

## In Our Prayers

### Our Members

Andy Caudill, Vivian Ferguson, Bill Craig,  
Alan Blankenship, Becky Stevenson, Bill Bradley,  
Eleanor Brouwer, Rob Crews, Marita Eden,  
Peggy Heath, Bill Murphy, Dixie Roberts

### Our Community

Marvin Baker, father of Mica Edwards  
Willis Bethea, brother of Lisa Pettit  
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker  
Scott Maxfield, friend of Joyce Morin  
Evelyn Faulkenberry, mother of Dixie Roberts  
Butch Anderson, brother of Elaine Reese  
Rosa Lee Martin, sister of Margaret Parker  
Linda Hatterrick, mother-in-law of Jim Crews  
Susan DeVenny, wife of Alston DeVenny

## Congratulations

Congratulations on the birth of Mary Jones Mobley, born November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. She is the daughter of Drew and Tori Mobley. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mobley. Great Grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert L Mobley.

## To God Be the Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Jubilant Ringers by Elaine Reese.

## In Ministry Today

**Ushers:** Jeff Hagins, Will Jaillette, David Tolson, II,  
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:** Debbie Wood  
**Crucifer:** Pat Clancy  
**Counters:** Lynn Melton, George Garner

## Attendance and Stewardship 11/18

Worship: 9:00 –36; 11:00 –76  
Sunday School—40  
Offering received \$6,628.50 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

## Announcements

### Angel Tree

The Angel tree is located in the Connector. Please return your gifts to the connector by Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Advent Devotional Booklets

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

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will have delicious Honey Baked Ham, and green beans. Bring a side dish to share and invite a friend. The FUMC Morning Bells will provide a program of Christmas music.

### Hannah/Mary Circle

The Hannah Mary Circle will have their Annual Christmas Soup Luncheon December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

### FUMC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our church-wide Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will consist of Christmas music by John Rhodes, who plays the keyboard at the 9:00 service, and the FUMC Children's Choir will present the FIRST CHRISTMAS story. Please bring hors d'oeuvres, to share with your family and friends as we celebrate together.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you in advance for your help. Amelia Davis

## This Week

<b>Today</b>		<b>Tuesday, December 4</b>
9:00 a.m.	Worship	10:00 a.m. Advent Study
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Noon Lunch Bunch
11:00 a.m.	Worship	
4:30 p.m.	Children's Choir	<b>Wednesday, December 5</b>
	UMYF	6:15 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
5:30 p.m.	UMW General meeting	<b>Thursday, December 6</b>
6:00 p.m.		9:00 a.m. Disciple Fast Track
<b>Monday, December 3</b>		6:30 p.m. Disciple Fast Track
2:00 p.m.	Morning Bells	
6:00 p.m.	Junior Scouts	
6:00 p.m.	Brownies	
6:00 p.m.	Advent Study	



# First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street  
Lancaster, South Carolina



## December 2, 2018

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 Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer

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

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36  
Message: "The Time is Near"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Song: "Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"  
TOMLIN AND INGRAM

\*Sending Forth

## Traditional Worship

### *Gathering to Worship*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* BOCK

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!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 529

*How Firm A Foundation* FOUNDATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH and INTROIT

Come, Child of Light LARSON

\*OPENING PRAYER

## Traditional Worship

### *Hearing God's Word*

SONG OF PREPARATION TFWS 2092

*Like A Child*

LIKE A CHILD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

Pastor Charles

The Message:

"The Time is Near?"

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*INVITATION TO THE TABLE ( page 12)

\*THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Chancel Choir

COURTNEY

\*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

*In Remembrance*

Chancel Choir

RED

UMH 623

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*

PENITENTIA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### *Into the World*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*A Lovely Rose is Blooming*

BRAHMS

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