

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Zeddie Williams, Adrian Pettit, Betty Vassey,
Charlaine Simpson, Lorraine Harper, Tommy Grier,
Steve Rothrock, DeLee Ballard, Linda Snyder,
Lou Collier, Art Collier, Larry Baskins,
Pam Vaughn, Betsy Sims Gardner,
Travis Berry, Bill Bradley, Dixie Roberts

Our Community

George Gottier, brother-in-law of Beverly and Bill Bradley
Louise Hayes, aunt of Debra Rowell
Mark Brunsvold, father of Eric Brunsvold
Sherry Stalvey, Wilkins family, Ronbinson family
friends of Erica Crews
Eric Hough, friend of Kay Stewart
Elizabeth Donehue, daughter of Dwight
and Janice McPherson
Ashley Thomasson, niece of Sis and Bob Yoder
Hal Plyler, son of Carolyn Plyler
Marvin Baker, father of Mica Edwards
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Jeff Hagins, Will Jaillette, David Tolson, III,
Doug Geiger, Mark Logan, Larry Higgins,
Kevin Cauthen
Greeters: Caryl Rehrig, Rick Rehrig (9:00 a.m.)
Phyllis Bunkley, Reb Bunkley (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent (9:00-noon)
Acolyte: Pat Clancy
Crucifer: Jennifer Page
Willis Ballard, Dick Hoover

Attendance and Stewardship 12/08/19

Worship: 9:00 — 50; 11:00 — 74; Sunday School—37
Offering received \$7,058.00 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

The Journey of Advent

All are welcome to engage in an Advent experience—THE JOURNEY OF ADVENT. In the Chapel classroom, there are seven self-guided stations set up to help highlight Advent through connecting, focusing, praying, seeing, wishing, waiting and pondering. This experience is designed for individuals, families, and/or small groups. The Chapel will be open through the month of December.

FUMC Christmas Party/Children's Program

Our church-wide Christmas Party will be today Sunday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will consist of Christmas music by Hunter and MeKaila Cox and the FUMC Children's Choir will present the A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TELLING. Please bring hors d'oeuvres, your family and friends as we celebrate together.

Church-Wide Christmas Caroling

On Friday, December 20th at 6 p.m., all are welcome to join the adult choir and the children's choir for a night of Family Christmas Caroling. Contact Shelly at the church if you would like to be on the list of homes we visit. Afterward, we will all meet at Nancy Westmoreland's home for hot chocolate and roasting s'mores around the fire pit.

Looking Ahead in Worship

Please mark your calendars with the following:
Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 22.
Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 29.
Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24.

This Week

Today		Wednesday, December 18
9:00 a.m.	Worship	9:00 a.m. Preschool
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Christmas Program
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:15 p.m. Jubilant
6:00 p.m.	Children's	Ringers
Christmas Play/ FUMC		7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Christmas Party		
Monday, December 16		Friday, December 20
6:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle	6:00 p.m. Church Wide
6:00 p.m.	Advent Study	Christmas Caroling
6:00 p.m.	Community Meal	
Tuesday, December 17		
10:00 a.m.	Advent Study	



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

Preparing to Worship

*Song: "Mary Did You Know" LOWERY

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Song: "Hope Is Dawning" GUNGOR and MAHER

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11 Pastor Charles
Message: "Out of the Wilderness"

*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: "Everlasting God" BROWN AND RILEY

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

*OPENING VOLUNTARY

Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen

BRAHMS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Do You Hear What I Hear?

SIMEONE

WORDS OF WELCOME

*GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In this season of Advent,
may the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.

Come let us adore him. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your *joy*.

You alone, O Lord are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your *joy*, alleluia!

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*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

MEINEKE

Hearing God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION UMH 202 v.3

People, Look East

BESANCON

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:47-55

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11

Pastor Charles

The Message:

"Out of the Wilderness"

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth

MENDELSSOHN

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 95

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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 215

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

ANNUNCIATION

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE UMH 900

Amen

PERSICHETTI

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on Besancon

CORNELIUS-BATES

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