

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 6, 2018

9:30am Palmetto Ridge Ministry
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 7, 2018

6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

1:30pm Staff Meeting
 2:00pm *Deadline for Bulletin*
 3:00pm UMW Afternoon Circle Meeting (Parlor)
 5:30pm Weight Watchers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00pm UMW Evening Circle #3 Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

5:30pm WATF Supper (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm YMKF (Kid's Nook)
 7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 10, 2018

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Sunday, May 13, 2018

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service (Scholarship Sunday)
 5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall)
Sara vacation

NEXT SUNDAY: We celebrate Mother's Day and we also will congratulate scholarship winners during the morning Worship Service. The following Sunday is Graduation Sunday complete with a brunch for Seniors and their families in the parlor and recognition during the morning Worship Service.

WATF: Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cabbage, dessert, tea and coffee. Ephesians 5 "Living by the Spirit's Power and Relationships in the Family." We will complete our study of Ephesians and cease for the summer break following our meal and study on May 9.

COLLEGE GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED: The Christian Education Committee would like the families of any graduating college students to inform the office. We don't want to leave anyone out of the graduation program in May.
Holly Miles, Christian Education Committee Chair



David, Jacob, Michelle and Ken, having fun at the church.



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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 6, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

FUMC STAFF

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PARSON TO PERSON

Years ago, Mother Teresa was in the news due to letters from her personal diary being released for public scrutiny. The news agencies quickly brought this “information” regarding her faith struggles to light. It was reported that she wrote, “My smile is a great cloak that hides a multitude of pains.” In another instance, she wrote, “no faith...no love...no zeal...(the saving of) souls holds no attraction...Heaven means nothing...it has been like this more or less from the time I started ‘the work’.”

Persons who preach atheism take her letters as confirmation of their rational doubts about God and proof that faithless people can display enormous benevolence. In the church, people of faith understand the “struggles of faith” all human beings face. In our own church, it was John Wesley who struggled with his faith and was finally encouraged to “preach faith until you have faith, and then you will preach faith because you have faith.” Later, his “heartwarming” experience confirmed within Mr. Wesley’s heart and faith that Christ did die to save him.

Life’s realities bring conflict into the human soul and spirit. Even the Bible has words about God’s people and their struggles. The Psalmist wrote, “They soon forgot His works and would not wait for His counsel. They were seized with craving in the wilderness and tested God in the desert.” (Psalm 106:13-14) Jesus spoke of having “found faith” in people struggling with life issues. The apostle Paul, speaking of the human condition and the conflict in his soul said, “The very thing I hate is the thing I do.” The faith journey is a journey that includes struggle.

With the exception of those who claim to have a “superhuman faith,” most faithful Christians struggle along their faith journey facing moments when their souls feel conflicted. Mother Teresa’s eye saw so much torment and filth and poverty and need, that she struggled within her spirit. She chose to write those feelings to paper (which is one reason I have never been interested in journaling. Words written in a journal do not tell the whole story and translation is too often left to the reader.)

She wrote other words too: “Often, when my work is very hard, I think about my sick co-workers and say to Jesus, Look, at these children of yours who suffer, and bless my work for their sake. I feel instantly comforted.” I believe Mother Teresa’s faith “shines” because through her own admissions, she was “human at best,” strong because she could be weak, and one of God’s saints who worked to make the world a better place.

May her faith inspire ours. *Ken Timmerman*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School theme this year is “Shipwrecked.” The dates are June 11-14, 9:00am-11:30am.

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

Greeter: Renie Seel

Lobby Door Greeter: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Erika Kollitz

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Greer Bennett

Flowers Next Sunday: Bennett

Counters: Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

Alternate Counters: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

Worship Attendance, April 29 - 144; Sunday School Attendance, April 29 - 89

Received to Date: \$143,795.03; **Expenses to Date:** \$136,928.38

Needed Weekly: \$7,269.25; **Received Sunday, April 29:** \$2,795.00

Head Usher: Doug Carabo

Acolyte: Sawyer Becker

Cross Bearer: Leighton Becker

Hostess: Cindy Sanderson

McArn Items: Grits/oatmeal/cereal

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. 98**

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

Lord, deliver us from the phony type of religion where we walk one way and think another. Help us to be like Mary who knew what was important, and so she listened to Jesus talking. Empower us to stop in the midst of busy lives and listen to your thoughts about life. Teach us to cut through all our nonsense of trying to be what everybody expects us to be, and help us face ourselves as we really are. Then, once we’re there, help us with the remedy. In the name of the One who is eternal, Jesus, we pray. Amen

Life Lessons for Young Learners

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 818

Psalms 98

Shannon Johnson, Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 883 “A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada”**

Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri**

Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Gathering God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**

“For Ken”

Musical arrangement by Lawton and Margaret Jean Harris

***Doxology No. 95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD 100TH

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn No. 77**

“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Scripture

Luke 10: 38-42

Sermon

“Into God’s Hands”

Rev. Ken Timmerman

***Hymn No. 2149**

“Living for Jesus”

LIVING FOR JESUS

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand if able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Jacob Rohde in honor of his father and mother’s 24th wedding anniversary on May 7.