

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Eric Crews, Shelly Holder, Sharon Holder, Zeddie Williams,
 Adrian Pettit, Betty Vassey, Charlene Simpson,
 Lorraine Harper, Tommy Grier, Steve Rothrock,
 DeLee Ballard, Lou Collier, Art Collier,
 Larry Baskins, Pam Vaughn,
 Betsy Sims Gardner, Travis Berry,
 Bill Bradley, Dixie Roberts

Our Community

John Wylie Rhodes, father of John Rhodes

Ralph and Barbara Turner, friends of
 George Arnold and family

Forrest Sellars, brother of Nancy Fleming
 Glenn Garner, brother of George Garner

George Gottier, brother-in-law of Beverly and Bill Bradley
 Louise Hayes, aunt of Debra Rowell

Sherry Stalvey, Wilkins family, Robinson family
 friends of Erica Crews

Eric Hough, friend of Kay Stewart

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

Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of the pastor and congregation is extended to
 the following families:

Nancy Crolley and family upon the recent death of her sister,
 Mary Ann McWaters Wade.

Jimmy Walters and family upon the recent death of his
 brother, Harold Walters.

To God Be The Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given to the glory
 of God and in memory of Mary and Bill Westmoreland
 by their children and grandchildren.

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Jimmy Walters, Jo Ann Hunter, Bill Jarvis,
 Jamie Henderson, Gary Blackham

Greeters: Mary Lou Rose, Bob Rose (9:00 a.m.)
 Mary Gayle Henderson,
 Phyllis Jarvis (11:00 a.m.)

Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent (9:00-noon)

Acolyte: Debbie Wood

Crucifer: Jennifer Page

Counters: George Garner, Feliste Ellis

Announcements

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Men of First UMC are pleased to announce our Annual
 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall on
 Tuesday, February 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship

On Wednesday, February 26th at 12 o'clock noon and at 7:00
 p.m., we will offer worship opportunities to begin the season of
 Lent. We will observe a time of meditation and the Imposition
 of Ashes as a sign of God's grace and symbol of our mortality.

Lenten Devotional Booklets

The Lenten devotional booklet, "The Sanctuary for Lent
 2020", written by Sam McGlothlin, leads us through a 40-day
 experience into the wilderness. From Ash Wednesday until
 Easter Sunday, this devotion includes daily Scripture readings,
 a short devotional thought, and a closing spiritual practice.
 The booklets are placed throughout the church for your
 convenience. Pick up yours today.

Forty Days-Forty Items

Wednesday, February 26th is the first day of Lent. Accept this
 Challenge. Each day of Lent, remove one item from your
 closet and/or chest of drawers that you no longer need or wear
 and donate these items to someone who truly needs them!

Christ Walk: A Journey of Spiritual Fitness

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, and throughout
 the 40 days of Lent, join us each weekday at 12 o'clock noon at
 Springdale track at the Recreation Center, weather permitting,
 for prayer and walking fellowship.

Attendance and Stewardship 02/16/2020

Worship: 9:00 — 50; 11:00 — 76; Sunday School—38
 Offering received \$8,254.00 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

This Week

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday
 School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, February 24

6:00 p.m. Scouts
 6:30 p.m. Finance

Tuesday, February 25

5:30 p.m. Shrove
 Tuesday

Wednesday, February 26

Noon and Ash
 7:00 p.m. Wednesday
 Service

Thursday, February 27

Noon Christ Walk



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
 Lancaster, South Carolina



February 23, 2020
Eight Sunday after the Epiphany

TRANSFIGURATION Sunday

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

Preparing to Worship

*Song: "Your Love, O Lord" AVERY, CARR

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Song: "Take My Life" TOMLIN, GIGLIO

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9 Pastor Charles
Message: "Glory Revealed"

*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 "All the People Said Amen" MORGAN, MAHER

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

*OPENING VOLUNTARY
Petit Prelude

JONGEN

WORDS OF WELCOME

*GREETING

May the God of Glory strengthen us
to accomplish
the Work we are called to do.

Thanks be to God

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 173
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

MEINEKE

Hearing God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION UMH 451 (v. 1)
Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

FIRST LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 99

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9
The Message: "Glory Revealed"

Pastor Charles

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 404
Every Time I Feel the Spirit

AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

THE OFFERING

OFFERING

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ARCHER

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*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 258
O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

WAREHAM

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE UMH 900
Amen

PERSICHETTI

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Trumpet Voluntary

STANLEY

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