

**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), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Chris Thrailkill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Amy Catoe (Jenny Keefe's cousin), Helen Humphries (Steven Humphries' mother), Steve Bilby Family (Harold Lomas' friend), Anna Owens Linton (Jessica Shepard's sister), Margaret (Maggie) Bundrick (Mary Lynn Watkins' niece), Bett Auld (Beth Thrailkill'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). **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 8, 2018

9:30am Palmetto Ridge Ministry (Palmetto Ridge)  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

##### Monday, April 9, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

##### Tuesday, April 10, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting  
2:00pm *Deadline for Bulletin*  
3:00pm Afternoon UMW Circle Meeting (Parlor)  
7:00pm UMW Circle #3 Meeting (Home of Carole Hennessee)

##### Wednesday, April 11, 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 12, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

##### Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
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. 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.

**ACCOLADES:** To all who worked so diligently to make the Spring BBQ a success we thank you. FUMC is such a great team who works and worships and enjoys being together. We also make great BBQ and have wonderful leaders. Bless you all.

**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: Baked chicken, rice and gravy, black eye peas, fatback, biscuits, dessert, tea and coffee. Our study this week will be Ephesians 3: 1-12 "God's Plan Revealed." 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.

#### FUMC STAFF

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

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**APRIL 8, 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

## PARSON TO PERSON

I have often chuckled to myself when, in the midst of watching an exciting football game, someone nearby will audibly pray to God asking for God to let their team of preference win the game. I have further chuckled when coaches or players have indicated while basking in victory that “God brought them the victory.” I chuckle over that because God really doesn’t have a preference as to who wins a game. Too many times we work hard to say that God does this, or God does that when, in truth, God doesn’t do it at all. We forget that the people on the losing side of the question have been praying too! I think it is best to be careful as to how God’s name is invoked because it can harm our witness if we are not careful with God’s name.

This is Masters weekend from Augusta, Georgia, and the final round is today. Many times, the victor will thank his family and circle of friends for support in winning. Some will praise their clubs and endorsers. One year it was very different and refreshing. Zach Johnson had an amazing day and won the green jacket! It thrilled me when he had his moment on camera. It was national and international broadcast. The entire world had opportunity to watch. This young man was exuberant in victory and humble too. He was thankful for his friends and family. He was thankful for his fellow golfers who had not made the cut for staying and supporting him. He was thankful for his grandfather’s memory and presence with him. And he said, “My faith is very important to me and this being Easter...My Savior, Jesus Christ, was with me out there.” He did not say that Jesus let him win. He said...the Lord’s presence was with him. That’s a good witness!

There are so many who doubt the presence of the living God. Too many doubt the power of the Gospel Story that tells of his love and care. Too many doubt in what they have seen. The story for this Sunday’s sermon is about one who knew him but doubted the reports of the resurrection. His name was Thomas and he was one of the twelve. He learned that being blessed comes by what one believes and not just what is seen.

Historically, this Sunday is a low Sunday following Easter Sunday. I am glad you have come. We know what we believe and yet none of us knows what we may see and experience yet. *Ken Timmerman*

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

### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Jeff Johnson

**Lobby Door Greeter:** Sammy Quick, Jerry Tucker

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Michelle Rohde

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Margaret Jean Harris

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Streete/Traynham Estate

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

**Alternate Counter:** ---

**Worship Attendance, April 1 - 226; Sunday School Attendance, April 1 -93**

**Received to Date:** \$121,328.07; **Expenses to Date:** \$120,687.50

**Needed Weekly:** \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, April 1:** 5,142.00

**Head Usher:** Jeff Johnson

**Acolyte:** Hollis Dusa

**Cross Bearer:** Mary-Charlotte Dusa

**Hostess:** Carole Hennessee

**McArn Items:** Flour/sugar/corn meal

## 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** **“Then Came Sunday”**

**\*Hymn No. 139** **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** LOBE DEN HERREN

**Reception of New Member, Clinton N. (Klint) McManus**

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

**Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. We are people who trust what we can see and touch. Teach us today that faith is about you touching us by your spirit. We stand in the light of the resurrection in which death was conquered. We gather today to ask ourselves the question, “Is there anything God cannot do?” Answer us as we worship, Lord, and clear our hearts and minds of the day to day worries. Help us look beyond our trials to the help that comes from you. For we ask it in the name of our Risen Lord. Amen.**

**Life Lessons for Young Learners**

**Responsive Psalter Reading No. 794** **Psalm 71:1-12** Greg Sanderson, 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** **“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”**

**\*Doxology No. 95** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** OLD 100TH

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn No. 364** **“Because He Lives”** RESURRECTION

**Scripture** **John 20: 19-31**

**Sermon** **“Believing without Seeing”** Rev. Ken Timmerman

**\*Hymn No. 369** **“Blessed Assurance”** ASSURANCE

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*Please stand if able.**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in honor of Jayne Burr Board's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, by her mother.*