

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, Brother Redfearn (Pam Humphries' friend), Amy Catoe (Jenny Keefe's cousin), Helen Humphries (Steven Humphries' mother), Steve Bilby (Harold Lomas' friend), Joe Burch, Jr. (Mary Burr's 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). **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, March 11, 2018

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:30am Palmetto Ridge Ministry (Palmetto Ridge)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 12, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)
12:00pm Lenten Lunch (Baptist Church)
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, March 15, 2018

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

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Fellowship Hall in use (Child Development)

Sunday, March 18, 2018

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

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Lesson this week: Ephesians 2: 1-10 "Made alive with Christ", bring your Bible. Menu: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, soda bread, dessert, tea and coffee. Eat at 5:30pm, \$7.00 per person, maximum of \$21.00 for a family.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: We are in need of items for our pantry.

MEATS: Spam, canned salmon, tuna, canned chicken, Vienna sausage, potted meat, Hormel completes. SOUPS: All varieties with flip top. VEGETABLES: canned corn, canned green beans, pork and beans, Chef Boy R Dee, succotash, dried beans, dried peas, Spaghetti O's, chili, Idaho potato flakes, boxed macaroni and cheese, roman noodles. BREAD, CEREALS and FRUITS: cereal boxes and bags, saltines, Lance crackers, instant grits, instant oatmeal, rice cakes, Nutra-grain bars, pop tarts, canned fruit, Little Debbie cakes, dried fruits, fruit cocktail, apple sauce, fruit snack packets. OTHER ITEMS: peanuts, jelly, peanut butter, syrup, fiber bars, pickles, pudding, raisins, chips. DRINKS: water, canned milk, dried milk, Gatorade, canned or bottled juices. PERSONAL ITEMS: toothbrush, bars of soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, dish soap, deodorant, plastic bags.

HOW TO GROW A CHURCH: 1. Make worship a part of daily life and not just a habit for Sunday mornings. 2. Make a place in your heart for children. Treat them special.

MEALS WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS: Sara Sanderson and Angie Smith will make contact and set up our times together with our college and university students. March 12, 13 and 15; March 19, 20 and 22.

EASTER SCHEDULE: Maundy Thursday Service, March 20 at 7:00pm; Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, April 1 at 6:30am on the Church porch; Sunday School at 9:45am; Easter Worship at 11:00am. Bring flowers for the Easter cross as is our custom.

FUMC STAFF

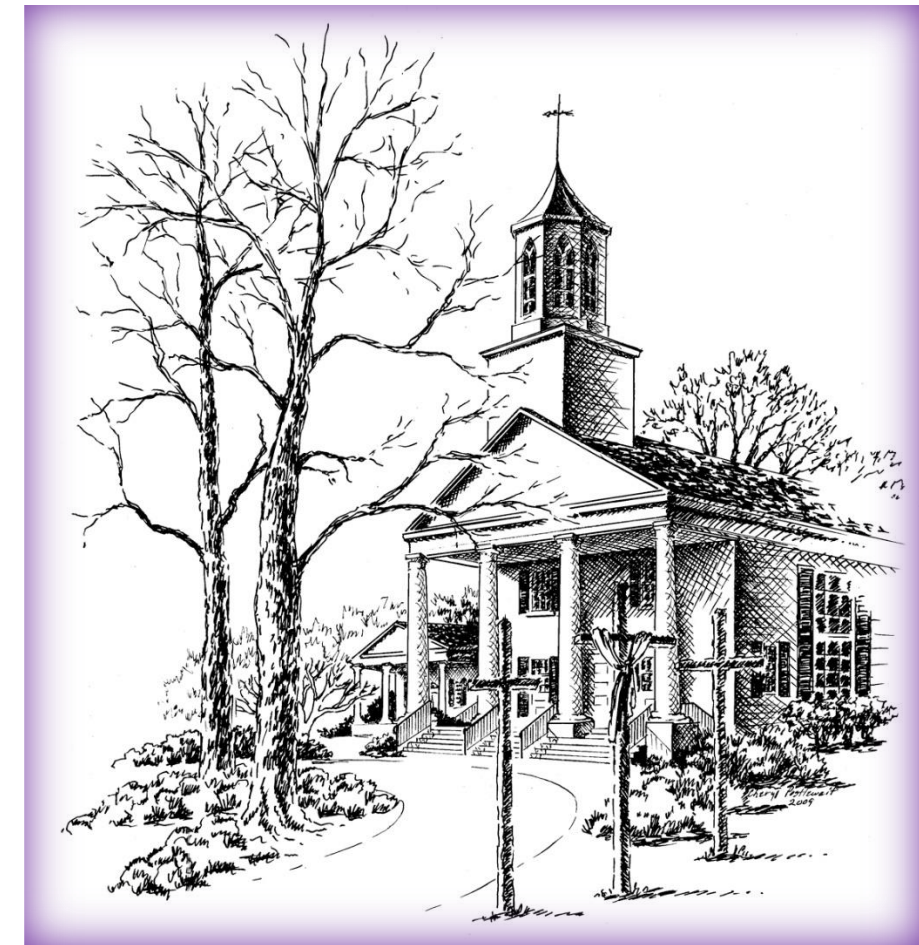
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MARCH 11, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

