

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Team Quick)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm MYF (Youth Hut)
5:00pm Fireflies (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 9, 2020

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

11:00am Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn
(Fellowship Hall)
12:00pm March 15 Bulletin Deadline
3:00pm Lenten Study (K. Mulloy Classroom)
3:00pm Afternoon Circle Meeting (Parlor)
5:30pm Weight Watchers (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Trustees Meeting (Harris Classroom)
6:30pm Evening Circle Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

12:00pm Lenten Lesson and Lunch (First Baptist)
6:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)
6:00pm Child Development Ministry Board Meeting
(Harris Classroom)

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Life Line Screening (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am "Fierce" Bible Study (Parlor)

Friday, March 13, 2020

Office closed

Sunday, March 15, 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, 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.**

THANK YOU: Thank you all for the wonderful food, cards, love and concern shown to my family in the loss of Sara. The meal served the day of the funeral was so good and such a blessing to us all. Thank you, Billy Wicker and Family.

THANK YOU: A heartfelt thanks to Jackson Rushing for accompanying our music selections today, as well as on former Sundays and special worship services.

OUR CONDOLENCES: Please keep in prayer the family of Nancy Walters. Nancy was Charlotte Crosby's sister, who passed away from a fatal fall March 4, 2020. Let us remember to keep Charlotte and the rest of Nancy's family in our prayers for comfort and healing.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Betty Thraikill

Lobby Door Greeter: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Nursery Today: Pat Barham

Nursery Next Sunday: Gini Eddins, Jennifer Tomberlin

Next Week's Lay Reader: Keyshawn Melton

Flowers Next Sunday: Lent

Deposit Team: Jim Crawford

Deposit Team Alternate: Sammy Quick

Worship Attendance, March 1 – 110; **Sunday School Attendance, March 1** – 80

Year to Date Income: \$54,538.73; **Year to Date Expenses:** \$53,410.82

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Ella Prevatte

Hostess: Lib Norton

McArn Items: Chef Boyardee bowls

FUMC STAFF

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MARCH 8, 2020

2ND 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)* *Sophia Prevatte, Lay Reader*
L: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry ...
P: GOD INVITES US TO STEP INTO THE WATERS OF FAITH AND TRUST.
L: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need ...
P: JESUS INVITES US TO STEP INTO THE LAND OF HUMBLE SERVICE.
L: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst ...
P: THE SPIRIT INVITES US TO SIT AT THE TABLE OF GRACE.

**Opening Hymn No. 126* *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”* *Mit Freuden Zart*

Act of Praise No. 780 *Psalms 46 (Response #2)* *Sophia Prevatte, Lay Reader*

A Word to the Children *Chase Watson*

Special Music *“Ode to Joy”* *Bryson Hunter*

Old Testament Lesson *Joshua 3:1-17* *Rev. L. Kim Eanes*

**Gloria Patri No. 71* *Greatorex*

Witness to the Word *“Wait; Obey; Expect; Act”* *Rev. L. Kim Eanes*

**Hymn No. 405* *“See Ye First”* *Seek Ye*

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

Prayer of Confession (as a group)
**LOVING GOD, ALL THE FANCY WORDS IN THE WORLD, EXPRESSED IN ELOQUENT PROSE,
DECORATED WITH EMOTION, OR EVEN SPOKEN WITH CONVICTION, CANNOT COMPETE WITH A HEARTFELT ...
SORRY.
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE ARE ALL TOO AWARE OF OUR LIMITATIONS, CONSCIOUS OF OUR SIN,
AS WELL AS THE DISTANCE IT CREATES BETWEEN US.
AND SO, SOMETIMES ... SORRY ... IS ALL THE HEART CAN BEAR TO SAY ALOUD.
IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN READ AND UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE OF OUR HEARTS.
IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN TRANSLATE OUR ... SORRY ... INTO THE PRAYER WE WOULD HAVE PRAYED.
IT IS ONLY YOU, WHO CAN GENUINELY FORGIVE US ... AND, HAVING FORGIVEN US ...
IT IS ONLY YOU WHO CAN SURROUND US IN AN EMBRACE OF LOVE THAT DRAWS US EVER MORE CLOSER TO YOUR
HEART.
SO WE THANK YOU, LOVING GOD, FOR LISTENING TO OUR HEARTS.
WE THANK YOU, LOVING GOD, FOR UNDERSTANDING OUR PRAYERS.
AMEN.**

Time of Silence

Words of Assurance

Offertory *“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”* *Choir*
**The Giving*
**The Dedication No. 95* *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* *Old 100th*
**The Thanksgiving*

**Closing Hymn No. 404* *“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”* *Pentecost*
**(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!

TUESDAY LENTEN STUDY: A Lenten study is being offered every Tuesday 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.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: A Bible Study is being offered every Thursday 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.

J.O.Y CLUB: March J.O.Y.Club will meet on March 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to sign up is Mon. March 16th by noon. Sign up with your caller or Mary (843-537-3920) or Renie (843-344-1841). More information to come.

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!!!

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 2020 Survivor's Lunch will be at FUMC on Saturday, March 28th at 11AM. All cancer survivors and their guest are invited and encouraged to attend. Please join us for good food, enjoyable fellowship, and beautiful life stories! Call Jenny Keefe at 843/601-2586 to make your reservation.