

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Steward Beasley, Travis Berry, Bill Bradley, Lou Collier, Sarah Dotson, Dean Elliott, Peggy Heath, Pierce Horton, Elaine Reese, Dixie Roberts, Sally Sharp, Betty Vassey, Coy Williams

Our Community

Willis Bethea, Jr., brother of Lisa Pettit
Peggy Reskin, sister of Michael Clancy
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker
Scott Maxfield, friend of Joyce Morin
Evelyn Faulkenberry, mother of Dixie Roberts
Butch Anderson, brother of Elaine Reese

Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of the Pastor and congregation is extended to Doug McClellan and family upon the recent death of his sister Cindy Crump.

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Jimmy Walters, Jo Ann Hunter, Bill Jarvis, Jamie Henderson, Gary Blackham
Greeters: Mary Lou and Bob Rose (9:00 a.m.); Mary Henderson, Phyllis Jarvis (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent
Acolyte: Margaret Parker, Crucifer: Pat Clancy
Counters: Feliste Ellis, J.B. Sistare

Attendance and Stewardship (February 11)

Worship: 9:00–45; 11:00–61
Sunday School—51
Offering received \$4,612.00 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

Pastor Wendy Hudson-Jacoby Drop In

Today Sunday, February 18th Pastor Wendy Hudson-Jacoby at 3:00–4:00 p.m. will share her involvement in a new church start in Mount Pleasant, SC. Join us in the Chapel Classroom.

Ladies Movie Night

Please join the UMW on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a viewing of Mom's Night Out movie. Popcorn and Drink provided. Come as you are and bring a friend.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Community/Church Meal

Please join us Monday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our February Community/Church Meal. The Elizabeth Circle will be our host. The menu will be spaghetti, salad & bread.

Christ Walk: Faith, Fitness, and Friendship

Each weekday at 12 o'clock noon at Springdale track at the Recreation Center. See Pastor Charles.

Lenten Bible Study

John: The Gospel of Light and Life is a 6-week Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. In the Conference Room. Books are \$10. Sign up in the connector.

This Week at FUMC

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Drop-in
Wendy Hudson-Jacoby
5:30 p.m. UMYF

Monday, February 19

Office Closed
2:00 p.m. Morning Bells
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Community Meal

Tuesday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 Stitch and Pray
6:00 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22

Noon Christ Walk
6:00 p.m. UMW Movie Night

Friday, February 23

Noon Christ Walk

First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



Sunday, February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Service

- *Song: "10,000 Reasons" Myrun and Redman
Words of Welcome
*Passing the Peace of Christ
Children's Message Pastor Shelly
Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
*Song: "Kyrie Eleison" Tomlin, Ingram and Redman
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15
Message: "When Temptation Comes" Pastor Charles
*Statement of Faith (in unison)
*Song: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Chisholm and Runyan
*Sending Forth

11:00 Worship

Gathering to Worship

- OPENING VOLUNTARY
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Larson
Morning Bells
- WORDS OF WELCOME
- *GREETING
People of the covenant:
God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.
God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!
The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.
**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;
we put our trust in God.**
- *PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 269
Lord who throughout these Forty Days Land of Rest
- *CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**
- *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Bless the Lord Berthier
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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Hearing God's Word

- *SONG OF PREPARATION
Create in Me a Clean Heart Keith Green
Refrain: *Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me. Repeat Refrain.*
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- FIRST LESSON 1 Peter 3:18-22
SECOND LESSON Psalm 25:1-10, (UMH 756)
GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-15
Message: "When Temptation Comes" Pastor Charles

Responding to God's Word

- *HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 252
When Jesus Came to Jordan COMPLAINER
- OFFERING
OFFERTORY
A Lenten Prayer Jill Marshall, Soloist Hal Hopson
- *THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

Into the World

- *HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 347
Spirit Song Spirit Song
- *BENEDICTION
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Bless the Lord Berther
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
- *CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY
*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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