

In Our Prayers

Our Members

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

Our Community

Willis Bethea, brother of Lisa Pettit
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
Reb and Phyllis Bunkley to the Glory of God and to
celebrate our 41st wedding anniversary
and all the blessings we've shared over the years!

Congratulations

The rose on the altar honors God's gift of
Hunter William McDowell, born to Kelly and David McDowell;
proud grandparents, Mary (Collier) and Alex McDowell
and great grandparents Lou and Art Collier.

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: Margaret Parker
Crucifer: Pat Clancy
Counters: Lynn Melton, J.B. Sistare

Attendance and Stewardship (April 15)

Worship: 9:00—41; 11:00—69
Sunday School—32
Offering received \$7,099.55 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

Epworth is Our Ministry

Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave 184 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because people and churches like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in South Carolina. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 13th 2018, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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.

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

Wednesday, April 25

6:15 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 27-28

UMW Spiritual Retreat

Monday, April 23

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Charles Phillips
Minister of Children and Youth.....Rev. Shelly Holder
OrganistCarolyn Lasater
Church Administrative Assistant.....Libby Doster

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Sunday, April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

*Song: "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song: "Breathe" Barnett

Scripture: John 10:11-18
Message: "My Shepherd, My Savior" Pastor Shelly

*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: "Grace Flows Down" Bell, Giglio and Padgett

*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 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*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 3:16-24

THE PSALM UMH 754

Psalm 23

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

The Message: "My Shepherd, My Savior" Pastor Shelly

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God is My Shepherd

Dvorak, arr. Clokey

*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 700

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia, Amen

Dan Forrest

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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