

**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 (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). **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 25, 2018**

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

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, March 28, 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, March 29, 2018**

6:00pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service (Front porch)  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

**WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST:** Our study in Ephesians this week will be Ephesians 2:17-22 as we study the "Temple of the Lord". Menu: Ziti casserole, salad, dessert, tea and coffee. Eat at 5:30pm, \$7.00 per person, maximum of \$21.00 for a family.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** In the next few weeks, Ken will be travelling to our different colleges and universities to have a meal with our students. Therefore, there will be days he will be out of the office.

**EASTER EGG HUT:** The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00am.

**EASTER SCHEDULE:** Maundy Thursday Service, March 29 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.

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:** If you are interested in participating in the Easter music, please join us for choir practice sessions. The schedule is: Sunday, March 18, 9:00am; Saturday, March 24, 9:00am; Sunday, March 25, 9:00am; Wednesday, March 28, 7:30pm; Thursday, March 29, Maundy Thursday, we sing! Sunday, April 1, Easter time to be announced.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Alayna Carabo and Mary-Charlotte Dusa in being named Girl State Representatives.

**RELAY FOR LIFE:** We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2017 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.

#### FUMC STAFF

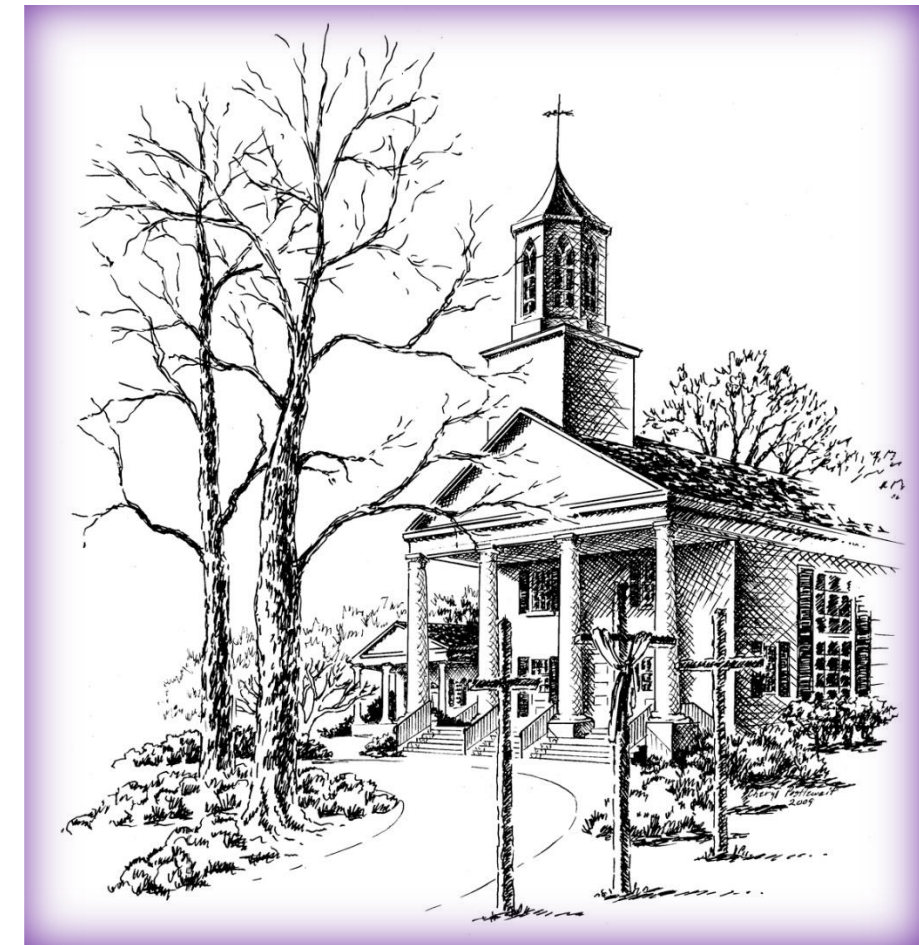
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**THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.**

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**MARCH 25, 2018**

**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**

## PARSON TO PERSON

John Maxwell, founder of INJOY, is someone I respect because he has a heart for motivating churches and people to be the very best they can be. I am on the mailing list and keep up with his books and his writings, particularly when it comes to stewardship information. Recently, he has written an article entitled *The Keys to Victory*. His words point to victorious results and a winning campaign for any church's effort.

He writes at the beginning words attributed to Vince Lombardi: *Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing.* John Maxwell then goes on to write: *Those seven words...spoken by Vince Lombardi...have become the mantra for countless teams in virtually every sport. They adorn posters, plaques, Post-it notes and T-shirts. They are quoted innumerable times in locker rooms across America. But Vince Lombardi wanted to take back what he said. Shortly before his death in 1970, Lombardi told famed columnist Jerry Izenberg. "I wish I'd never said that. I meant the effort. I meant having a goal. I sure didn't mean for people to crush human values and morality." As a leader and strategist, Lombardi had few equals, and his words carried such weight that their impact had gotten beyond his control. Asked how he would re-state his words, he replied, "I would say: Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is." He knew what matters is the desire, not the conquest. Vince Lombardi understood the priority of pursuing victory in the right way with the right motives.*

Winning is something most everyone wants to do. From college athletics to the business world to the church...people desire to be victorious. People work toward winning and employ their best strategies that will bring about that end. During Lent, we are reminded by Jesus that in God's Kingdom the key to winning is in losing. Our goal must be to surrender ("lose") our lives in faith in order to establish ("win") the Kingdom's presence and truth in our community.

