

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 1, 2020

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

Monday, March 2, 2020

Office closed

5:00pm Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

11:00am Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn
(Fellowship Hall)
12:00pm March 8 Bulletin Deadline
3:00pm Lenten Study (Parlor)
5:30pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm Missions Ministry Team Meeting (Harris
Classroom)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

12:00pm Lenten Lesson and Lunch (First Baptist)
12:30-5:30pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Adult Handbell Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 7, 2020

10:30am "Fierce" Bible Study (Parlor)

Friday, March 6, 2020

Office closed

Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Team Dusa)
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, Phillip Caulder, Debbie & Randy Butler (Sally Smith's friend), Mary Ann Stalnaker (Judy Dixon's mother), Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adam's mother), James McCall, 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), Dru and Michael Penny (Emily Marsh's friends), Chris Thraikill (Betty Thraikill's son), Barbara H. Watson (Betty Hurst's friend), Jackie Tyner (Kelly Dusa's friend), Holly Kimrey Haire (Betty Hurst's niece), Gene Brymer (Kelly Dusa's friend), Ellen Hurst (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.**

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Emily Marsh

Lobby Door Greeter: Theodore Burns

Nursery Today: Gail Eubanks, Kim Williamson

Nursery Next Sunday: Pat Barham

Next Week's Lay Reader: Sophia Prevatte

Flowers Next Sunday: Lent

Deposit Team: John Moore, Todd Becker

Deposit Team Alternate: Micki Lockey

Worship Attendance, February 23 – 114; **Sunday School Attendance, February 23** – 67

Year to Date Income: \$49,236.12; **Year to Date Expenses:** \$47,727.70

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Ella Prevatte

Hostess: Lib Norton

McArn Items: Lance or Peanut Butter Crackers

FUMC STAFF

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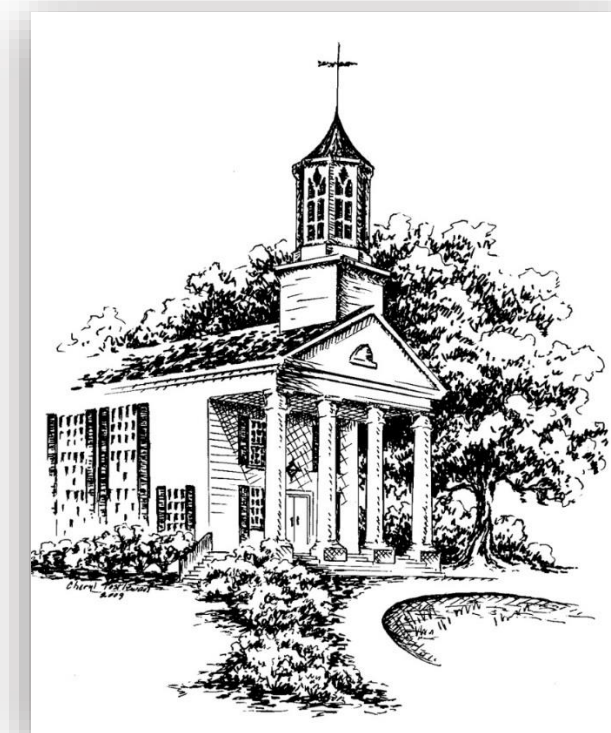
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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MARCH 1, 2020

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

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) Sammy Quick, Lay Reader
L: Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51).
P: OUR LORD IS ON A JOURNEY, AND THE WAY LEADS THROUGH OPPOSITION AND MISUNDERSTANDING.
L: But Jesus invites us to follow Him.
P: THIS JOURNEY LEADS THROUGH THE SHADOWS OF BETRAYAL, THE NIGHT OF GETHSEMANE, AND THE AFTERNOON DARKNESS OF GOLGOTHA.
L: But Jesus told his disciples, "if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matt. 16:24-25).
P: OUR LORD IS ON A JOURNEY. MAY WE HAVE THE GRACE TO FOLLOW CHRIST, AND TO GIVE TO HIM OUR VERY LIVES. FOR IN GIVING AWAY OUR LIVES, WE FIND THEM, AND IN DYING, WE LIVE.
ALL: AMEN.

