

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### Sunday, March 29, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School (per Bishops recommendation)  
11:00am **NO** Worship Service (per Bishops recommendation)  
5:00pm **NO** MYF  
5:00pm **NO** Fireflies

### Monday, March 30, 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, March 31, 2020

11:00am **NO** Adult Exercise with Betsy Vaughn  
(Fellowship Hall)  
12:00pm April 5 Bulletin Deadline (Announcements)  
2-5:00pm Church office open  
3:00pm **NO** Lenten Study (Parlor) (Join us via email)

### Wednesday, April 1, 2020

10am-Noon, 1:00-5:00pm Church office open  
12:00pm **NO** Lenten Lesson and Lunch (First Baptist)

### Thursday, April 2, 2020

10am-Noon, 1:00-5:00pm Church office open  
10:30am **NO** "Fierce" Bible Study (Parlor) (Join us via email)

### Friday, April 3, 2020

10am-Noon, 1:00-5:00pm Church office open

### Sunday, April 5, 2020

10:00am **NO** Sunday School (per Bishops recommendation)  
11:00am **NO** Worship Service (per Bishops recommendation)

**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), 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. **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: \$68,427.15  
Year to Date Expenses: \$60,596.27

#### FUMC STAFF

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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**

**MARCH 29, 2020**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**

## A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

TIME OF CENTERING

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

OPENING HYMN NO. 98 "To God Be the Glory" Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "You'll Never Walk Alone" 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

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14: 22-33

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11: 1-40

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON Luke 8:22-25 Rev. L. Kim Eanes

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 2037 "I Sing Praises to Your Name" Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

WITNESS TO THE WORD "The Difference Between Belief and Faith" Rev. L. Kim Eanes

CLOSING SONG NO. 2066 "Praise the Name of Jesus" Mary Lynn Hart Watkins

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING Rev. L. Kim Eanes

*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) AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** To view South Carolina United Methodist Bishop L. Jonathan Holston's statements of recommendation for dealing with the COVID19 pandemic in local churches, please go to [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org). On that same website, you will find multiple resources to answer many of your "who, what, when and where" questions for all things related to the COVID19 pandemic and how it's affecting local church activities/business. Please note: The SCUMC Conference website is constantly being updated with new information so you may want to check it out frequently.

**CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS:** As you know, both the Worship and Administrative ministries of your FUMC have been following the guidelines recommended by SCUMC Bishop L. Jonathan Holston as posted on his March 12 and March 17, 2020 Conference Website messages (see [umcsc.org](http://umcsc.org)). Per the 3/12/20 message, Bishop Holston recommended that all church offices stay open during their regularly scheduled office hours, following the lead of state and local governments. On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, all Chesterfield County offices closed their facilities to the public beginning at 5PM. Consequently, as recommended by the Bishop and in response to the County offices closing, FUMC will make some minor adjustments to our regular office hour schedule. Beginning Tuesday, March 31st, Admin. Assistant Angie Smith will be working from home, answering phones through our remote call system per her regularly scheduled office hours of Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30AM-4:30PM, with an hour closed for lunch of Noon-1PM. Please take note that because this Remote Rollover Call System involves only one line of availability, all calls need to be limited to five minutes or less so that other calls will be able to be answered promptly. Angie will also be regularly monitoring the FUMC Facebook page. Secondly, so that our church building will still be accessible to our FUMC members and the Cheraw community, Pastor Kim will be available at the church office per the following schedule - Tuesdays, 2pm-5pm; Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10am-Noon and 1PM-5PM. This on-site schedule will accommodate the 21 hours per week that the church office is typically open. Please note that when you come to the church door and ring the bell, there may be a slight wait if Pastor Kim is on the phone and unable to answer the door immediately. Also, please remember that if you don't see Pastor Kim's vehicle in the parking lot, don't assume that she is not at the church. With warmer weather approaching, she may be taking advantage of the brief jaunt, by foot, from parsonage to church. And one final note, the church answering machine will be checked every day first thing in the morning, as well as the last task of the day, so feel free to leave a voicemail at any time and you will receive a return call..

**ONE CALL COMMUNICATIONS:** First UMC is using our One Call communication system quite frequently during this time of restriction and separation caused by the COVID19 pandemic. This One Call system involves a recorded message from First UMC which comes to your selected phone number automatically, with the latest news and notifications. And the service is absolutely free! Just call or email the church office with your preferred phone number and Angie will import you into our system. In this time of forced social distancing, let's make sure to NOT simultaneously practice emotional distance!

**SPRING BBQ CANCELLED:** In light of the 3/17/20 speech by Governor McMaster, along with the Town of Cheraw's decision to cancel the Spring Festival, along with South Carolina United Methodist Bishop Holston's recommendations for local churches, along with President Trump's guidelines on social distancing, the First UMC United Methodist Men have decided to cancel the Spring BBQ. You are encouraged to take the following steps for refund of advanced ticket sales: all ticket sellers are invited to get in touch with your ticket buyers, and offer them a full refund in return for their ticket; upon return of the tickets to the church office, ticket sellers will be refunded the full price of their returned tickets. We thank all of our church family who have supported the Spring BBQ in the past, and we invite you to continue to find other ways to support our scouting programs and other ministries typically funded by the Spring BBQ proceeds. The First UMC United Methodist Men regret this unusual cancellation, but we pray that our First UMC family will graciously understand this decision.

**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:** Quite obviously, due to the COVID19 pandemic, some of our Holy Week and Easter activities will need to be adjusted. But please be assured that your FUMC staff and Committee volunteers are working diligently to present as "close to normal" worship experiences as possible! So mark your calendars now! Using similar e-resources as we've been using over the past two weeks, we HOPE to bring you a festive Palm Sunday worship celebration! Likewise, as we move into Holy Week, please look for more information on special e-services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, and Easter Sunday! In offering a few "teasers" of our upcoming plans: please make sure you have some supplies ready by Holy Thursday, to participate in an "in-home Lord's Supper celebration", and, be prepared to purchase some fresh flowers to be added to our Easter Celebration Cross which will be displayed on our front church steps on Easter Sunday morning!