PARSON TO PERSON

I apologize to Charles Dickens for borrowing his words and “tweaking” them so that they “apply” to a characteristic visible in human nature. “It’s the best of *things* and the worst of *things*.” I am speaking of the human trait of “making up one’s mind.” To make up one’s mind on matters of life and faith can be a positive thing, and it can be a negative thing. People are prone to set their minds.

1. Some set their minds that the King James Version of the Bible is the “authorized version” and, therefore, the only version of the Bible people should read.
2. Some people set their minds to increase efforts to avoid infections of flu by washing hands more and limiting handshakes until the current danger is under control.
3. Some people set their minds that religion has its place.
4. Some people set their minds that revenge and expressions of anger or hatred are appropriate responses to enemies. (By the way, the Bible declares that we must “love our enemies.”)
5. Some people set their minds that money makes the world go round.
6. Some people set their minds that faith is a matter of simply saying, “I believe in God.”
7. Some folks set their minds to believe “my way is the highway.”

On our journey to the cross this Lenten Season, there is a clear call to “set our minds on Christ.” That will be an interruption into life as we know, but it will be a good thing and a necessary thing. Faith does require us to seek the “mind of Christ” and not to work solely on knowing “our own mind.” The word the Bible uses is “repent.” There are matters we need to turn away from that diminish our living. As we live, we do not always see it that way, and we point to doing things with the mind of Christ one day. I would encourage us all to think about the Christ of the cross now. I would recommend that we reshape our lives and make certain things more important than others, especially spiritually. Being a part of the Kingdom is a matter of choice. And choosing the Kingdom is choosing “the best of things.”
Ken Timmerman

LENTEN LUNCHEs: First Baptist on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who brought cookies, lemonade, and tea last Sunday.

FUMC BBQ: The FUMC and Boy Scout Troop 655 Spring BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 from 11am-2pm. Tickets are printed and are ready to sell. If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact Angie in the church office. We try to sell tickets before the day of the BBQ as weather is always a concern. Any church member or friend of the church can volunteer to sell tickets. Thank You.

ADDRESS: Mrs. Anne Bryan has moved. If you would like to send her a note, here is her new address:

Anne Bryan
200 Bristol Glen Drive
Box 276
Newton, NJ 07860

J.O.Y CLUB: March J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, the 15th at noon in the fellowship hall. The meal will be baked chicken, brown rice, green beans, salad, bread, dessert and tea, catered by Hidden Treasures. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Hostesses are Gailya Wilson and Dare Marsh. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr by noon Monday, March 12. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. *Mary Burr*

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Betty Thrailkill

Lobby Door Greeter: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Lesley Jean Watson

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Jacob Rohde

Flowers Next Sunday: Gini Eddins

Counters: Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternate Counters: --

Worship Attendance, March 4 - 132; Sunday School Attendance, March 4 - 89

Received to Date: \$97,726.43; **Expenses to Date:** \$88,305.10

Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, March 4:** \$4,523.00

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Alex Lee

Cross Bearer: Lydia Lee

Hostess: Lib Norton

McArn Items: Baby food, wipes, diapers

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. 64**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

***Confession Prayer (In Unison)**

Like sheep we tend to stray from the Shepherd, O God. Forgive us for wandering from your holy ways. Seek us out and call us back to the fold. Forgive us, too, for wanting the blessings of faith without doing the work of it. Touch us at our points of need this morning, and reclaim us as your own. Give us strength to put down and turn away from those things that put distance between us and your truth. We ask these things in the name of Jesus who forgives those who seek it. Amen.

Declaration Of Forgiveness (by the Pastor):

May the almighty and pardoning God who caused light to shine....shine into our darkness and forgive our sin and cleanse us from unrighteousness. Amen

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 830

Psalm 107:1-9

Sammy Quick, 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. 2068**

“I Love You, Lord”

I LOVE YOU, LORD

Scripture

Mark 1: 14-18

Sermon

“In Touch With Me”

Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No.2149**

“Living for Jesus”

LIVING FOR JESUS

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**