*Opening Hymn No. 75 Old 100th
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

*Gospel Lesson #1 Rev. L. Kim Eanes
Luke 9:57-62

A Word to the Children Eric Dusa

*Gospel Lesson #2 Rev. L. Kim Eanes
Luke 19:1-10

*Gloria Patri No. 71 Greatorex

Witness to the Word Rev. L. Kim Eanes
"Holy Economics: It's All About the Costs"

*Hymn No.424 Maitland
"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

Sharing of Prayer Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Prayer of Confession and Time of Silence (responsively) Sammy Quick, Lay Reader

L: We confess, O God, that we have strayed away from Your Word ...

P: WE CRY OUT TO YOU, O GOD ...

L: We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from Your vision for our lives ...

P: WE CRY OUT TO YOU, O GOD ...

L: We confess that there is strife and contention all around us ...

P: WE CRY OUT TO YOU, O GOD ...

L: Let us confess together ...

ALL: THAT WE ARE POWERLESS, AND HAVE TAKEN OUR FOCUS OFF OF YOUR WORD AND THAT WE HAVE NOT ALLOWED YOUR WORD TO WORK IN OUR LIVES.

YET WE CONTINUE TO CRY OUT TO YOU IN TIMES OF TROUBLE AND NEED.

SO GRANT US UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM,

THAT WE MAY SEE YOUR VISION, AND APPLY IT IN OUR LIVES.

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O GOD, AND CALL US BACK TO YOU.

AMEN.

Time of Silence

Words of Assurance

Offertory

"How Great Is Our God"
Jackson Rushing, Guitar

Tomlin

*The Giving

*The Dedication No. 95

*The Thanksgiving

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

*Closing Hymn No.2129 (Please find this hymn in The Faith We Sing songbook) Assam
"I Have Decided"
(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*

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!

MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM MEETING: The Missions Ministry Team will meet THIS TUESDAY, March 3 at 5:30pm in the Harris Classroom.

NEW LENTEN STUDY: Beginning THIS TUESDAY, March 3rd, 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 of 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 THIS THURSDAY, March 5th, 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING: The Christian Education Ministry Team will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00pm, in the Harris Classroom.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR THE UMC FROM THE LISTENING SESSIONS: 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 world-wide Conference, the South Carolina Conference of the UMC has been hosting several Listening Sessions throughout the Conference. The following are a list of discussion points offered by United Methodist laypeople and clergy at those various Listening Sessions. Perhaps you have some of the same concerns! **What are your hopes for the UMC? - "unity and love, growth, missions, evangelize people, communication, get along, keep Christ central". What are your main concerns for the UMC? - "accountability of bishops, clergy, and laity, lack of evangelism, sexism in the UMC, crossing racial lines for ministry, losing our spirited direction, unwillingness to change, alienation of members and communities". What do you want GC delegates to know? - "we're worried and concerned, we're praying for you, listen to the people, we cherish our connectionalism, represent the whole church, consider the effects on both elders and local pastors, acknowledge we are not just left or right but middle".** If you would like to review these comments, don't hesitate to visit the South Carolina website at www.umcsc.org. On that website you will find the latest information/updates/proposals under consideration in regard to the upcoming General Conference 2020. Remember, as "good" United Methodists, it is our responsibility to stay informed! Stay tuned to our weekly Sunday bulletins as well for an invitation to some upcoming discussion sessions offered at FUMC in April!

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. 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, •Text: the word circle to 797979**

RELAY FOR LIFE SURVIVOR LUNCH: The Survivor's Lunch will be at FUMC on March 28th at 11:00am. All survivors and a guest are invited, please call Jenny Keefe at 843-601-2586 to make your reservation.