

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 15, 2020

9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm MYF (Youth Hut)
5:00pm Fireflies (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 16, 2020

Office closed

3:00pm Lenten Study (Please note special day/time
THIS WEEK only) (Parlor)
5:00pm Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

9:00am Pastor Kim to Clergy Orders Gathering
(Lexington UMC)
11:00am Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn
(Fellowship Hall)
12:00pm March 22 Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
(Harris Classroom)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

12:00pm Lenten Lesson and Lunch (First Baptist)
6:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 19, 2020

10:30am "Fierce" Bible Study (Parlor)
12:00pm J.O.Y Club (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 20, 2020

Office closed

11:00am Pastor Kim to Clergywomen's Gathering
(Charleston, SC)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING: The Christian Education Ministry Team will meet THIS TUESDAY, March 17th at 6PM, in the Harris Classroom.

J.O.Y. CLUB: The March J.O.Y. Club will take place THIS THURSDAY, March 19th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess this month is Jean McLean. The meal will be catered by Rene Creech and Lobie Hammond. Please make your reservation by TOMORROW, March 16th with your caller or by calling Mary or Renie. Please come join us for fun, fellowship, and good food.

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!

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Harold Lomas

Lobby Door Greeters: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Nursery Today: Gini Eddins, Jennifer Tomberlin

Nursery Next Sunday: Cindy Sanderson, Trina Mills

Next Week's Lay Reader: Susan Marsh

Flowers Next Sunday: Jenny Keefe

Deposit Team: Jeff Johnson, David McLean

Deposit Team Alternate:

Worship Attendance, March 8 – 109; Sunday School Attendance, March 8 – 83

Year to Date Income: \$65,895.15; **Year to Date Expenses:** \$55,143.33

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Ella Prevatte

Hostess: Lib Norton

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FUMC STAFF

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MARCH 15, 2020

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

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
(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) Keyshawn Melton, Lay Reader
L: We would be perfectly happy if our path was faultless...if we were always in step with God.
P: This is My commandment: that you love one another.
L: God has given us commandments that we may live as effectively as possible. With our eyes fixed on doing the right thing, we shall never be put to shame.
P: You are to love one another in the same way I have loved you.
L: O Lord, touch our hearts with your saving grace...
P: That our lives may declare Your praise! Amen.

*Opening Hymn No.327 Diademata
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Act of Praise No. 885 Keyshawn Melton, Lay Reader
A Modern Affirmation

New Testament Lesson Rev. L. Kim Eanes
1 John 4: 7b-16

Special Music Ruth Ann Jones, Soloist
"God So Loved the World"

Gospel Lesson Rev. L. Kim Eanes
John 15: 9-17

*Gloria Patri No. 71 Greatorex

Witness to the Word Rev. L. Kim Eanes
"What Does God Look Like to You"

*Hymn No. 389 Freely, Freely
"Freely, Freely"

Sharing of Prayer Joys and Concerns Rev. L. Kim Eanes
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Prayer of Confession (as a group)
Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, with quarrelling, and with division. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as You move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn toward You, and receive mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silence

Words of Assurance

Offertory Choir
"Amazing Grace! My Chains are Gone"
*The Giving Old 100th
*The Dedication No. 95
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
*The Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn No. 298 Hamburg
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
(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

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 Thrailkill, 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 Stanton Family, Margaret Stanton, Howard Williamson (Martha Starling's Brother), Dru and Michael Penny (Emily Marsh's friends), Chris Thrailkill (Betty Thrailkill'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.**

TUESDAY LENTEN STUDY: A Lenten study is being offered every Tuesday at 3pm in the church parlor. This study is in alignment with our current Sunday sermon series for Lent. Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: A Bible study is being offered every Thursday at 10:30am in the church parlor. During this study, we will be introduced to several less well known biblical women who lived courageously, obediently, and faithfully - solely in order to fulfill God's plan for their lives! This study is for all women ... and any men who are courageous enough to meet, and celebrate, the fierce women God has placed in our history! Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR LENT: Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 25th at 6pm to attend the interesting and informative presentation - Messiah in the Passover. This 45 minute presentation will take place in the Fellowship Hall, around a common table, as we examine the various symbols of the Jewish Passover, AND its' connection with Jesus' lessons recorded in the New Testament. Yes ... this will be a learning experience which correlates our Old Testament heritage as the people of God ... with our New Testament calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ! Stephen Arnold from Chosen People Ministries will be our presentation leader. Come one ... come all ... and be prepared to learn much!!!

RELAY FOR LIFE SURVIVOR LUNCH: Due to recent events surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Relay For Life of Chesterfield County has postponed the 2020 Survivor Lunch. We wish to take every precaution necessary to best protect our local immunocompromised cancer survivors and our many volunteers. For more information regarding the American Cancer Society's response to COVID-19, go to: www.cancer.org/.../common-questions-about-the-new-cor

A CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!: First United Methodist members Amy Goodwin and Vincent Prevatte both had Academic Challenge teams make it to the State Tournament this year! Mrs. Goodwin's Camden High School team and Vince Prevatte's Cheraw High School Team both won their regional championships in Div. II! Unfortunately, both lost in the semi-finals! This is the first time ANY school from Chesterfield County has ever advanced to the state level in Academic Challenge! Members of the Cheraw High School team include FUMC member Ella Prevatte and, Grace Willoughby who has participated with FUMC's MYF! Congratulations students and adult leaders!

SUPPORT SCOUTING!: My name is Leighton Becker and I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project with the support of Troop 655. My project is comprised of the planning, purchasing of materials, and building of two shelves. In addition, we will be adding outlet covers, removing old plumbing and a door, and several other small projects. We also plan to stock the new shelves with needed paper products for the clients of the McArn Food Bank. Part of the Eagle Scout plan and project is fundraising. I am asking for monetary support to help me implement this project. Every penny helps me complete this project while supporting those in need within our community. Thank you for considering this project as a worthwhile cause to support! If you can help, please make your checks payable to: Troop 655 and put in the memo line - "Leighton Becker/Eagle Project".

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!

INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): South Carolina Bishop L. Jonathan Holston has made a statement on coronavirus. To view the Bishop's words of caution and encouragement, go to: www.umcsc.org. For more resources on this current health situation in the United States, research the following: Coronavirus: What To Know, How To Help (The United Methodist Church); About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); Coronavirus Disease 2019 (State Department of Health and Environmental Control); The Flu (State Department of Health and Environmental Control); Coronavirus and Stock Market Volatility (Wespath Investments).