UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, April 5, 2020

10:00am NO Sunday School

11:00am Online Worship Celebration (www.cherawfirstumc.org)

4:00pm Online Easter Egg Hunt (<u>www.cherawfirstumc.org</u>)

5:00pm **NO** MYF

5:00pm NO Fireflies

Monday, April 6, 2020

Office closed

5:00pm **NO** Plarn Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

6:00pm NO Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm NO Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

11:00am NO Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn

(Fellowship Hall)

12:00pm April 12 Bulletin Deadline (Announcements)

2-5:00pm Church office open

3:00pm NO Lenten Study (Study will be emailed)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

10am-Noon Church office open

12:00pm **NO** Lenten Lesson and Lunch (First Baptist)

1:00-5:00pm Church office open

6:00pm The Messiah in the Passover Online

Presentation (Presentation will be emailed)

Thursday, April 9, 2020

10am-Noon Church office open

10:30am NO "Fierce" Bible Study (Study will be emailed)

1:00-5:00pm Church office open

6:00pm Online Love Feast (www.cherawfirstumc.org)

Friday, April 10, 2020

10am-Noon Church office open

1:00-5:00pm Church office open

6:00pm Online Good Friday Service (www.cherawfirstumc.org)

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 12, 2020

7:00am Online Easter Sunrise Worship (www.cherawfirstumc.org)

10:00am **NO** Sunday School

11:00am Online Resurrection Sunday Worship (www.cherawfirstumc.org)

5:00pm **NO** MYF

5:00pm NO Fireflies

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, 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), Kevin Tietze (Kristina Allen's Brother), Margaret Stanton, Howard Williamson (Martha Starling's Brother), Chris Thrailkill (Betty Thrailkill's son), 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), Margie Wannamaker Family, Gladys Sweeney. NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.

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!

Year to Date Income: \$47,629.73 Year to Date Expenses: \$73,681.17

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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

APRIL 5, 2020

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

PRELUDE Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

TIME OF CENTERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please consult pages 3-4 of today's bulletin as well as The Connection insert.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN NO. 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

SHARING OF PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please consult the Prayer List on the back of the bulletin.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER NO. 895

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 277 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11

WITNESS TO THE WORD "Part of the Crowd ... or Part of the Committed?" Rev. L. Kim Eanes

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Holy City" Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

PALM SUNDAY CONFESSION

CLOSING SONG NO. 314 "In the Garden" Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WE NEED YOU! Please keep in mind that this is a great time of need for all, and thus our FUMC ministries, missions, and church administrative operations still depend upon your continued generous giving! Thank you!



INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): To view South Carolina United Methodist Bishop L. Jonathan Holston's statements of recommendation for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic in local churches, please go to www.umcsc.org. On that website, you will find the Bishop's statements on COVID-19, dated March 12th, March 17th, as well as his most recent statement posted March 28th, regarding the suspension of in-person worship through April 30th. You will also have access to the Bishop's daily prayers on this same Conference website. And, also provided are links to the decision regarding the postponement of General Conference, 2020. Stay informed! Stay updated!

CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS: Beginning Tuesday, March 31st, your FUMC office will undergo some schedule changes. Administrative Assistance Angie Smith is working from home, answering phones through our Remote Call System per her regular office hours of Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30am-4:30pm, with one hour closed for lunch (Noon-1pm). So that all calls may be handled in a timely manner, please try to limit your calls to five minutes or less, since the Remote Rollover Phone System allows for only one line to receive calls. Angie will also be handling all typical support staff business from her remote location, including monitoring the FUMC Facebook page. Pastor Kim will be available at the church office per the following schedule: Tuesdays, 2pm-5pm; Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10am-Noon & 1pm-5pm. This schedule will allow our FUMC office to still be open our regular 21 hours per week, to meet the needs of both FUMC members as well as the Cheraw community. During these hours, Pastor Kim will continue to prepare worship bulletins, daily One Call devotions, weekly Bible Study resources, and Sunday messages, as well as address all other Administrative business matters that arise. Both Angie and Pastor Kim will be monitoring the answering machine during non-office hours, so feel free to leave a voicemail on the church office machine as well. Thank you for your understanding and for your cooperation with these temporary adjustments.

ONE CALL COMMUNICATIONS: First UMC is using our One Call Communication System quite frequently during this time of restriction and social separation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This One Call System involves a pre-recorded message from FUMC which comes automatically to your pre-selected phone number, reporting the latest news/notifications/messages. The One Call System is absolutely free, and your number can be added to the system very easily. If you are not yet registered, just call or email the church office with your selected/preferred phone number, and Angie will import your number into the system. In this time of forced social distancing, let's make sure to NOT simultaneously practice emotional distance!

RELAY FOR LIFE ACTIVITIES: For the safety of our staff and volunteers, the American Cancer Society, Southeast Region (Charlotte) has closed their offices to the public until further notice. All events including the Relay for Life of Chesterfield County and in-person meetings have been suspended through mid-May.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITIES: We have a memorable Holy Week planned for you! Please join us, ONLINE, THIS AFTERNOON, for a very special EASTER EGG HUNT for our youngest FUMC members! Join Pastor Kim for an Easter Egg Hunt and story time recognizing the journey of Holy Week all the way through Jesus' resurrection! On THURSDAY evening, 4/9 we will share in an ONLINE Love Feast in recognition of Holy Thursday. On FRIDAY evening, 4/10, tune in ONLINE for a very meaningful Good Friday worship experience. And on EASTER SUNDAY, 4/12, join us EARLY for an ONLINE SUNRISE SERVICE, followed a bit later by an uplifting ONLINE RESURRECTION DAY WORSHIP! Again, all of these worship opportunities will be offered ONLINE only. Questions? Call Pastor Kim and/or the FUMC office.

RESURRECTION DAY FLOWER CROSS: A beautiful tradition our FUMC family celebrates every year for Easter, is our Resurrection Day Flower Cross. And this year is no different! Our Flower Cross will be on display on the front porch of our sanctuary beginning VERY EARLY Easter Sunday morning. Throughout that day, you are invited to bring your own flowers to fill the cross, taking family pictures by the cross if you so desire. As you share in this beautiful FUMC tradition, you are reminded to please practice safe social distancing, since this is a LIVE experience. Please pull up into the driveway in front of the sanctuary, leaving a safe distance between other vehicles and people, as you add your flowers to the cross and snap your pictures. If everyone works together, we can still enjoy this special tradition even in this most unusual season of our lives.

A HUGE THANK YOU! A most sincere thank you is extended to both the FUMC Statistics Committee and the FUMC Audit Committee. Our Statistical Reports, which were due in February, were submitted on time thanks to all of the Committee Chairs and various other volunteers who submitted their reports in a timely fashion. As well, our 2019 Audit, which was due in March, was submitted by the required deadline thanks to our diligent and persistent and hard working Audit Team. All of these reports are due into the SC UMC Conference Office in written and electronic form. So thanks to everyone, paid and volunteer, who made sure these required documents were signed, sealed, and delivered, as required!

SAFETY FIRST! During these times of reduced activity at the church, as well as reduced staffing on a daily basis, it is extremely essential that the church alarm be engaged at all times when the church is closed. If you enter and exit the building at any time, and you are the last one to depart, please be sure to ENGAGE THE ALARM as you exit. Thank you.