

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), Annie Owens Linton (Jessica Shepard's sister), Bett Auld (Beth Thrailkill's mother). **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 4, 2018

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm UMYF (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

Monday, February 5, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting
3:00pm Deadline for Bulletin

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

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

Thursday, February 8, 2018

5:00pm Set up for Valentine Banquet (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Cub Scouts

Friday, February 9, 2018

7:00pm UMM Valentine Banquet (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Parlor in use.

Sunday, February 11 2018

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:30am Palmetto Ridge Ministry (Palmetto Ridge)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
3-5:00pm Sip and See for Miss Annsleigh Becker (Parlor)
5:30pm UMYF (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

WAYS TO GROW A CHURCH: FOOD FOR THOUGHT: 1. Programs do not grow churches. People grow churches. Each one...bring one.
2. Studying the Bible in Bible Study and in Sunday School grows a church because it grows spirit.

J.O.Y. CLUB: will meet on Thursday, February 15 at 12:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr (843-537-3920) by noon on Monday, February 12. More information to come.

FLOWER CALENDAR: A flower calendar for 2018 has been placed in the lobby by the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to go by and sign up for a Sunday or two to put flowers in the church.

FEBRUARY 9, SWEETHEART BANQUET: Our Men's group is sponsoring the Sweetheart Banquet at 7:00pm. All ladies of the church are invited for an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun. Men of the church are asked to make an offering of \$10.00.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Does not meet this week. We will resume our meal at 5:30pm on February 14. While this is Valentine's Day, it is also the beginning of the Lenten Journey to the cross, Ash Wednesday. Following our meal, we will adjourn to the Sanctuary for the Service for the imposition of ashes. The Scripture for this night will be 1 Peter 2:21-25 and the message will be "Just Like Jesus." The menu for Ash Wednesday will be printed in next week's bulletin.

MISSING COLLECTION PLATE: A brass collection plate is missing from the Kinsey Mulloy classroom. It is engraved on the bottom of the plate "in memorial to Mrs. Ollie Fisher". If you have this plate or know where it may have been placed, please contact Lib Norton or Henrietta Kollitz.

NEXT SUNDAY: Men's Breakfast begins at 8:30am in the fellowship hall.
Palmetto Ridge Ministry at 9:30am.
Scout Sunday, we will honor our Scouting Ministry.
Sip and See to meet Miss Annsleigh Becker, 3:00pm until 5:00pm in the church parlor

FUMC STAFF

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

PARSON TO PERSON

A growing church is one that examines its effectiveness, understands that the mission is not always to remain the same, and moves into the future with new paradigms and a great sense of purpose. A strong church looks to live out its mission. As a United Methodist Church our mission is to “make disciples for Jesus Christ and transform the world.” Our hope is that this mission generates passion in the heart and lives of those who love Jesus and who serve as God’s ministers in First Church. The mission formulates through “outward focus” and “inward needs.” For ministry “outside” our doors and “within” them, passionate individuals are asked to serve God. We had a good year in 2017 with people coming to join us, our young learners growing in their faith, the congregation growing in size on Sunday mornings, faithful attenders for Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, back pack ministry, Shepherd’s Child, support for the Endowment Fund, a growing choir, and a great spirit when our church family joins together.

As we look “outward” and “inward” we are getting stronger. Some unexpected matters last year caused us to use the Contingency Fund to meet our obligations. Heating and air challenges cost us and with the amount of illness and need, our pastoral care cost us more than expected. I go where there is need and do my best to make sure the church’s care is present. Presently, we need to search our hearts and give a bit extra as we are able to rebuild the Contingency Fund. The Contingency Fund and the Endowment Fund are not the same thing. The Endowment Fund allows us to use interest from the principle to take care of buildings and to fund mission work. The Endowment Fund must reach a certain level before it can be used. The Contingency Fund comes from forward thinking people who prepare for the rainy days that can come. We keep the Contingency Fund at \$100,000. It currently is at \$62,643.04. Your help will be greatly appreciated. It is not the church’s job to save money. Our mission is to use it for God’s glory. This Contingency Fund and our Endowment Fund are not a means to save money. It is money to use as is necessary. The Finance Committee and the Administrative Council do a good job at taking care of the church’s needs while being good stewards of the tithes and offerings received.

Generosity is a heaven inspired value. The apostle Paul has this to say about it. “Teach those who have resources in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share it with others. By doing this, they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. (II Timothy 6:17-19 NLT)

Our goal as the church is to store our treasure as a good foundation so that we may experience the true life which comes from God. Thank you for being the church you are and for being the place where true life is found.

Ken Timmerman

THANK YOU: To everyone that helped with the meal for the Child Development Ministry Children and families last Sunday.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: Please remember to bring extra money for the McArn Food Bank. The youth will be at each door after the service to collect it.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Chase Watson
Lobby Door Greeter: Eric Dusa
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Leslie Jean Watson
Next Week’s Lay Reader: Leighton Becker
Flowers Next Sunday: Emily Marsh
Counters: Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore
Alternate Counters: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker
Worship Attendance, January 28 - 204; Sunday School Attendance, January 28 - 80
Received to Date: \$61,445.97; **Expenses to Date:** \$38,145.79
Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday Jan. 28:** \$2,008.05

Head Usher: Keith Smith
Acolyte: Hunter Lee
Cross Bearer: Peyton Taylor
Hostess: Susan Furr
McArn Items: Canned spaghetti

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.**

The Souper Bowl of Caring: Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation’s largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.

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 “O the Glory of Your Presence” STEVE FRY

***Hymn No. 57** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**
Our Father, help us to trust in You, the God of impossibilities. It doesn’t matter how great the pressure is. What really matters is where the pressure lies...whether it comes between us and You or whether it presses us nearer to Your heart. We long to give the burden over to you...the impossible situation, the uncrossable river, the untunneled mountain. We give it all over to You with absolute confidence. In the name of Jesus, who can do the impossible, we pray. AMEN (The author of this prayer is the Reverend Dr. Chuck Swindoll)

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 859-860 Psalm 147:1-11 Sara 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** “Revive Us, O Lord” STAN PETHEL
***Doxology No. 95** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH
***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 468** “Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See” HURSLEY

Scripture John 6: 1-15

Sermon “More Than Enough” Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 408** “The Gift of Love” GIFT OF LOVE

***Benediction**

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

The greenery is placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Sue McManus on her birthday, February 9 from the McManus family.

SOCK IT TO ‘EM!: Please join the Ezer class and the Evangelism Ministry Team in sending goodie-filled socks to the Palmetto Ridge residents on Feb. 11th .. in advance of Valentine’s Day. Here’s how it works: buy one pair (or more!) of male/female socks. Fill one sock with chapstick, lotion, candy, any small toiletry or fun item and then stuff the sock with its mate. If you’re unable to join us for singing on the 11th at Palmetto Ridge, you may still leave your socks in the church office the week before. Here’s hoping we can “Sock It To” our Palmetto Ridge residents so they’ll feel FUMC’s heart - especially at Valentines!