

## In Our Prayers

### Our Members

Dean Elliott, 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

## To God Be the Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given by  
Bill and Beverly Bradley to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Jane and Jim Bradley.

### Congratulations

The rose on the altar honors God's gift of  
Charles Alexander and Nolan Phillip, born April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
to Robert and Katie Murphy, and big sister Ella,  
The proud grandparents are Bill and Kay Murphy.  
Their great grandmother was the late Mary Monroe.

## 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:** Angie Jackson
- Crucifer:** Pat Clancy
- Counters:** Carolyn Plyler, Sara Hagins

## Attendance and Stewardship (April 22)

Worship: 9:00—53; 11:00—70  
Sunday School—42  
Offering received \$4,110.85 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

## Announcements

### Transform a Child's Future

Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms lives. On Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendar for our Vacation Bible School. It will be held June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Spend the summer with Matthew

Have you not been coming to Sunday School? Not interested in committing to a class? Try a summer study of Matthew during the Sunday School hour. Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> in the Lou Riddle classroom, come when you can for an in-depth, close reading of the Gospel of Matthew.

## This Week

### Today

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

### Tuesday, May 1

12 noon Lunch Bunch  
Olive Garden

### Wednesday, April 25

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

### Monday, April 30

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

### CHURCH STAFF

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

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# First United Methodist Church

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Lancaster, South Carolina



## Sunday, April 29, 2018

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Encountering God*

*Building Community*

*Transforming Lives*

## Early Worship

\*Song: "Blessed Be Your Name" Redman and Redman

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Song: "All Who Are Thirsty" Brown and Robertson

Scripture: John 15:1-8  
Message: "Bearing Fruit" 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: "Soak Up the Son" Hughes

\*Sending Forth

## Traditional Worship

### *Gathering to Worship*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*GREETING

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

**Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 111

*How Can We Name a Love*

TERRA BEATA

\*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 4:7-21

THE PSALM UMH 752

Psalms 22:25-31

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8  
"Bearing Fruit"

Pastor Charles

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

The Apostle's Creed

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 397

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Hawks/Lowery

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Am the Vine*

Webber

\*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 124

*Seek the Lord*

GENEVA

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen (901)*

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\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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