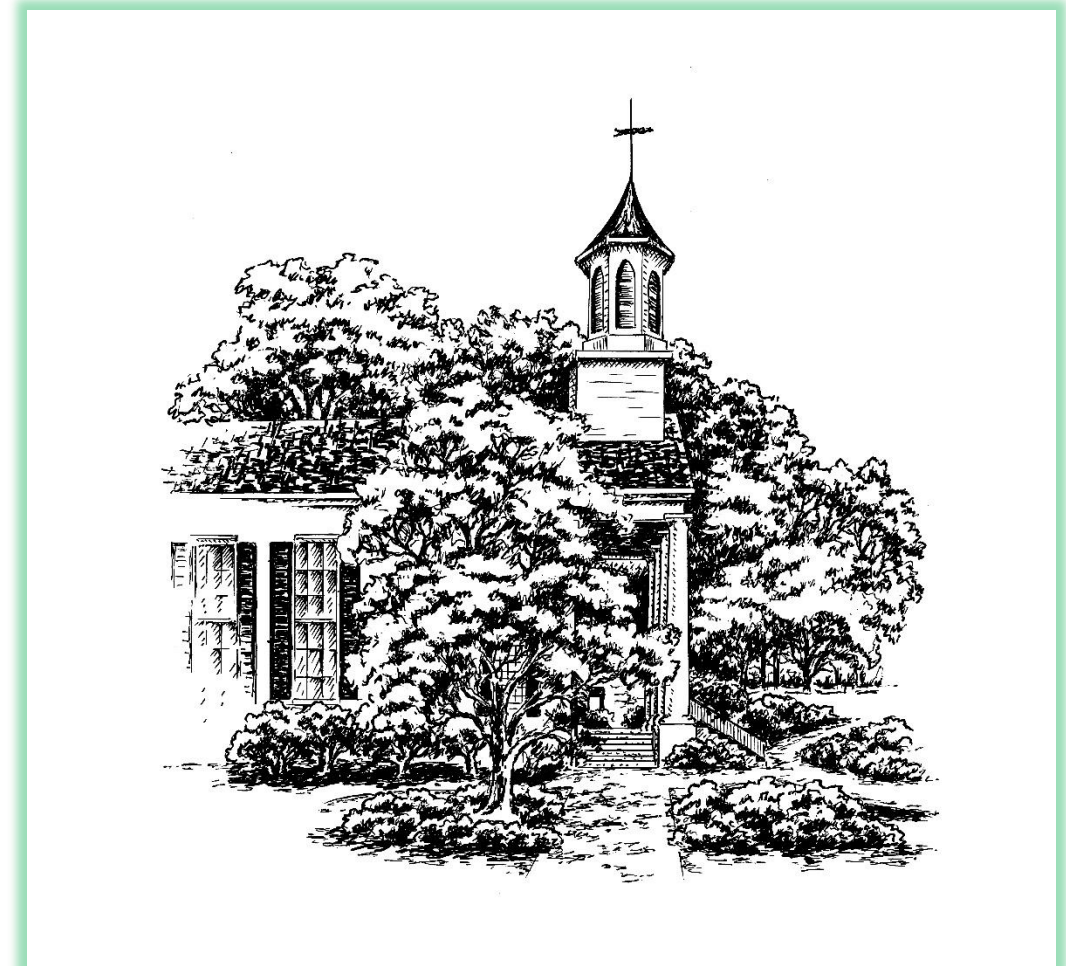
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 8, 2017

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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****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.**

PARSON TO PERSON

One of the things I have learned in my journey is that “storms of life” are real. Life rarely “works out” the way we desire and we spend time with anguish in our spirits and souls over life issues.

1. The death of a friend or loved one.
2. Family crisis and issues that are difficult to resolve.
3. Work issues that create an atmosphere of anxiety rather than security.
4. Relational realities and temperament issues that create distance particularly in the work area.
5. Hard questions of life that seemingly have no answers.
6. “storms of life” that become overwhelming.

What are we to do as the “storms of life” rumble all around you? Charles Wesley has an answer. In the words of one of his many hymns he provides us a direction. We marvel at his poetic reminders of the love of God. Reportedly, he wrote between 6,000 to 9,000 hymns. Most of his hymns point to his own “heart-warming” experience of conversion to Christ.

One such hymn is “Jesus, Lover of my Soul.” It is this hymn that speaks of the Lord as a refuge in the storm. Reportedly, while at sea in the midst of a storm the story is told that Charles noted a bird flying into his cabin in the middle of the “storm at sea.” The bird comes to the safety of the cabin. Charles notes that coming to Christ is much the same. Here are the words to verse one:

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high! Hide me, O my Savior, hide...till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Is there one who understood the source of strength in the midst of storms better than Jesus? He did everything God required of him. In spite of the storms Jesus held onto the Father and knew that the storm will end and peace will come. That is our faith too. Storms come and storms go. They do not come to take up permanent residence. Our anchor in the storm is Jesus Christ. Even the winds and waters obey him. The cross on our church’s altar reminds us of his Loving Presence and calls us to “hang on” to him with faith that can overcome mountains and storms.

Ken Timmerman

STATE FAIR OUTING: This outing is Sunday, October 22. Youth: Let us know you plan to go.

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.

ATTENTION PARENTS: October 1 began a new nursery program during the Sunday school hour in the newly renovated nursery for children - Kindergarten age and younger. If you have a child that is a little older and is more comfortable being with their sister or brother, they are welcome too. We will be teaching Bible stories with felt boards, like many of us learned on as kids. The children will be involved in putting the felt figures on the board while the story is being told. There will be coloring and activity sheets given out to go with the stories. We are so excited to be starting this new class, and we hope that the children, parents, and grandparents will be too. Please come and support this new class and help us grow our Sunday School classes and our church.

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

ENDOWMENT FUND: We have now had 33 pledges made. We will continue to receive those pledges over the next two Sundays.

SYMPATHY: Our congregation expresses sympathy and love to Robert, Angie, and Michael Smith upon the death of Robert’s father, Robert Carlyle Smith, on October 1.

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. 64** “Holy, Holy, Holy” NICAEA

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We gather in your presence and seek your strength every Sunday, O God. Yet, life seems so tough and we feel so weak. There are times we wonder what we can do. Teach us today that your strength is on loan to us and it comes with power in our weakness. Help us learn to lean on your strong shoulders as we pray for assistance. Do not allow us to make a list like we make at Christmas and ask you for things that you do not do. Open our hearts and minds to pray “thy will be done.” Refresh us with understanding that your will and our wills are different. Let us open hands to be directed in the pathway you provide. For we pray in the name of the One who loves us and guides us all the way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 804 Psalm 82 Austin Sanderson, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881** “The Apostles’ Creed”

***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. 2032** “My Life is in You, Lord” MY LIFE

Scripture Job 2:1-10 Rev. Ken Timmerman

Sermon “Good and Bad”

***Hymn No. 530 (v. 1 & 4)** “Are Ye Able” BEACON HILL

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Griggs by Gini, Scott, Cameron, and Greer Eddins.

Sue Hendrix McManus October 1, 2017

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me shall never die.”

**Worship Attendance, October 1 —153; Attendance in Sunday School, October 1— 104
Received to Date: \$306,917.82(Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); Expenses to Date: \$306,884.19
Needed Weekly: \$6,968.15; Received week October 1: \$7,480.55**