

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, Jim Ross (Jane Mayhew's nephew), Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Chris Thraikill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Helen Humphries (Steven Humphries' mother), Margaret (Maggie) Bundrick (Mary Lynn Watkins' niece), Bett Auld (Beth Thraikill's mother), Mattie Thomas (Norma Cobb's sister), Lynda Coleman (Jenny Outen's friend), Bob Campbell (Brenda Rayfield's brother), David Rohde (David Rohde's father), Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Judy Griggs (Dawn Leach's aunt), Jimmy Tucker (Micki Lockey's cousin), Margaret Blue Stewart (Thomas McKinnon's sister), Paschal Stewart (Thomas McKinnon's brother-in-law), Pal Moore, Jack Baker (Charlotte Crosby's brother-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, April 15, 2018

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, April 16, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting
2:00pm *Deadline for Bulletin*

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)
5:30pm WATF Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm YMKF (Kid's Nook)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, April 19, 2018

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

Sunday, April 22, 2018

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

RELAY FOR LIFE: We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2018 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 4 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$108,000. What's your life worth? How can you help? 1) We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church office marked RELAY. 2) We need you to buy lots of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love. **Our goal for luminaries is 250, and we have only received 15!** If you would like to join our team or make an online donation, you may do so by going to www.relayforlife.org and put "Merciless Methodists" in the team search box.

SHIRTS FOR SALE FOR RELAY: The Merciless Methodist are selling t-shirts to raise money for our team. They are on the table in the lobby. If you have questions, please contact Jenny Keefe.

WATF: Menu: Meat loaf, rice, cabbage, cornbread, fatback, dessert, tea and coffee. Our study this week will be Ephesians 3: 14-20 "Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Growth." Join us.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Both the Administrative Council and the Finance Committee will meet on April 23. Finance Committee at 5:00pm, Administrative Council at 6:00pm.

J.O.Y. CLUB: will meet on Thursday, April 19th. at noon in the fellowship Hall. Deadline for signing up is noon Monday, April 16th. The meal will be a salad plate lunch by Hidden Treasures. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr. Come join us for good food, fellowship, and fun.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome Klint McManus to our congregation by transfer of membership from St. Luke UMC in Hartsville.

FUMC STAFF

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

APRIL 15, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

PARSON TO PERSON

I recently listened as Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopalian priest, preaching at Duke Chapel. In the opening of her sermon, she spoke of remembering “a world that no longer exists.” “It was a world in which diversity meant that Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish children all went to the public school together. It was a world where everyone pledged allegiance to ‘one nation under God’ with hand clamped over heart. It was a world in which we dialed telephones. We played records on a turntable. We wrote letters with pens that we mailed with stamps that we licked.”

Her words have set my mind to thinking about that “world that no longer exists.” I remember things too. I remember a devotion and a prayer in my school classroom each day as our day was slated to begin. I remember people were not as “free” to use profanity in public places. I remember dress codes that did not give freedom to dress as one pleased. I remember how symbols of religion could be displayed anywhere, and people did not think the invocation of God was a bad thing. I remember that children were safer because the world was safer. Sex was not an item one could see on television nor was it talked about so openly. Public displays of affection (PDA) were not the sort of things one had to witness. Some things were better reserved for private moments. Last but no least, it was a world in which people looked to the church for words of direction and spirituality as everyone did not “work out” their own brand of spirituality.

I love life and all that it encompasses. I do not believe the world that once was is better than the one that is, but I do believe it was difference that not all changes are advantageous. I especially believe that some changes are not efficacious when it comes to spirituality. The church is called to go beyond its doors and bringing words of salvation and hope and light to the world. Christians are “in sales” and bear the greatest good the world can ever know. The church is called to model faith in such a way that it wins the world to God.

The “catch” is that in order to model faith, we have to have it. Stewardship reminds us constantly to work and claim the faith God offers. The time to “secure” one’s faith is before one needs to exercise it. All of us must do what we can to make faith a reality the world understands that it needs. And the faith that is needful is a faith in God. *Ken Timmerman*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School theme this year is “Shipwrecked.” The dates are June 11-14, 9:00am-11:30am.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the Easter cards, your thoughts and prayers. I am adjusting to life in the retirement home, but I miss the people of FUMC. *Rev. David Townsend*

SALKEHATCHIE: Any youth 14 and older or adults interested in attending Salkehatchie this summer should begin registering as soon as possible. Just go online to Salkehatchie.org and choose the Foothills camp in Pendleton, SC if you wish to go with the larger group who attends each year. Other camps for other dates are also available, so please feel free to choose the camp of your choice. Contact Shannon Johnson if you have questions. We love to add new attendees each year, so please join us!

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Shep Straughn

Lobby Door Greeter: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Nancy Wagnon

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Susan Marsh

Flowers Next Sunday: Shannon Johnson

Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Worship Attendance, April 8 - 141; Sunday School Attendance, April 8 - 81

Received to Date: \$125,547.92; **Expenses to Date:** \$123,248.44

Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, April 8:** \$2,240.50

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. 304**

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

REGENT SQUARE

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We gather as people who want to accentuate the positives of life, but the negatives often get the better of us. Tough times shut us down and make us feel weak. Teach us again that your strength is made perfect in our weakness. Remind us that we lean upon your strong arms and depend on your wisdom as we fashion our living. Teach us to do what we can with what we are dealt in life and that you never leave us alone. We ask this in your strong and holy name. Amen.

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 741

Psalms 4

Margaret Jean Harris, 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 14: 3-9

Sermon

“Do What You Can!”

Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 384**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

BEECHER

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of F. Garland Streete and Elizabeth King Streete Traynham by the Lib Streete Traynham Estate.