

**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), David Rohde (David Rohde's father), Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Judy Griggs (Dawn Leach's aunt), Jimmy Tucker Family (Micki Lockey's cousin), Margaret Blue Stewart (Thomas McKinnon's sister), 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 22, 2018**

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

**Monday, April 23, 2018**

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
*May Newsletter Deadline*

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

1:30pm Staff Meeting  
2:00pm *Deadline for Bulletin*  
5:30pm Weight Watchers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, April 25, 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 26, 2018**

6:00pm Cub Scouts

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

Fellowship Hall in Use

**Sunday, April 29, 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 97!** If you would like to join our team or make an online donation, you may do so by going to [www.relayforlife.org](http://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. Today is the last day they will be here.

**WATF:** Menu: Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, string beans, rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. Our study this week will be Ephesians 4:1-16 "Unity in the Body." 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.

**UPCOMING EVENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** The Boy Scouts will be honoring Mr. Jimmy Duffy and remembering Mr. Jerry Turner at an event at Northeastern Technical College on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, but there is no charge to attend the event. You will be asked to pledge your financial support to scouting and helping to establish the Jimmy Duffy/Jerry Turner Camp Coker Scholarship. Invitations will be mailed which will indicate to RSVP to Angie Smith no later than Thursday, May 3.

#### FUMC STAFF

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

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**APRIL 22, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

## PARSON TO PERSON

In her book *Gospel Medicine* the Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor writes the following: “When I was little, I used to like standing on my head. I was shorter then. Just about everything in the world was taller than I was, taller and boring, but by standing on my head I could liven things up a little. Grass hung in front of my eyes like green fringe. Trees grew down, not up, and the sky was a blue lawn that went on forever. My swing set was no longer an “A” but a “V” and my house seemed in danger of falling off the yard...just shooting off into space like a rocket...leaving a sidewalk lined with pansies that led to nowhere. I liked standing on my head because it made me see old things in a new way.”

When Jesus spoke the Beatitudes, that’s what he was doing. He was turning the known world upside down... I believe Barbara Brown Taylor is onto something. For example, when Jesus shared in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you, and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.” It’s hard for many people to see being “reviled” or “persecuted,” even for “righteousness sake,” as something that is blessed. But Jesus sees things in a different way and defines the Good Life by different criteria. Success in the Kingdom is not how much we manage to create life and its favor on our terms. Success in the Kingdom is defined by how much of God’s vision of life we share. There’s no “should” or “ought” in this sermon from Jesus. The Beatitudes describe what the “future holds.” (Quotations from the Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor.) And God will not ask anyone to vote on it.

Jesus helped turn the world upside down with his vision of what makes people “blessed.” Mrs. Taylor declares that “the world looks funny upside down, but maybe that is just how it looks when you have got your feet planted in heaven.” It shapes many things about us: mission, prayer, worship, tithing, Christian education, and stewardship.

Jesus also turned the world upside down when he spoke of forgiveness. In today’s passage from Matthew we will see and come to understand how God does business. We will discover what the Lord requires of his followers. We will see how serious God is about forgiveness. We will come face to face with knowing that parts of us must be turned upside down in order for us to follow the Lord. The Lord has little appreciation for people who do not live with forgiveness in their hearts. Think about it. *Ken Timmerman*

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

**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!

**SYMPATHY:** FUMC extends its sympathy to Henrietta Kollitz upon the death of her sister, Mary.

### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Curtis Jones

**Lobby Door Greeter:** Roger Wolfe, Keith Stubbs

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Christy Ruffner

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Susan Marsh

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Shannon Johnson

**Counters:** Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

**Alternate Counters:** Doug Marsh

**Worship Attendance, April 15 - 111; Sunday School Attendance, April 15 - 65**

**Received to Date:** \$133,908.11; **Expenses to Date:** \$127,196.41

**Needed Weekly:** \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, April 15:** \$2111.01

**Head Usher:** Jeff Johnson

**Acolyte:** Hollis Dusa

**Cross Bearer:** Mary-Charlotte Dusa

**Hostess:** Carole Hennessee

**McArn Items:** Soups

## 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. 154**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

CORONATION

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

**We celebrate that there are no limits to your love and grace, O God. We are grateful that when we seek your forgiveness, you always grant it. We often forget that your teachings of forgiveness are lessons to be taken to heart. Forgive us that we have limits of what we are willing to do. Lessen our emotional response to people who frustrate us, and grant us the power to embrace them. We remember today how much Jesus forgave us and we want to be like him. For it is in his holy name we pray. Amen.**

**Life Lessons for Young Learners**

**Responsive Psalter Reading No. 754**

**Psalms 23**

Susan Marsh, 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**

**“He Never Failed Me Yet”**

*Adult Choir*

**\*Doxology No. 95**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

OLD 100TH

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn No. 2086**

**“Open Our Eyes”**

OPEN OUR EYES

**Scripture**

**Matthew 18: 21-35**

**Sermon**

**“How God Does Business”**

Rev. Ken Timmerman

**\*Hymn No. 410**

**“I Want a Principle Within”**

GERALD

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*Please stand if able.**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in remembrance and celebration of Jerry and Patricia Turner’s 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on April 23<sup>rd</sup> by their children and their families.*