

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), Mary Burr, Mike Starling (having trouble with his knee), 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, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Reese Rayfield (Brenda Rayfield's grandson), Brother Redfearn (Pam Humphries' friend), Amy Catoe (Jenny Keefe's cousin), Jessica Arant (Jenny Keefe's niece), Helen Humphries (Steven Humphries' mother), Steve Bilby (Harold Lomas' friend), Joe Burch, Jr. (Mary Burr's friend), Anna Owens Linton (Jessica Shepard's sister), Buddy Brooks. **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, February 18 2018

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

Monday, February 19, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
March Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

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

Thursday, February 22, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, February 25, 2018

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

HOW TO GROW A CHURCH: 1. Pay attention to who is missing and let them know you missed them. 2. Open your Bible and read it each day. It is the only way to grow as disciples. A church is not measured by numbers, but by spirit.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Menu: Fried chicken, rice and gravy, pinto beans, biscuits, fat back, dessert, tea and coffee. Eat at 5:30pm, \$7.00 per person, maximum of \$21.00 for a family. This will be our final sessions for Max Lucado's *Anxious for Nothing*. This week's focus will be on C.A.L.M. Psalm 121 and Matthew 14:28-30. Following this week, we will begin a study of the Book of Ephesians. See you there.

LENT: Is the season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon lencten, which means "spring," the time of the lengthening of days. At first Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism on Easter Eve. The fasted, prayed, and did penance. Eventually, Lent became a time of reflection and self-examination for all Christians. Lent began as the tithe of the year and was 36 in length. But later Sundays were added, and it changed the number of days to 40. Sometimes shiny objects are removed from the worship area during Lent, and some churches omit flowers. A large, rough cross may be used, or a veil placed over the Sanctuary cross. The color for Lent is purple, a royal color that signifies penitence and preparation.

THANKS: Thanks to the UMYF who served at the Valentines Banquet. Great job.

SUPER BOWL: The total collected was \$335.51 to be given to the McArn Food Bank, \$241.40 for the Eagles and \$94.11 for the Patriots.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

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PARSON TO PERSON

One thing that I have always disliked is sitting in a movie near people who have already seen it. Such folks have a tendency to talk about what is coming next. If you are someone who gets “into” a movie and pays close attention to each aspect of it, to “hear” what is coming next is actually ruins what is coming next. I will admit that if it is a suspense thriller it eases my nerves and heart to know what is coming. If it is a movie where the “good guys” win at the end, it is comforting to know it will happen. If it is a show that has an awkward twist at the end, it is easy to be prepared for it. While I would prefer to not know what is coming, I must admit that it does bring certain comforts to know what is approaching.

Many stories in the Bible are much like a person talking in a movie about what comes next. There are words that tell us to “have no fear” because our lives are in God’s care and keeping. There are words that invite our attention to God’s place in human history and to see how God is changing the world. There are words that address His Kingdom’s coming. There are words that direct us to sing because “joy comes in the morning.” Pain and heartache are not designed to last forever. Faith invites us to sing in the face of difficult moments big and small. We are advised to sing because God’s coming Kingdom and God’s work in this world inspire songs among the faithful.

Faith-inspired singing becomes a prelude to what will be. I love church music. It reflects heaven because, according to my friend Robin Gramling,...”Heaven is the place where the motives of music are pure.” When we kneel for communion I am reminded of singing...”and I will feast at the table set for me.” When I kneel at the altar I am reminded that “on a hill far away stood an old rugged cross.” When I kneel to commune I hear us singing, “One bread, one body, one Lord of all.” Communion is a call to people who are unworthy of God’s grace to come and partake of it. That is why no person should ever deny themselves communion. The same Lord who said, “bring the children to me” is the Lord who does not deny children a place at the table.

And when communion is completed, I rise and wonder what is coming next.

Ken Timmerman

Scout Sunday



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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.**

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. 185** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

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

***Gloria Patri**

Invitation to Celebrate Holy Communion

Sacrament of Holy Communion, Page No. 12 in the Hymnal

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**

Scripture Ephesians 2: 1-10

Sermon “Salvation By Faith” Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 530** “Are Ye Able” BEACON HILL

***Benediction**

***Postlude**
***Please stand if able.**



Jimmy Duffy celebrating 80th Birthday

SERVING TODAY

- Greeters:** M&M Walter Crosby
- Lobby Door Greeter:** John Sanderson, Harold Lomas
- Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Nancy Wagnon
- Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Peyton Taylor
- Flowers Next Sunday:** OPEN
- Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
- Alternate Counters:** David McLean, Walter Crosby
- Worship Attendance, February 11 - 172; Sunday School Attendance, February 11 - 77**
- Received to Date:** \$76,098.95; **Expenses to Date:** \$56,944.87
- Needed Weekly:** \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday February 11:** \$4,385.40

- Head Usher:** Keith Smith
- Acolyte:** Hunter Lee
- Cross Bearer:** Peyton Taylor
- Hostess:** Susan Furr
- McArn Items:** Soups