

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays – 22nd – Kay Givens, 24th – Joyce Fortenberry, Margaret Sandifer, Mary Elizabeth Sturdivant, 25th – Deborah Singley, 27th – Carolyn Boyles, Gwen Burdette, 28th – Amber Barber.

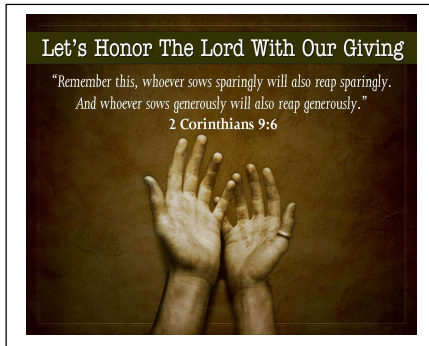
Prayer Request – Debbie Shaler, Keith Gaughf, Rita Sandifer, Martha Morrow, Gentry Terrell, Beth Barnes, Rita Faye Armstrong, Mike Price, John Toney, Ken Hauser and Charles Rogers family in the loss of Matthew Hauser.

Shrimp Boil Meeting – Will be held this Monday, July 23rd at 4:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center.

Youth At the Movies tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Activities – 5:00 p.m. Youth Ordinary Bible Study and Prayer Walk, 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal.

Pledge Cards – If you haven't done so, please remember to turn in your pledge cards to the church office.



**The donations this past
Sunday, July 15:**
Contributions \$ 5,823.00
Memorials \$ 1,000.00
Food Pantry \$ 40.00
Youth \$ 50.00

Attendance July 15
Worship 130 Sunday School 51

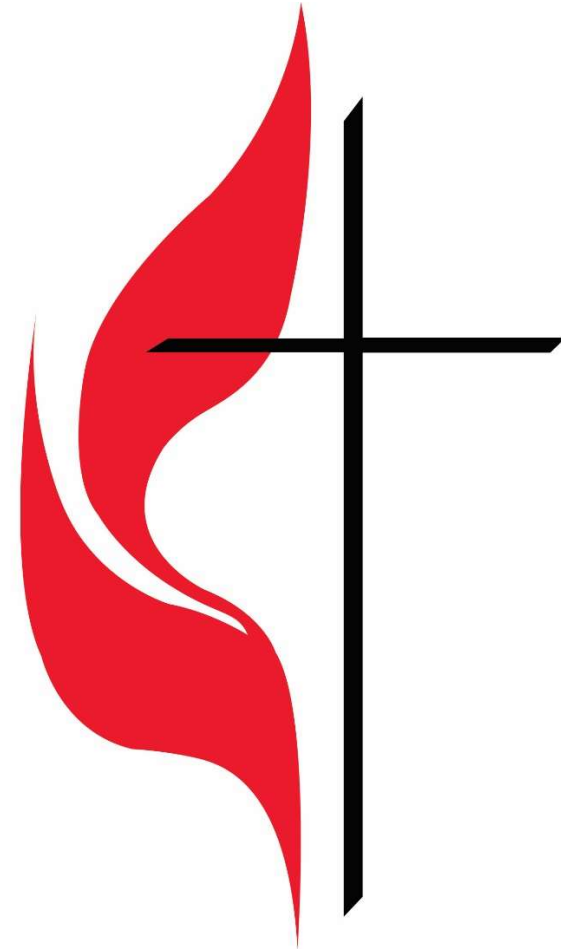
Organ Fund Received To Date: \$ 35,097.78

BUDGETED INCOME/EXPENSES TO DATE

Contributions to Date: \$ 169,214.94

Expenses to Date \$ 196,812.92

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WORSHIP SERVICE
 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
 July 22, 2018



Welcome To First United Methodist Church Of Columbia

CHIMING OF THE HOUR (worship begins)

INVOCATION

PRELUDE Beth Pierce, piano
 I Stand Amazed in the Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
 Holy, Holy, Jimmy Owens

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

▲ **HYMN NO. 158** (all verses)
 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

▲ **RESPONSIVE READING NO. 862**
 Psalm 150

▲ **HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 393**
 Spirit of the Living God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
 Deep and Wide
 (please sing along as the children return to their seats)

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

▲ **HYMN NO. 163** (verses 1,3,4)
 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

OFFERING Beth Pierce, piano
 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

▲ **DOXOLOGY**
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC Vocal Trio
 The Gift of Love, arr. Hal H. Hopson
 Based on I Corinthians 13
 Grace Ann Pierce
 Beth Pierce
 Susan A. Smith

SCRIPTURE Rev. Mike Sahler
 Matthew 28:20
 (New Revised Standard Version Pew Bible NT page 32)

MESSAGE Rev. Mike Sahler
 "Sunday Shoes"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

▲ **HYMN NO. 170** (all verses)
 O How I Love Jesus

▲ **EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES**

▲ **BENEDICTION**

▲ **CHIMES**

POSTLUDE Beth Pierce, Piano
 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

▲ **Stand as able**

ALTAR FLOWERS
 The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and placed in honor of Mrs. T. L. (Gwen) Burdette for her 95th birthday, July 27th, by her daughters Jan, Debbie, Susan and family.
 Proverbs 31:25-31

MUSIC NOTES



One of my goals for this year is to practice more each day—not music, as you might think, but gratitude. This week, that was a very easy task. You were all so

very warm and welcoming to me on Sunday, and many of you whom I met throughout the week were kind, patient and helpful to me as I learned my way around the office and the church. Thank you! I feel blessed to be a part of such a hospitable congregation, and I am particularly grateful to the members of the Chancel Choir for their hard work and acceptance during my first week. I owe Mark Fite a special word of appreciation for leading the service music and Anna Hough and Mark Fite for spending so much time with me organizing music and helping me prepare for our first rehearsal. I also felt right at home in my first rehearsal on Wednesday, in part, due to the professional accompanying skills of Beth Pierce. The talent, commitment, and dedication of this choir are outstanding, and I am looking forward to working with them, and you all, as we sing beautiful and challenging music to praise God.

I would like to extend a special invitation to new members, age fifteen and older, to join the choir. Please let me know if you have any conflicts that I might be able to resolve, such as nursery or childcare on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Remember that God commands us to sing together, as a Christian church: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 5:16 KJV. I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks and months, and thank you again for your very warm welcome.

Susan Smith