

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 Thraikill, 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), Buddy Brooks, Margaret (Maggie) Bundrick (Mary Lynn Watkins' niece), Bett Auld (Beth Thraikill'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, March 4, 2018

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

Monday, March 5, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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

Wednesday, March 7, 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 8, 2018

10:30am Senior Adults Beach Day Trip
6:00pm Cub Scouts

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)

WEDNESDAYS AT THE FIRST: Lesson this week: Ephesians 1: 15-23 "Thanksgiving and Prayer". Menu: Chicken bog, black eye peas, apple salad, fritters, 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. Prayer for your church family. 2. Be a good ambassador for your church. Speak well of it in the public arena.

MEALS WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS: Ken has selected the following dates in March for meals with college students. The dates are March 12, 13, and 15...March 19, 20, and 22. This is a great chance for a good meal and some time with their minister. Sara and Angie will be making contact to set times up. In the event that we have only one student present at a specific college, that student is welcome to bring a couple of friends.



TIME CHANGE: March 11. Set your clocks one hour ahead or you will get here when we are finishing.

FUMC STAFF

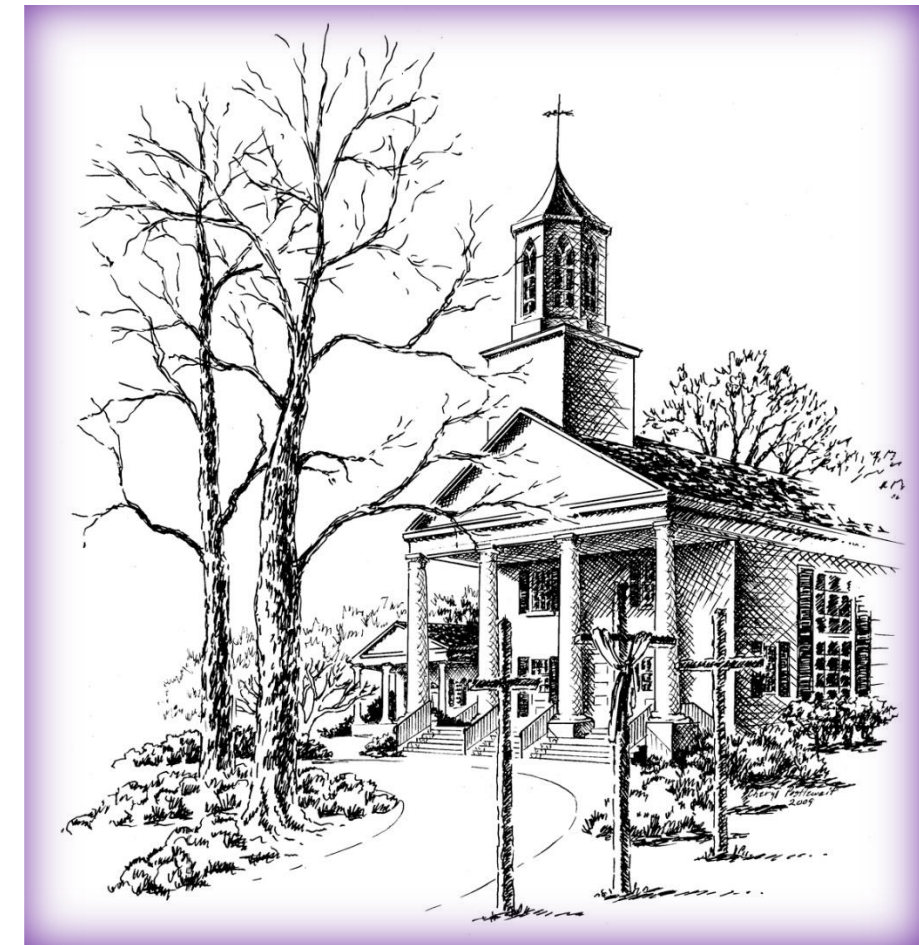
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MARCH 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

PARSON TO PERSON

How does God speak to the world? It is a question worth pondering. Many voices claim to be from God.

1. I listen as political candidates invoke “connection” to his name and indicate belief that God is for them and their ideas. Yet, that falls short because I know that God is neither a Democrat nor a Republican.
2. I hear certain television evangelists say that faith is “demonstrated by sending a check so gates of blessing will open.” Those words fall short because faith is commitment – not just a check. Blessing cannot be bought.
3. I listen as persons predict the “end of time” and say God is coming. Why is fear used as an evangelism tool?
4. I read the work of authors who try to help me think about God in new ways (like the Shack...fun to read, but just junk theologically.) Thinking about God is good, but only the Scriptures define God.

So, how does God speak to the world? I believe it is in ways that are sometimes overlooked.

1. God speaks through “bread and juice.” Communion speaks of God’s love for all.
2. God speaks when we place water on a child’s head. Baptism says we are “claimed.”
3. God speaks through the singing of hymns. “On Christ the solid rock I stand.”
4. God speaks through hugs exchanged at church and in the community. We are brothers and sisters.
5. God speaks when divisions are overcome. Forgiveness is a way to live...not just an option to consider.
6. God speaks when people travel to other places in mission to help rebuild lives. Someone else’s home must matter as much as our own.

God speaks through acts of love, forgiveness, unity, and love. Why is it that sometimes we miss the message? Is it because we are not tuned in to the matters of heart that are sustained by God’s presence and love? Think about it.

Ken Timmerman

NEW MEMBER: Klinton N. McManus (Klint) has moved his membership to First United Methodist Church from St. Luke United Methodist Church in Hartsville.

LENTEN LUNCHEs: First Baptist on Wednesday, March 7 is FUMC’s time to host the meal and to present the message.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all those who sent memorials or honorariums. *David Townsend*

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Emily Marsh

Lobby Door Greeter: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Michelle Rohde

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Sammy Quick

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Counters: Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

Alternate Counters: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

Worship Attendance, February 25 - 169; Sunday School Attendance, February 25 - 104

Received to Date: \$90,141.67; **Expenses to Date:** \$83,785.24

Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday February 25:** \$3,255.00

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Alex Lee

Cross Bearer: Lydia Lee

Hostess: Lib Norton

McArn Items: Canned vegetables

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. 89** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN OF JOY

*Confession Prayer (In Unison)

We confess your greatness and our lack of it, O God. You give us directions, but we do not read them. You grant us opportunities to love and forgive, but we forego them. You give us the chance to make a difference in the world, but we believe we have little power to change anything. Grant us your forgiveness for the doubts our lives manifest when it comes to faith, and draw us closer to your amazing love that inspires us to go against our culture, and to rethink life according to your holy ways. In the name of Jesus, we pray. 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. 750 Psalm 19 Sawyer Becker, 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. 472** “Near to the Heart of God” MCAFEE

Scripture

Romans 2: 17-24, 28-29

Sermon

“A Matter of Heart”

Rev. Ken Timmerman

*Hymn No. 467

“Trust and Obey”

TRUST AND OBEY

*Benediction

*Postlude

***Please stand if able.**

Please join us for lemonade and cookies on the circle drive following the service for an extended celebration of fellowship here at FUMC.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of all the loving prayers that have gone up for Buddy, by Buddy, Reba and family.