

## In Our Prayers

### Our Members

Adrian Pettit, Betty Vassey, Charlaime 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  
Darylene Fininkelstein, daughter of Peg and Dick Hoover  
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:** Kay Blalock  
**Crucifer:** Debbie Wood  
**Counters:** Feliste Ellis, George Garner

## Attendance and Stewardship 11/24/19

Worship: 11:00 –106  
Offering received \$10,711.01 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

## Announcements

### All UMW Circles

You are asked to bring two dozen cookies to fill the goodie bags for the Shut-ins and the Children's Home. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 1st.

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, December 3rd at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Ham will be provided along with tea, lemonade and water. Bring a covered dish and invite a friend to join us. Our program will include a presentation by Nancy Westmoreland.

### Advent Devotional Booklets

Advent Devotional booklets are available in the Connector and Narthex. Please pick up one to enhance your Advent journey.

### Homeless Period Project

The Ruth Circle is collecting feminine hygiene products for a Period Project Packing Party to be distributed to girls in the local schools. Donations of pads, tampons, panty liners, individually wrapped feminine wipes, quart zip-lock bags and make-up bags can be placed in a bin by Shelly's office on or before December 15th.

### Share The Warmth

We are still collecting coats, gloves, socks, and hats for area elementary schools. The need is great, so please help us keep the children of Lancaster warm. The collection bin is outside Shelly's office. We will be collecting through January 31st. Thank you in advance for your help. Amelia Davis

## This Week

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday, December 4</b>
9:00 a.m.	Worship	6:15 p.m. Jubilant
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Ringers
11:00 a.m.	Worship	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
4:00 p.m.	Children's Program	
<b>Monday, December 2</b>		<b>Saturday, December 7</b>
10:00 p.m.	Advent Study	9:00 a.m. Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Christmas Party
		6:30 p.m. Pre-Concert
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>		7:00 p.m. Open House
10:00 a.m.	Advent Study	Christmas Community
Noon	Lunch Bunch	Activity



# First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street  
Lancaster, South Carolina



## December 1, 2019

### First Sunday of Advent

*Encountering God*

*Building Community*

*Transforming Lives*

## Early Worship

Words of Welcome

\*Song: "Light of the World" DAIGLE and MABURY

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Morning Prayer

\*Song: "Hope is Dawning" MAYER AND GUNGOR

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44  
Message: "Our Lord is Near"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
DURAN AND STORY

\*Sending Forth

## Traditional Worship

### *Gathering to Worship*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Chorale Prelude on Wachtet auf, ruft uns die stimme*  
J.S. BACH

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

As we enter 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 435  
*O God of Every Nation* LLANGLOFAN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your *hope*.

You alone, O Lord are holy.

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

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\*OPENING PRAYER

## Traditional Worship

### *Hearing God's Word*

SONG OF PREPARATION UMH 202 (v. 1)

*People, Look East*

BESANCON

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

THE PSALM

Psalms 122

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

Pastor Charles

The Message:

"Our Lord is Near"

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*INVITATION TO THE TABLE ( page 12)

\*THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Watchman, Awake!*

Chancel Choir

Nygaard

\*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 95

OLD 100th

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (page 13)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your  
people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your  
name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty  
acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for  
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come  
again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit... Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is  
yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 895)

\*SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The bread and wine are given to the people.  
Gluten-free communion wafers are offered to those  
with food allergies. Unfermented juice is served.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### *Into the World*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 211

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE UMH 898

*Amen*

DANISH

\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune on Stuttgart*

Cattaneo

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