

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### Sunday, February 23, 2020

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
3:00pm SCUMC Online Listening session  
5:00pm MYF (Youth Hut)  
5:00pm Fireflies (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, February 24, 2020

Office closed  
5:00pm Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

### Tuesday, February 25, 2020

11:00am Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn  
(Fellowship Hall)  
12:00pm March 1 Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, February 26, 2020

12:00pm Lenten Lesson and Lunch (First Baptist)  
4:30pm Ash Wednesday Drive Thru (FUMC)  
5:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
6:00pm Adult Handbell Choir  
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship (FUMC)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Thursday, February 29, 2020

6:00pm SPRC Meeting (Harris Classroom)

### Friday, February 28, 2020

Office closed  
Bus Reserved  
12:00pm Fresh Grounded Faith Women's Conference  
(Augusta, GA)

### Saturday, February 29, 2020

Bus Reserved  
9:00am Fresh Grounded Faith Women's Conference  
(Augusta, GA)

### Sunday, March 1, 2020

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm Fireflies (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00pm MYF (Youth Hut)

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — Our President, Our Congress, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Mayhew, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), 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. Billy Rivers Family (Martha Starling's friend), Billy Woodward (Curtis Jones' friend), Curtis Jones, Charles Watson (Chase Watson's dad), Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thraikill, Jerry & Sarah Margaret Therrell, Jim Bennett, Linda Freeman (Sally Smith's friend), Linda Loflin Baker (Pam Baker's friend), Kevin Tietze (Kristina Allen's Brother), Homer and Margaret Stanton, Howard Williamson (Martha Starling's Brother), Robert Smith (Angie Smith's husband), Scott Eddins, Dru and Michael Penny (Emily Marsh's friends), Chris Thraikill in Richland Memorial Hospital (Betty Thraikill's son), Barbara H. Watson (Betty Hurst friend), Jackie Tyner (Kelly Dusa'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.**

**OUR CONDOLENCES:** Jathan (Jay) Raleigh Laney of Lexington, KY died unexpectedly at home on January 28, 2020 at the age of 44. Jay was born in Bennettsville, SC on May 8, 1975 to Karen Beatty and Raleigh Walker Laney. Walker Laney is a member of First UMC. A full tribute can be found at Clark Legacy Center, Nicholasville, KY.

**OUR CONDOLENCES:** Joan Garvey, younger sister of Drucilla Walker, passed away in Australia on February 12, 2020 at the age of 93. You are invited to lift Joan's family in prayer as they celebrate the resurrection of this wonderful mother and beloved sister!

#### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Anthony Harris

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Roger Wolfe, Keith Stubbs

**Nursery Today:** Kelly Dusa, Hollis Dusa

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Gail Eubanks, Kim Williamson

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Sammy Quick

**Flowers Next Sunday:** OPEN

**Deposit Team:** Thomas Samuel, Doug Marsh

**Deposit Team Alternate:** Betty Hurst

**Worship Attendance, February 16 – 97; Sunday School Attendance, February 16 – 65**

**Year to Date Income:** \$38,046.12; **Year to Date Expenses:** \$37,629.73

**Head Usher:** Keith Smith

**Acolyte:** Peyton Taylor

**Hostess:** Susan Furr

**McArn Items:** Instant grits

#### FUMC STAFF

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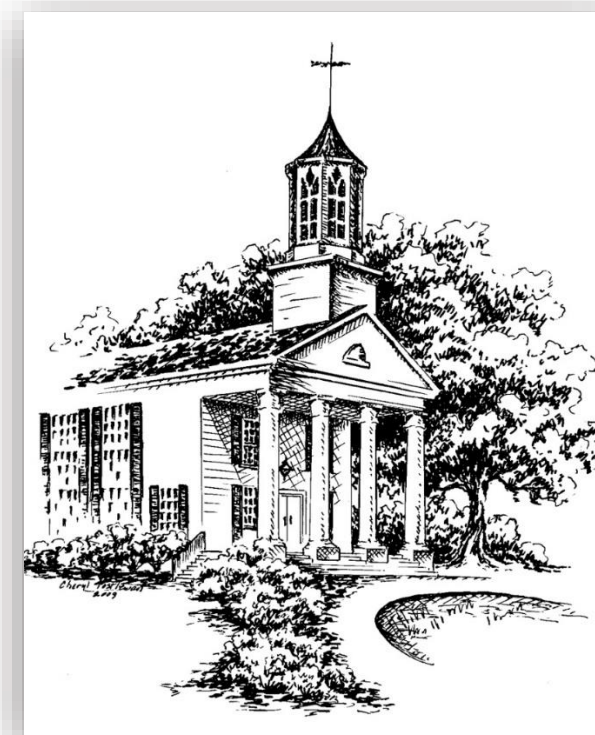
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The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.



**THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW**

**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

## A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

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

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

Greeting and Time of Centering

**\*Call to Worship (responsively)** Sawyer Becker, Lay Reader  
L: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God and King! Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!  
**P: IN REVERENT AWE, WE GATHER TO WORSHIP OUR GOD.**  
L: The Lord our God is King and the Just Judge of all things for all eternity, all people and all places.  
**P: IN REVERENT AWE, WE GATHER TO PRAISE OUR GOD.**  
L: The Lord our God is King and the Forgiving God! 'Fairness' and 'Justice' are the names of our God.  
**P: IN REVERENT AWE, WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD, WITHIN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S HOLINESS, JUSTICE, MERCY AND LOVE. AMEN.**

Special Music Children's Choir  
"And Jesus Grew" Luke 2:52  
"Encourage One Another" 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
"Keep Your Tongue From Evil" Psalm 34:13

A Word to the Children Lib Norton

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 17: 1-8 Rev. L. Kim Eanes

\*Hymn of Praise No.380 "There's Within My Heart a Melody" Sweetest Name

\*New Testament Lesson 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1: 16-21 Rev. L. Kim Eanes

\*Gloria Patri No. 71 Greatorex

Witness to the Word "Reclaiming the Awe" Rev. L. Kim Eanes

\*Hymn No.462 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Trust in Jesus

Sharing of Prayer Joys and Concerns Children's Bells  
Special Music "Happy Birthday"  
"Kum Ba Yah"

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory "Step by Step" Chancel Choir

\*The Giving  
\*The Dedication No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th  
\*The Thanksgiving

\*Closing Hymn No.469 "Jesus Is All the World to Me" Elizabeth  
**(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

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Jim's birthday and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death by Betty and his family.

