

In Our Prayers

Our Members

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 Threath, 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

Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of the pastor and congregation is extended to Carolyn Tolson and David Tolson, III and family on the recent death of their Aunt and Great Aunt Eva -99yrs. old.

To God Be the Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Mary Gayle and Jamie Henderson.

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: Allison Carter
Counters: Carolyn Plyler, Sara Hagins

Attendance and Stewardship 12/2

Worship: 9:00 —44; 11:00 —86
Sunday School—48
Offering received \$19,648 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

Angel Tree

The Angel tree is located in the Connector. Please return your gifts to the connector today Sunday, December 9th.

Advent Devotional Booklets

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

Hannah/Mary Circle

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

FUMC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Church-wide Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a program of music and the Children's Choir presentation of the FIRST CHRISTMAS story. Please bring hors d'oeuvres, to share.

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

Looking ahead

Please mark your calendars with the following:
Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 23.
Combined Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 30.
Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 24.

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
4:30 p.m. Children's
Choir
5:30 p.m. UMYF

Monday, December 10

Noon Hannah/Mary
Circle Lunch
2:00 p.m. Morning Bells
6:00 p.m. Daisy Scouts
6:00 p.m. Advent Study
6:00 p.m. Outreach

Tuesday, December 11

8:30-Noon Office Hours
10:00 a.m. Advent Study

Wednesday, December 12

8:30-Noon Office Hours

Thursday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Disciple Fast
Track
6:30 p.m. Disciple Fast
Track



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

WORDS OF WELCOME

*Song: "Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)
TOMLIN AND CASH

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song: "Hope is Dawning" MAYER AND GUNGOR

Scripture: Luke 3:1-4
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: "Mary, Did You Know" GREEN AND LOWRY

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Advent Tidings

Morning Bells

AKERS

WORDS OF WELCOME

*GREETING

We gather in preparation

For good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation

For peace is about to appear in our midst.

We gather in celebration

For we are those people who have said

yes to the manger,

yes to love enfleshed,

yes to the one incarnate for others,

yes to the wholeness of God.

With preparation and in expectation we gather to worship.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH and INTROIT

Barbara Rutledge and Zeddie Williams

*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

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Hearing God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION TFWS 2092

Like A Child

LIKE A CHILD

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

Pastor Charles

The Message:

"Prepare the Way"

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 THE APOSTLES' CREED

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 699

Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join

CANTERBURY

*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 202

People, Look East

BESANCON

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Prepare the Way of the Lord

PREPARE THE WAY

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Dearest Jesus, We Await Thee

J.S. BACH

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