Jesus had a way of helping lives to be turned upside-down. "The poor shall be rich." "The meek shall inherit the earth." "Save your life and lose it. Lose your life for the sake of the Gospel and win."

I believe Jesus said these types of things to keep us dependent on his wisdom. Too often we think about life in terms of winning and losing. This happens because we know how we want things done or how we want situations to work out. Jesus turns the world upside-down by reminding us that we must trust God in our life moments. His hand leads and guides the faithful in positive ways. Life is about trust. Circumstances often challenge our trust. May we live in such a way that we always seek where God is leading us.

P.S. When Jesus entered the city, there were cries of "Hosanna." The same people in a few days would shout "crucify him." Where had they placed their trust?

*Ken Timmerman*

**PASTORIAL CHANGE:** This is a time for the church to begin praying for the outgoing pastor and the proposed incoming pastor. Change is hard, yet in the United Methodist Church, change comes with hope for new ministry and new ideas and new plans. As the Bishop and Cabinet make appointments, they do not have the privilege of thinking of only one church. They must see the whole church and all of its need in South Carolina. They work to match gifts and graces of pastors to needs in local churches. I know the news of a pastoral change has created many feelings. I need you to know that this move will be of benefit to my family, and I have embraced the move. I did not say no to it. Some have written letters expressing feelings. This isn't fair to the new pastor coming in. We need to use our time for transition preparing, rather than sending letters to the Bishop and D.S. We need to send letter of encouragement to the new pastor and express how welcome she will be among us. Rev. Kim Eanes is an experienced pastor and is entitled to be well-received. Our hearts and minds must be in the right place for that to happen. Change is a part of who we are as United Methodists. While change is hard...this change will benefit my family and I completely accept the proposed move. I love all of you, but the time for a change has come. I ask that you honor my time here by welcoming the new pastor with open arms and loving hearts. If you want to send a note of encouragement, you can get Rev. Kim Eanes' address in the church office. The key to this pastoral change will be prayer. Prayer prepares our hearts for what is going to happen. Your proposed pastor is Kim Eanes. I have had the privilege of hearing her preach, and she is a very good preacher. I know she has a good heart and cares about people. She will do good work in Cheraw. She has been in the ministry for twenty-seven years and has many gifts and graces and skills. Please join me in praying for her as she prepares to come to Cheraw.

### SERVING TODAY

**Greeter:** Linda Smith

**Lobby Door Greeter:** Herbert Watts, Jackie Furr

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Ericka Kollitz

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Mary-Charlotte Dusa

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Ezer Class

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

**Alternate Counter:** --Doug Marsh

**Worship Attendance, March 18 - 140; Sunday School Attendance, March 18 - 83**

**Received to Date:** \$107,287.86; **Expenses to Date:** \$103,540.63

**Needed Weekly:** \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, March 18:** \$2,127.00

**Head Usher:** Theodore Burns

**Acolyte:** Alex Lee

**Cross Bearer:** Lydia Lee

**Hostess:** Lib Norton

**McArn Items:** Breakfast foods

## 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.**

**Service Note: The Choir will sing a Choral Introit. Children will process in with palm branches waving. Those seated on the aisle seats are asked to join in with waving the palm branches that will be supplied and to do so with enthusiasm. We cannot have a "dead" parade. The children will make their way around the Sanctuary, the donkey will make its entrance, as will Jesus. The children will place their palms on the kneeling pads at the Altar rail. Adults with palm branches will bring them to the Altar as well. Following this, we will greet each other as family prior to the opening hymn. The atmosphere is to be festive, and we encourage you to greet Palm Sunday with faith and celebration.**

*Palm Sunday: A day we remember and relive as "Hosanna" filled the air and shouts of "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" resounded in the streets of Jerusalem. What begins in triumph and celebration turns to sorrow as Jesus is tried and sentenced to die on the cross. He speaks the truth that comes from God, but it challenges too many, and they determine to rid themselves of his teaching and preaching. He meets in an Upper Room with his disciples on Thursday evening and shares a final meal (Holy Communion). From there things moved quickly to prayer in the garden, to being betrayed, and tried in an illegal trial. This week begins Holy Week. It is a time for prayer and self-reflection. It is also a time of gratitude as God offers us the gift of salvation and the opportunity to be in relationship with him.*

**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. 278**

**"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

ELLACOMBE

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

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We greet you this day, O Lord, and thank you for making a triumphal entry into our hearts. We yearn to become more like you and commit ourselves to God's truth and ways. Empower us to kneel before your majesty and to surrender our lives to your direction. Forgive us when our actions deny your divinity. When we choose to walk away from you, it is your love that gives us second chances to come home to faith. Bless you for your great love and your willingness to give your life for us. We pray in your sacred name and ask you to help us become worthy of it. Amen.**

### Life Lessons for Young Learners

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

**"The Apostles' Creed"**

Sophia Prevatte, 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"**

*Lawton Harris, Pianist*

OLD 100TH

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn No. 277**

**"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

STORIES OF JESUS

**Scripture**

**John 12: 12-15, Matthew 26: 26-45**

**Sermon**

**"A Great Parade"**

Rev. Ken Timmerman

**\*Hymn No. 261**

**"Lord of the Dance"**

LORD OF THE DANCE

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*Please stand if able.**