

## In Our Prayers

### Our Members

Kay Murphy, Art Collier, Jane Carroll, Gertrude Dennis, Sarah Dotson, Travis Berry, Vivian Ferguson, Bill Bradley, Eleanor Brouwer, Marita Eden, Peggy Heath, Dixie Roberts

### Our Community

Joanne Dahlberg, sister of Linda Snyder  
Hal Plyler, son of Carolyn Plyler  
Marvin Baker, father of Mica Edwards  
Willis Bethea, brother of Lisa Pettit  
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker  
Vaughn Miller, father of Andrea Ghent

## To God Be the Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Margaret and Charlie Bundy on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## In Ministry Today

**Ushers:** Jimmy Walters, Jo Ann Hunter, Bill Jarvis, Jamie Henderson, Gary Blackham, Rob Crews  
**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:** Samuel Page  
**Crucifer:** Jennifer Page  
**Counters:** Lynn Melton, George Garner

## Attendance and Stewardship 02/17/19

Worship: 9:00—43; 11:00 —87  
Sunday School—43  
Offering received \$2,658.50 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

## Announcements

### Welcome

Welcome Alex Wilborn, Principal Trumpeter, Charlotte Symphony, and Laverne Vinegar, organist.

### The Chili Cook-Off is Back

It's BACK! Please join us for great food, music and great fellowship on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the FUMC Chili Cook-off. Sign up sheets are in the Connector. Chefs, bring your best chili game. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Small at (803) 804-5452.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Men of First UMC are pleased to announce our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will begin serving promptly at 5:30 p.m. Contact Donnie Little or Willis Ballard if you will volunteer to help with set up, food prep, and clean up.

### Christ Walk: A Journey of Spiritual Fitness

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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. Prayerfully consider joining us as we engage the mind, body and spirit to build up our spiritual fitness. Pastor Charles is your point of contact.

### Lenten Bible Study

*CREED: What Christians Believe and Why - Exploring the Apostles' Creed* by Adam Hamilton is a six week study for our Lenten journey. Beginning March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, we will meet Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Books are \$10 each and there is a sign-up sheet in the Connector. See Shelly for details.

## This Week

### Today

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. UMYF

### Monday, February 25

2:00 p.m. Morning Bells  
6:00 p.m. Daisies Scouts

### Tuesday, February 26

6:30 p.m. Chili Cook off

### Wednesday, February 27

6:15 p.m. Jubilant Ringers

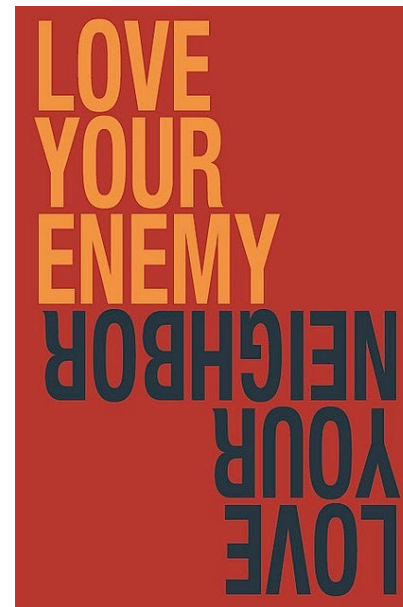
### Thursday, February 28

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



## February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

*Encountering God*

*Building Community*

*Transforming Lives*

## Early Worship

### WORDS OF WELCOME

\*Song: "You Are My King" (Amazing Love) FOOTE

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Song: "Jesus Loves Me" GLOVER, TOMLIN AND MORGAN

Scripture: Luke 6:27-38  
Message: "The Rule of Life"

\*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: "Mighty to Save" FIELDING AND MORGAN

\*Sending Forth

## Traditional Worship

### *Gathering to Worship*

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*O Thou Who Camest from Above*

WESLEY

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### \*GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made,

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Sing for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth;

**Break forth, O mountains, in singing!**

For the Lord has comforted us;

**God has compassion on all who suffer.**

Like a woman with her nursing child,

**God holds us with compassion,**

**and gives us all we need.**

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 698

*God of the Ages*

NATIONAL HYMN

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

### *Hearing God's Word*

#### SONG OF PREPARATION TFWS 2157

*Come and Fill Our Hearts* 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. (Repeat)*

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#### THE FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

#### SECOND LESSON

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

#### GOSPEL LESSON

The Message:

Luke 6:27-38  
"The Rule of Life"

Pastor Charles

### *Responding to God's Word*

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (see insert)

*Pressley Elizabeth McInnis*

#### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 191

*Jesus Loves Me*

JESUS LOVES ME

#### THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

HAYES

#### \*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 399

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

MESSIAH

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Spirit of the Living God*

HURSLEY

#### \*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

#### \*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Majestic March*

VINEGAR

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