

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 1, 2019

9:00am Choir practice (Choir Room)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm NO UMYF
5-6:15pm Fireflies

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)
6:00pm WOW Service (Sanctuary)
7:00pm Choir practice (Choir Room)

Sunday, December 8, 2019

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
3:00pm UMW Quarterly Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
4:30-6:30pm Fireflies
5:00pm MYF
6-8:30pm Zoar UMC Live Drive-Thru Nativity

Monday, December 2, 2019

Pastor Kim's Day Off
2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
5:00pm Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

11:00am Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn
(Fellowship Hall)
2:00pm December 8 Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Pickleball League
6:30pm Shepherd's Child Paint Party (BrushnStuff
Studio)

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Mayhew, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), David Freeman (Brooke Freeman's Father-in-law), Phillip Caulder, Debbie & Randy Butler (Sally Smith's friend), Mary Ann Stalnaker (Judy Dixon's mother), Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adam's mother), James McCall, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Rivers (Martha Starling's friends), Billy Woodward (Curtis Jones' friend), Curtis Jones, Charles Watson (Chase Watson's dad), Jane Campbell, Mary-Mallete Wood (Kim Williamson's friend), Sara Wicker, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thrailkill, Jerry Chapman (Debbie Elmore's friend), Addie Mae Sellers (Martha Starling's friend), Jerry & Sarah Margaret Therrell, Roy Allison Family (Pam Baker's friend), Ellen Hurst (Kelly Dusa's friend), Kristina Allen, Margaret Stanton, Jim Bennett, Jean and Jerry B. Leach, Ricki Thurman (Jenny Keefe's sister). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

THANK YOU EVERYONE! Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child this year! Thanks to your generosity, we will make a difference in the lives of 63 children around the world! Please continue to pray for these children and their families. And again, THANK YOU for filling a box to share God's love in a tangible way! - Jenny Keefe, FUMC OCC Coordinator.

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE: Have you considered remembering the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving. Current amount in the Endowment Fund: \$222,577.07.

MCARN FOOD BANK ITEMS NEEDED: During the month of December, McArn Food Bank has a special need for the following items: green beans, mashed potatoes, carrots, and canned fruits. You may place these items in the bins in the parking lot entryway of the church.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jed Reid
Lobby Door Greeter: Eric Dusa
Nursery Today: Renie Seel, Peyton Taylor
Nursery Next Sunday: Gail Eubanks, Kim Williamson
Next Week's Lay Reader: Greer Bennett
Flowers Next Sunday: Poinsettas
Deposit Team: John Moore, Todd Becker
Deposit Team Alternate: Micki Lockey
Worship Attendance, November 24 – 107; **Sunday School Attendance, November 24** – 74
Year to Date Income: \$329,708.88; **Year to Date Expenses:** \$340,078.13

FUMC STAFF

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

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***Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. ***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.)

The Lighting of the Advent Candles (responsively)

The Becker Family

L: (Isaiah 64:1-9) O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

P: WE FAN THE FLAMES OF HOPE. WE LONG FOR YOU TO COME TO OUR WORLD, TO BREAK THROUGH AND REIGN WITH COMPASSION, JUSTICE, AND PEACE.

L: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the Potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

P: MIGHTY GOD, CREATOR OF THE WORLD, BREAK THROUGH ALL THAT KEEPS US FROM YOU. WE ASK FOR YOUR MERCY. WE ASK THAT YOU REMAKE US IN YOUR IMAGE. THIS ADVENT, WE ASK THAT YOU VISIT US WITH YOUR JUSTICE, YOUR LOVE, AND YOUR PEACE. AMEN.

**Opening Hymn No. 211*

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

A Hanging of the Greens Celebration (responsively)

L: It's time to trim the tree! It's time to thank God for the coming of the Christ Child!

P: WE THANK THE LORD FOR DWELLING WITH US AND BEING WITH US IN THIS MOMENT.

L: As we focus on the tree with its' top pointing heavenward ...

P: WE THANK YOU, DEAR JESUS, FOR COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN ABOVE, TO STAND ON THIS EARTH ON OUR BEHALF, AGAINST THE POWERS OF SIN, DEATH, AND THE DEVIL.

L: As we enjoy the lights shining from the tree ...

P: WE THANK YOU, DEAR JESUS, FOR BEING BORN TO US AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, A LIGHT NO DARKNESS CAN OVERCOME!

L: As we place the symbols of our faith on the branches of this tree ...

P: WE THANK YOU, DEAR JESUS, FOR DECORATING US WITH YOUR PEACE AND JOY AND LOVE!

L: As we look, with delight and wonderment at all of the beautiful adornments of this season ...