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** The 2020 Flower Calendar is posted in the lobby! Please sign up for one or more Sundays of your choosing! And remember, your dedications can be both in honor or in memory of a person ... in celebration of an event ... or in thanksgiving for something/someone!

**ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS!:** Are you interested in playing in our Handbell Choir for Easter? All Youth and Adults are invited to join us as we practice every Wednesday night at 6PM. We need at least two more bell ringers!! Call the church office and/or Mary Lynn Watkins if you are willing to join us! Let's look forward to making music together!

**ROAD TRIP IN FEBRUARY:** On February 28th and 29th, sisters in Christ from FUMC will be attending the FRESH GROUNDED FAITH event at Abilene Baptist Church in Martinez, Georgia (just outside of Augusta). This event starts on Friday night with one session, and continues through Saturday morning, dismissing at 12:30PM. Featured Bible teacher Jennifer Rothschild is joined by best selling author and speaker Sheila Walsh, author and speaker Angie Smith, along with worship leader Michael O'Brien. We have enough room for one more participant! Go to [freshgroundedfaith.com](http://freshgroundedfaith.com) for tickets or call 1/800/859-7992. We will be traveling in the church bus and staying overnight in an area hotel, so please let Angie and/or Pastor Kim know that you are planning to attend, so that we can make room for you both in the bus and at the hotel!

**RESTORED...FOR MEN:** This month, men from across S.C. will gather for a two day spiritual retreat designed to help them be restored and made whole in Christ. The dates for this United Methodist Men's Spiritual weekend is THIS Friday and Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, at Mt. Horeb UMC, Lexington, SC. The retreat begins with a golf tournament Friday afternoon, followed by an oyster roast. Saturday features music, testimony, teaching, and break out sessions. A car show will also be offered. Register and learn more at [mennministrysc.org](http://mennministrysc.org).

**ASH WEDNESDAY DRIVE THRU EXPERIENCE!:** Do you have the desire to observe the start of the Lenten season but you don't have time to go to a worship service over your lunch hour or in the evening? Then you are invited to First United Methodist Church's Drive Thru Ash Wednesday Experience! On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-5:30pm, First United Methodist Church will host an Ash Wednesday Drive Thru at the front entrance of the church! Just follow the signs at the corners of Market Street and Third Street and Church Street and Third Street, pull up in our curved driveway, and be blessed by a prayer and the imposition of ashes! And then, feel free to be on your way! You need not be a member of First UMC nor even a United Methodist to participate – ALL ARE WELCOME! First United Methodist will also host a 60-minute worship service in the church sanctuary on Ash Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Questions? Call 843-537-7002.

**NEW LENTEN STUDY:** Beginning Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, a new Lenten study will be offered each week at 3pm in the church parlor. Every single one of us knows that it is only what we do for God and for others that will live beyond us. We can't take our riches nor our resumes with us after we die. Only the fruit produced during our brief tenure on this earth – that time represented by the dash between the two dates on our tombstone – will outlast us. So if you are in search for some guidance as to where God is calling you to heal, teach, preach, redeem, and restore that which is broken, struggling, or suffering in this world, please join us! Together we'll explore the truth that- it's not our ability...but our availability....that God is most interested in. This study will align with our Sunday sermon series for Lent. Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

**NEW SIX WEEK BIBLE STUDY:** Beginning Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, a new Bible Study will be offered each week at 10:30am in the church parlor. What is your image of what a beautiful woman of God should look like? Do the words...strong, powerful, aggressive, or even fierce come to mind? Perhaps those terms sound too intense or too masculine. During this upcoming study, we will introduce ourselves to several biblical women who lived courageously, obediently, and faithfully...solely in order to fulfill God's plan for their lives. Their stories show us the power that comes from resting in God's love and forgiveness...and how this power can lead to amazing things as we lean into God's plans for each of us. This study is for all women...and all men who are courageous enough to meet, and celebrate, the fierce women of God! Questions? Talk to Pastor Kim.

**BE INFORMED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!** As many of you know, the United Methodist denomination is coming upon some very critical decisions for the future, many of which will be decided at General Conference, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 5-15, 2020. In preparation for that nation-wide Conference, the South Carolina Conference of the UMC has been sponsoring Listening Sessions. ALL members and interested parties of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church are invited to these Listening Sessions. The last live online session is offered TODAY, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3PM. To register go to: [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org) and click on the Listening Sessions tab. Also, on that same Conference website, you will find many informative resources to educate you on all of the issues under consideration at General Conference 2020. Please don't hesitate to visit this website and BECOME INFORMED! It is our responsibility as United Methodists!

**LIFE LINE SCREENING:** Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here at First United Methodist Church of Cheraw on Thursday, March 12, 2020 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up while receiving \$10 off any package priced above \$139. For only \$139 (regularly \$149) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. There is no time like the present to take action! Learn more by watching this short video: <http://www.lifelinescreeningblog.com/introduction/>.  
**Three ways to register:** •Call toll-free: 866-229-0469, •Online, [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), •Text: the word circle to 797979