

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
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: Lo Berry
Crucifer: Pat Clancy
Counters: Carolyn Plyler, J.B. Sistare

Attendance and Stewardship 12/01/19

Worship: 9:00 — 39; 11:00 — 70; Sunday School—27
Offering received \$19,569.27 (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 will be 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 on 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.

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.

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		Tuesday, December 10	
7:30 a.m.	UMM	10:00 a.m.	Advent Study
9:00 a.m.	Worship		
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Wednesday, December 11	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:15 p.m.	Jubilant Ringers
4:00 p.m.	Children's Play practice	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Monday, December 9			
3:00 p.m.	Hannah/Mary Circle (Morningside)		
6:00 p.m.	Advent Study		



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



December 8, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

Preparing to Worship

*Song: "My Soul Magnifies the Lord" TOMLIN and CARSON

*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 3:1-12 Pastor Charles
Message: "Prepare The Way"

*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: "Come, Lord Jesus" (Even So Come) TOMLIN and INGRAM

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

*OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

BUXTEHUDE

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 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your *peace*.

You alone, O Lord are holy.

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

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*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

MEINEKE

Hearing God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION UMH 202

People, Look East v. 2

BESANCON

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

THE PSALM

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor Charles

The Message: "Prepare The Way"

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 214

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prepare the Way of the Lord

ROWAN

*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 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE UMH 899

Amen

PERSICHETTI

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on Geneva 42

CORNELIUS-BATES

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