P: WE THANK YOU, DEAR JESUS, FOR COMING TO US, WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES AND LYING IN A MANGER IN BETHLEHEM, THE MOST AMAZING ADORNMENT EVER! AMEN.

The Bringing of the Wreath/Greens
The Bringing of the Poinsettias
The Hanging of the Crismons

Nancy Wagnon
Norma Cobb/Debbie McManus
Pat Barham/Lawson Shepherd

A Word to the Children

**Gospel Lesson*

Luke 1: 26-38

**Gloria Patri No. 71*

Greatorex

Special Music

“Mary Did You Know”

Mary and Caroline Crouse

Witness to the Word

*“How Will This Happen?”
(Sammy Quick, Narrator)*

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

**Hymn No. 215*

“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Offertory

“Sing Alleluia! Christ Will Come” by McDonald

Chancel Choir

**The Giving*

**The Dedication No. 95*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

**The Thanksgiving*

Community Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895 (In unison)

**Closing Hymn No. 220*

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Regent Square

(In the United Methodist faith tradition, our altar rail is always open for prayer and re-commitment.

Please feel free to take some time at the altar rail during the Closing Hymn.)

**Dismissal with Blessing*

**Postlude*

**Please stand if able.*

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS! We would like to have your current contact information so that we can stay in touch with you through occasional notes and gifts of cheer. Please put your name, address, phone number, and email address on an attendance sheet and place it in the offering. Or, you may submit that requested information to the church office via email at: fumcangiesmith@gmail.com. Thank you!

FIREFLIES NEWS: We are so excited about our upcoming Christmas play, to be shared on Sunday, December 15th! The kids are doing awesome! Please note the following dates for our upcoming practices, and plan to join us. And remember, you can also rehearse your parts at home!

Sunday, December 1 – 5-6:30pm

Sunday, December 8 – 4:30-6:30pm

Saturday, December 14 – 3-5pm with pizza and a movie to follow. This is a dress rehearsal!

Sunday, December 15 – be at church by 10am please!

UMW QUARTERLY MEETING: The UMW Quarterly Meeting will be on Sunday, December 8 at 3:00pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite Christmas goodies and enjoy good food, music and fellowship.

LIVE DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY: Zoar UMC will once again offer their Live Drive-Thru Nativity on Sunday evening, Dec. 8th from 6PM-8:30PM. Please plan to make this annual event part of your Advent celebration!

RELAY FOR LIFE: You are invited to our first annual Christmas Parade of Tables on December 14 from 5:30 to 7:30pm, sponsored by the Relay For Life Committee of Chesterfield County and the Merciless Methodists. We will have hors d'oeuvres, dinner entertainment, and snowflake ornaments for a donation of five dollars along with a silent cake auction. All proceeds will go to the Relay For Life of Chesterfield County. If you would like to join us for a fun filled night, tickets are available from any of the following people listed below. Contact the person whose table you would like to sit at for the evening. Tickets are \$20. Seats are limited. All tickets are pre-sold. No tickets will be sold at the door. I hope you will join us for this fun filled event while supporting the Relay For Life. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Keefe at 843-601-2586. Tickets are available from the following people: Jenny Keefe, Gini Eddins, Trina Mills, Shannon Johnson, Susan Pressley, Shannon Logan, Michelle Rohde, Ashley Kimrey/Emily Taylor, Kathy Treadaway and Mary Lynn Watkins.

IT'S TIME FOR SHEPHERD'S CHILD: The FUMC Missions Committee will host our Annual Shepherd's Child celebration on Friday, December 20th at 2pm. We would like this to be a church-wide event so if you'd like to help, there are a variety of opportunities! Monetary donations for food, gifts, and decorations would greatly be appreciated! Your monetary gifts can be brought to the church office or left in the Sunday offering plate, marked: Shepherd's Child. You will also have plenty of opportunities to purchase gifts for the Shepherd's Child recipients. Please contact Trina Mills (843-910-0518), Shepherd's Child Coordinator, for more information.

ATTENTION ALL CHESTERFIELD COUNTY CHURCHES: It is that time of year again when the Mercy In Me Clinic of Chesterfield County is asking to be remembered in your end-of-year stewardship giving. Mercy In Me opened its' doors ten years ago with the mission of providing free medical care to all Chesterfield County residents who do not have the sufficient funds for much needed health care. All staff of the Mercy In Me Clinic are volunteers, and stringent guidelines are upheld for all community members who are served by the Mercy In Me Clinic. Funding for the clinic's services and staff come primarily through donations from the public, along with a number of small grants throughout the year. If you would like to donate, please send your check to: Mercy In Me Free Medical Clinic, 32 Foundry Hill Road, P.O. Box 1684, Cheraw, SC 29520.