

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Sally Sharp, Eleanor Brouwer, Al Palmer, Mark Logan,
Bill Bradley, Peggy Heath, Dixie Roberts, Coy Williams

Our Community

Peggy Reskin, sister of Michael Clancy
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker
Scott Maxfield, friend of Joyce Morin
Evelyn Faulkenberry, mother of Dixie Roberts
Butch Anderson, brother of Elaine Reese
Dot McDowell, mother of Eric Marshall

To God Be the Glory

The Flowers that grace the chancel today are given by Wynona Cox, Bill and Debbie Dunn to the Glory of God and in honor of Julie Cox Seidel's Birthday.

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Dick Hoover, Charles Mobley, J.B. Sistare,
David Tolson, III, Robert Whitesides, Jeff Riggins
Greeters: Nancy Fleming, Steve Fleming (9:00 a.m.)
Mary Blackham (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent (9:00-noon)
Acolyte: Samuel Page
Crucifer: Jen Page
Counters: Feliste Ellis, J.B. Sistare

Attendance and Stewardship (April 8)

Worship: 9:00—46; 11:00—66
Sunday School—32
Offering received \$10,253.00 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor..... Rev. Charles Phillips
Minister of Children and Youth.....Rev. Shelly Holder
OrganistCarolyn Lasater
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Announcements

April Community/Church Meal

Please join us Monday, April 16th for the FUMC Community/Church Meal at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class will be our host. The menu will consist of pork loin, green beans, and macaroni. A sign-up sheet for our monthly Community Meal is in the Connector. Please sign up your group.

Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendar for our Vacation Bible School. It will be held June 18th-June 22nd from 9-12 o'clock noon.

Hiking for a Cause

Haley Heath will be hiking 30.1 miles of the Appalachian trail in just 1 day for Cystic Fibrosis on April 21st. She is ambitious to raise \$3,000 for her effort. If you would like to donate or give moral support, follow the link below. Your help is appreciated!
http://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/Hike/12_Carolinas_Charlotte?px=3760874&pg=personal&fr_id=6534

FUMC Preschool

Registration is open for the 2-yr old, 3-yr old, and 4-yr old classes. Applications are available in the church office or contact Novice Baker at 283-8406 if you have any questions.

This Week

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. UMYF

Monday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Girl Scout
6:00 p.m. Community/
Church Meal

Wednesday, April 18

10:00 a.m. Stitch and Pray
6:15 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



Sunday, April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

*Song: "Come Thou Fount" Lavik and Robinson

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song: "This Little Light of Mine" Gregg

Scripture: Luke 24-36b-48
Message: "The Journey Ahead" Pastor Charles

*Statement of Faith (in unison)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Song: "Whom Shall I Fear" Tomlin, Cash and Cash

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

*GREETING

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb,
and turns our tears to joy.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God, Hallelujah!

Christ comes through our locked doors,
and turns our fear to courage.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God, Hallelujah!

Christ speaks peace to us,
and commissions us to go out and serve.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God, Hallelujah!

Christ's presence in us turns our doubt to faith
and calls us to respond.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God, Hallelujah!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 304 Regent Square
Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70 MEINEKE

Hearing God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION ALLELUIA

1. Alleluia, Alleluia...

2. He's my Savior...

3. I will praise Him...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of
your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON 1 John 3:1-7

THE PSALM UMH 741 Psalm 4

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:36b-48
The Message: "The Journey Ahead" Pastor Charles

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 364
Because He Lives RESURRECTION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY
In Your Footsteps Dan Forrest

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into the World

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 318 TRURO
Christ is Alive

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Alleluia, Amen Dan Forrest

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

***Congregation stands (if able).
Congregational responses are printed in bold.**