

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 22, 2019

9:00am Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Office Closed for Christmas

Thursday, December 26, 2019

Office Closed for Christmas

Monday, December 23, 2019

Pastor Kim's Day Off

12:00pm December 29 Bulletin Deadline
5:00pm Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Sunday, December 29, 2019

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Office Closed for Christmas

5:30pm Weight Watchers (Mulloy Classroom)
6:00pm Candlelight/Communion Christmas Eve
Worship
6:30pm Pickleball League

THANK YOU: The Shepherd's Child Party was a huge success! We provided Christmas for 32 children who would otherwise have had no Christmas. I would like to thank all of the many people who made donations and/or bought items for a child. This party would not have come together without the help from our great members of our congregation. We had several outside contributions that really helped as well. We started this project with a zero budget but as always, God provides! We plan to serve more children next year. Thanks again from Trina Mills and Margaret Wolfe and the Missions Committee.

THANK YOU: As we were driving home from church Sunday, Penny turned to me and asked, "Well, what did you think?" I knew without asking what was on her mind. Same as me, wonderful, endearing, precious, powerful. A God-Moment (when even if it is just for a second, we know that something greater than ourselves has touched our lives.) I'm talking about the Fireflies and UMYF's presentation of the Christmas Story. From the beginning to the end tears welled in my eyes – memories of past performances by children of the church crept into my mind. It truly was a moment in time that will be with me to that day when I see Jesus and ask, "Well, what did you think?" NOTE: That God Moment was made possible by the efforts of parents, producers, builders, costume designers, and musicians. To all who had a part in the production, I say, thank you. -Sammy Quick, FUMC Member and Trustees Chair

THANK YOU: I would like to thank everyone involved for making the Relay for Life Parade of Tables such a huge success! It was a great evening full of fun, fellowship, and entertainment. Many thanks to everyone who decorated a table, bought a ticket, and donated delicious cakes. Thanks also to Michelle Rhode for helping with decorating and recruiting bakers to donate cakes! Many thanks to Sammy Quick for donating food items, and also to David Rhode for heading up the meal prep. and serving with his great team of Vincent Prevatte and Thomas Samuel. Thanks also to those who donated money and food items. Congratulations to Gini Eddins who won the best decorated table! Thanks to all - Jenny Keefe, co-chair for the Relay for Life.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: OPEN

Lobby Door Greeter: Roger Wolfe, Keith Stubbs

Nursery Today: Gini Eddins, Jennifer Tomberlin

Nursery Next Sunday: Cindy Sanderson, Trina Mills

Next Week's Lay Reader: Rhett Butler

Flowers Next Sunday: Poinsettias

Deposit Team: Thomas Samuel, Doug Marsh

Deposit Team Alternate: Betty Hurst

Worship Attendance, December 15 – 132; **Sunday School Attendance, December 15** – 87

Year to Date Income: \$370,463.59; **Year to Date Expenses:** \$373,000.47

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Ashton Becker

Hostess: Marcia Butler

McArn Items: Instant grits

FUMC STAFF

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH 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** *“Joy to the World”*
Margaret Jean Harris and Vincent Prevatte, Trumpets; Lawton Harris, Tympani

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

***Opening Hymn No. 240** *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

Choir Presentation Section I *PRINCE OF PEACE* *Chancel Choir*

Let’s Worship and Adore Him
I Extol You
O Come, All Ye Faithful

The Lighting of the Advent Candles (responsively): *Jim and Marianne Crawford*

L: (Luke 1:26-38) Great God, we light the fourth candle of Advent.

P: WE HEAR YOUR ANGEL GABRIEL AND WITNESS THE FAITH OF MARY. GOD, FILL US WITH YOUR GRACE AND LIGHT.

L: Mary was a young, strong, spiritual woman. Even though her life was not easy, she heard God's voice and said, Yes! Her song was a prayer that would uplift those who were downtrodden. Her lyrics shattered the proud and called the world to change. She would bear within her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World. This Advent, we respond to God's beckoning to us as well.

P: REVEALING GOD, VISIT US AND FILL US WITH YOUR SPIRIT. BRING YOUR GOOD NEWS TO LIFE WITHIN US. AND GIVE US THE COURAGE TO CARRY YOUR LIGHT INTO THE INJUSTICES AND SHADOWS OF THIS WORLD.

ALL: AMEN.

Choir Presentation Section II *PRINCE OF PEACE* *Chancel Choir*

One Small Child
What Child Is This?
Alayna Carabo, Dancer; Peyton Taylor, Flute
I Heard the Bells
Come On, Ring Those Bells

Offertory *“The Birthday of a King”* *Chancel Choir*

**The Giving*
**The Dedication No. 95* *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* *Old Hundredth*
**The Thanksgiving*

An Advent Reflection *Rev. L. Kim Eanes*

Choir Presentation Section III *PRINCE OF PEACE* *Chancel Choir*

For Unto Us
O Little Bethlehemtown
Peace Has Come

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**
**Please stand if able.*

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, Sara Wicker, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thraillkill, Jerry & Sarah Margaret Therrell, Jim Bennett, Jean and Jerry B. Leach, Ricki Thurman (Jenny Keefe’s sister), Linda Freeman (Sally Smith’s friend), Mattie Thomas (Norma Cobb’s sister), Lucille Coward Savitz Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

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: \$225,586.08.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Please join us on Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, at 6PM for our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service. Beautiful music, inspirational Scripture lessons, a powerful Communion experience, along with a meaningful Candlelight visual are all guaranteed!

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT: As in past years, donations will be accepted for a monetary Christmas gift for members of the church staff. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office, mailed, or placed in the offering plate. (Please clearly designate “**STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT**” on your check or on the envelope if making a cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is **Monday, December 23**. This is a good way to express our appreciation to the staff for the work that they do! *Staff-Parish Relations Committee.*

NEW OFFICE HOURS COMING IN 2020: The office hours will change with the coming of the New Year! Beginning January 1, 2020, the office will be open three days a week - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm, with a lunch break from noon-1:00pm each day.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: FUMC’s Troop 655 Boy Scout Troop is sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the Hwy 55 Restaurant on Saturday, February 1st from 8:00am-10:00am. Tickets are \$6 per plate and can be purchased from any boy scout. Tickets also available through Jimmy Duffy and at the FUMC office.