

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 8, 2019

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

Monday, December 9, 2019

Pastor Kim's Day Off

5:00pm Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Surviving the Holidays GriefShare (Parlor)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

11:00am Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn (Fellowship Hall)
2:00pm December 15 Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm SPRC Meeting (Harris Classroom)
6:30pm Pickleball League
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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

Thursday, December 12, 2019

7:00pm Methodist Men's Class Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, December 14, 2019

3-5:00pm Fireflies Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party to Follow
5:30-7:30pm Relay for Life Christmas Parade of Tables (Fellowship Hall) (Tickets must be purchased prior to the event)

Sunday, December 15, 2019

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00-6:15pm Fireflies
5:00pm MYF

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-Malette 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, Jim Bennett, Jean and Jerry B. Leach, Ricki Thurman (Jenny Keefe's sister), Linda Freeman (Sally Smith'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.**

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: \$221,026.06.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Zach and Marla Mills on the birth of their son, Ryder Zachary Mills, on November 26, 2019. Proud grandparents are Joey and Trina Mills.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Mimi Coffey

Lobby Door Greeter: Sammy Quick, Jerry Tucker

Nursery Today: Gail Eubanks, Kim Williamson

Nursery Next Sunday: Pat Barham, Nancy Wagnon

Next Week's Lay Reader: Joey Mills

Flowers Next Sunday: Poinsettias

Deposit Team: Jim Crawford

Deposit Team Alternate: Sammy Quick

Worship Attendance, December 1 – 89; **Sunday School Attendance, December 1** – 64

Year to Date Income: \$334,090.23; **Year to Date Expenses:** \$344,639.90

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Ashton Becker

Hostess: Marcia Butler

McArn Items: Fruit cups

FUMC STAFF

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND 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 *“The First Noel and Angels We Have Heard on High”* Peyton Taylor, Flutist

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. 224 *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* In Dulci Jubilo

The Lighting of the Advent Candles (responsively): Jan Rogers and Pam Baker

L: (Isaiah 40:1-11) Glorious God, we light the second candle of Advent.

P: WE SEEK YOUR LOVE. BOTH MIGHTY AND TENDER YOU COME. SO PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO BE TRANSFORMED BY YOU ONCE AGAIN.

L: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd ... feeding, leading, and loving the weary flock. This Advent, we seek such a God.

P: SAVING GOD, LOOK UPON YOUR WORLD AND HEAL YOUR LAND AND YOUR PEOPLE. PREPARE US TO BE CHANGED. THIS ADVENT, TEACH US TO BE TENDER AND LOVING, JUST AS YOU ARE.

ALL: AMEN.

*Act of Praise No. 205 *Canticle of Light and Darkness (w/Response #1)* Greer Bennett

Special Music *The Birthday Song* Children's Bell Choir

A Word to the Children

*Gospel Lesson *Matthew 1: 18-25*

*Gloria Patri No. 71 *Greatorex*

Special Music *“Who Would Send A Baby” (By Mary Kay Beale)* Ruth Ann Jones and Bonnie Cundiff

Witness to the Word *“A Fatherhood of Obedience”* Rev. L. Kim Eanes

*Hymn No. 237 *“Sing We Now of Christmas”* French Carol

Offertory *“Every Valley”* Chancel Choir

*The Giving

*The Dedication No. 95

*The Thanksgiving

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

Community Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn No. 238 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* Gloria

(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.*

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 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 – please be at church by 10am!

UMW QUARTERLY MEETING: The UMW Quarterly Meeting will be this afternoon at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite Christmas goodies and enjoy delicious food, good music and fun fellowship!

LIVE DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY: Zoar UMC will once again offer their live Drive Thru Nativity this evening, from 6PM-8:30PM. What a beautiful way to celebrate the Advent season ... and it's FREE!!!

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS (GRIEFSHARE): Wondering how you will survive these weeks surrounding Christmas and New Years? Are you already dreading this season, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be re-created? Our Surviving the Holidays Seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Please join us on Monday, December 9th at 6:00pm in the FUMC Parlor. A light supper will be served. Call Bonnie Cundiff 843-910-7526 for more information.

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.

ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE: Snowflake ornaments will be on sale in the church lobby THIS SUNDAY ONLY, for a mere \$5 a flake! Please plan to purchase a snowflake ornament in memory of a loved one stricken by cancer, or in honor of a survivor! Each snowflake will be personalized with the name of your loved one! What a beautiful tribute to hang on your tree this Holiday season!

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. (PLEASE TURN IN YOUR GIFTS BY DECEMBER 17TH.)

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.