

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), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Chris Thraikill, David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Jayne Burr Board, Bett Auld (Beth Thraikill's mother), Mattie Thomas (Norma Cobb's sister), Lynda Coleman (Jenny Outen's friend), Margaret Blue Stewart (Thomas McKinnon's sister), Pal Moore, Ray McManus, James Thurman (Angie Smith's daddy), Valerie Garguilo (Penny Quick's friend). **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, May 13, 2018

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Scholarship Sunday)
Sara Vacation

Monday, May 14, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
Sara Vacation

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting
2:00pm *Deadline for Bulletin*
5:30pm Weight Watchers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sara Vacation

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Sara Vacation

Thursday, May 17, 2018

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

Sunday, May 20, 2018

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service (Graduation Sunday)
Sara vacation

MAY 20, GRADUATION SUNDAY: We will have a brunch for graduates and their families in the parlor. There will be special recognition of our graduates in the Worship Service. We apologize if anyone has been inadvertently left out.

WATF: Has ended for the summer break. Many thanks to all who so faithfully participated each week, in both our meal and our studies in the Bible. God bless.

TRANSITION: With packing and getting ready for the move, I will be out of the office some in the days ahead. In the event of need, contact the church office and Angie or Sara will share with me your needs, and I will get back with you as soon as I possibly can.

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27, 2018: Please come to church as we celebrate those who have given themselves in service to our country. If you have symbols of your branch of service or portions of uniform or insignia from your years of service, please bring or wear them. This remembrance will be an important part of our Worship Service.

J.O.Y CLUB: May J.O.Y. Club will meet at noon on Thursday, May 17 in the fellowship hall. Come join us for a summer picnic, fun, and fellowship. The meal will consist of fried chicken, potato salad, congeald salad, green bean casserole, and etc.. It will be a great meal. Cost of the meal is \$7.00 per person. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr by noon on Monday, May 14.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY: Crackers, Pop Tarts, spaghetti noodles, jelly, salt/pepper, cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, pudding, nuts, canned spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, rice, and dried fruit.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PALMETTO RIDGE MINISTRY: Honey Buns, Lance Toast Cheese Crackers, Coke/Diet Coke (Please Coke products only)

BIBLE STUDY: "You'll Get Through This" – held on Thursdays at 10:00am at 1-5-Ate Bakery...for more details contact Sara at 843-537-7002 or 843-910-7987.

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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 13, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ASCENSION SUNDAY

MOTHER'S DAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Ken Timmerman, Pastor (timmerman@sc.rr.com)

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PARSON TO PERSON

No matter how hard I try, I cannot get away from my upbringing. I do not make such a statement to criticize my upbringing, but to give thanks for it. My years of growing up were filled with adventures likened to today's except that many of the dangers in my day were not as severe as those today. Some were just as dangerous, and others were not. We were prone to try things that would be better left untried, but temptations are very strong when young, and the propensity to surrender to them are strong. So, we did. There was stress in my youthful days, but I do not think we were as stressed as some are today. I know that we did not have to take hot showers or use therapy dogs, pacifiers for teens, nor therapists. Thank goodness for parents who understood life and all its temptations and dangers. Mine regularly helped establish boundaries whose aim was protection and not the ruination of my life. How quick I was to declare that something was going to "ruin my life" if I didn't get my way. Little did I realize that my parents were actually saving me from "ruination" by uttering the word "no" to some of my requests. I often accused my mother of saying "no" so regularly that sometimes we didn't ever get to finish the questions before she would say "no." Thank goodness for the boundaries created.

One of the things I can never escape in this life is the presence of temptation. Often life will tempt us to be less than what God asks of us. The Scriptures call such moments "sin." When we fail to do the will of God we are sinners. The cross looms before us to communicate God's grace in the midst of a world filled with temptations to sin. Words like "forgiveness," "reconciliation," "grace," "restoration," and "healing" spring forth through the language of the church and from Scripture. We are surrounded by the love of God, given a perfect example of life in Jesus Christ, and invited to model the Lord's life in our own.

Another thing I could never escape in this life is love. I am one who was blessed to have a good mother who was always present and loving. Everyone is not so fortunate. My mom would have made a good military leader because she gave plenty of orders. She never allowed us to do our own thing without her knowing the details of what we were doing. This often brought lively debate. My mom would prevail because she was the authority in our lives. We were not "free" to go here and there, and do this or that, without her knowing who it was being done with, and what time we would be home. Surprise! There was a curfew of 11:00pm, so we knew when we would be done. It made us mad, but it was for our own good. Boundaries are a part of living. A person who cannot establish their own boundaries is going to have great difficulty in life. I cannot be the parent who allows my child to do whatever he wants to do. I must help him understand boundaries.

Lastly, I learned about intentions. The road to heaven and to hell are both paved with good intentions. The Apostle Paul taught us that our best intentions do not always overcome our humanity. All of our lessons and memories of boundaries that we have been taught do not prevent us from failing God or people at times. Like Paul we say, "The very thing I hate is the thing I do." He constantly sought to preserve in the face of temptations. And so, can we.

Today, we will listen and learn from the story of Hosea. It is a true love story complete with hurts and boundaries and forgiveness.

Ken Timmerman

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: will be held June 11-14 from 9:00-11:30am. If you would like to help, please let Sara know.

SALKEHATCHIE: Any youth 14 and older or adults interested in attending Salkehatchie this summer should begin registering as soon as possible. Just go online to Salkehatchie.org and choose the Foothills Camp in Pendleton, SC if you wish to go with the larger group who attends each year. Other camps for other dates are also available, so please feel free to choose the camp of your choice. Contact Shannon Johnson if you have questions. We love to add new attendees each year, so please join us!

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Thomas McKinnon

Lobby Door Greeter: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Nursery: Caroline Quick & Leslie Jean Watson

Next Week's Lay Reader: Joey Mills

Flowers Next Sunday: Tomberlin

Counters: Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternate Counters: --

Worship Attendance, May 6 - 128; Sunday School Attendance, May 6 - 84

Received to Date: \$149,408.46; **Expenses to Date:** \$151,494.41

Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, May 6:** \$2,905.45

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. 159**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

We pause today, O Lord, to celebrate the parent-like love you give us. We are reminded of your great love through the love shown by our mothers. We thank you for mothers willing to give their lives for their children. Though lessons for life can be painstaking, our mothers forge ahead and provide wisdom and guidance. Help those women who cannot be a guiding presence for their children and help children whose parental memories do not bring peace. It is your love that never fails us. It is your presence that grants us peace. It is your wisdom that gives us direction. Thank you that you invest yourself in moms the world over. May we honor them today as we also honor you, O God. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Scholarship Presentation

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. 445**

"Happy the Home When God is There"

ST. AGNES

Scripture

Hosea 6: 4-6

Sermon

"Love That God Seeks"

Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 408**

"The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in memory of Annabel Bennett and Margery Bennett and in honor of all mothers by Jim Bennett.

