

## 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  
Jimmy Barton to the Glory of God and in honor  
of Jane Carroll'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:** Debbie Wood  
**Crucifer:** Pat Clancy  
**Counters:** Margaret Parker, Will Ballard

### Stewardship

Received: April 1,  
\$5,539.00  
Weekly Need: \$8,234.00

### Attendance

Maundy Thursday: 44  
Good Friday: 52  
Easter Sunday: 210

#### 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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## Announcements

### April Community/Church Meal

Please join us Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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, slaw 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 you 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.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/Hike/12_Carolinas_Charlotte?px=3760874&pg=personal&fr_id=6534)

### FUMC Preschool

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

## This Week

### Today

7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. UMYF

### Wednesday, April 11

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

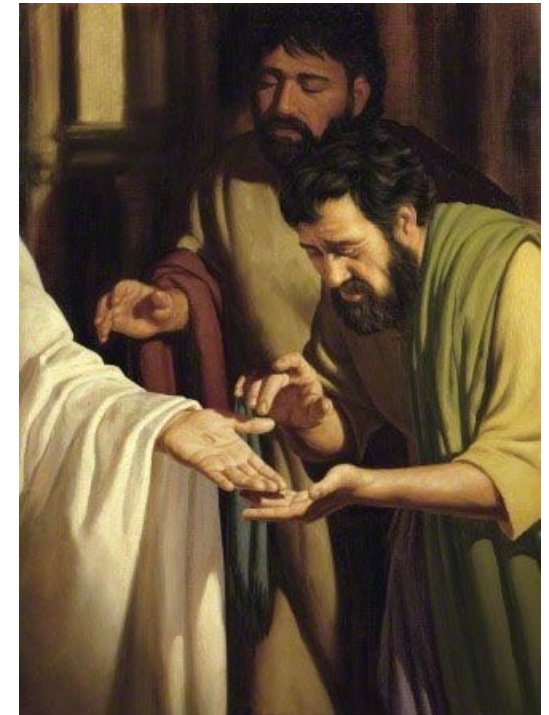
### Monday, April 9

10:30 a.m. Hannah/Mary  
Circle  
2:00 p.m. Morning Bells  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout



# First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street  
Lancaster, South Carolina



**Sunday, April 8, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

*Encountering God*

*Building Community*

*Transforming Lives*

## Early Worship

\*Song: "Jesus Paid It All" Nifong, Hall and Grape

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Song: "Draw Me Close" Carpenter

Scripture: John 20:19-31  
Message: "Power to Forgive" 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: "Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone" Tomlin

\*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 307

*Christ Is Risen*

alt. tune HYMN OF JOY

\*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 1:1-2:2

THE PSALM UMH 850

Psalm 133

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

The Message:

"Power to Forgive"

Pastor Charles

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

The Apostles' Creed

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS 2196

*We Walk by Faith*

MARTYRDOM

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Christ The Lord is Risen Again*

Stopford

\*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 TFWS 2114

*At the Font We Start Our Journey*

LAUDA ANIMA

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Alleluia, Amen*

Dan Forrest

\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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