

## *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  
Cindy Crump, sister of Doug McClellan  
Scott Maxfield, friend of Joyce Moran

## *To God Be The Glory*

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Rainwater by Marilyn Rainwater and Jim Rainwater.

## *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: Samuel Page, Crucifer: Jen Page  
Counters: Carolyn Plyler, Sara Hagins

## *Attendance and Stewardship (January 28)*

Worship: 9:00—51; 11:00—86  
Sunday School—46  
Offering received \$7,875.50 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

## *Announcements*

### **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch will meet in the church fellowship hall on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> for a pot luck meal. Please bring a dish. Drinks will be provided. The program will include a presentation by Carla Lilly on the Mobile Shower Unit used in ministry with the homeless of our community. In response to helping this ministry, we are asking that each person bring baby diapers, new under garments, and/or new or gently used blankets to be distributed to the clients.

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

The Men of First UMC are pleased to announce our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will begin serving 5:30 p.m., so come hungry! Meantime, contact Donnie Little or Willis Ballard if you will volunteer to help with set up, food prep, and clean up.

### **Christ Walk: Faith, Fitness, and Friendship**

Following Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and throughout the 40 days of Lent, join us each weekday at 12 o'clock noon at Springdale track at the Recreation Center for devotion, prayer and walking fellowship. All fitness levels are welcome. See Pastor Charles if you want more information about this journey toward spiritual fitness.

### **Lenten Bible Study**

*John: The Gospel of Light and Life* is a 6-week Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton that looks at the life of Christ. The study will be facilitated by Shelly Holder. There are two study opportunities. First, is Monday evenings beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Second, is Tuesday morning beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Books are \$10 and there is a sign-up sheet in the connector. Study will meet in the Conference room.

### **Community Meal Sign Up for 2018**

A sign-up sheet for our monthly Community Meal is in the Connector. Please sign up your group.

## *This Week at FUMC*

### **Today**

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

### **Monday, February 5**

2:00 p.m. Morning Bells  
6:30 p.m. Trustees

### **Tuesday, February 6**

Noon Lunch Bunch  
6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle

### **Wednesday, February 7**

6:00 p.m. Jubilant Ringers  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

# *First United Methodist Church*

200 West Gay Street  
Lancaster, South Carolina



## **Sunday, February 4, 2018**

### **Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany**

*Encountering God*

*Building Community*

*Transforming Lives*

## Early Service

- \* Song: "Jesus, My Everything" Maher
- Words of Welcome
- \*Passing the Peace of Christ
- Children's Message Pastor Shelly
- Morning Prayer
- \*Song: "Holy Spirit" Torwalt and Torwalt
- Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39  
Message: "A Deserted Place" Pastor Charles
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion
- \*Song: "Our God" Tomlin, Reeves and Redman
- \*Sending Forth

## 11:00 Worship

### *Gathering to Worship*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*GREETING

Have we not known? Have we not heard?  
**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**  
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
**They shall mount up with wings like eagles;**  
They shall run and not be weary;  
**They shall walk and not faint.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 139  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

\*OPENING PRAYER

### *Hearing God's Word*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 440  
*Let There Be Light (verse 1, 2, 6)*

Concord

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

SECOND LESSON Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859)

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:29-39  
Message: "A Deserted Place" Pastor Charles

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*INVITATION TO THE TABLE UMH 12

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Schram

\*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (UMH 13)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The bread and wine are given to the people.  
Gluten-free communion wafers are offered to those  
with food allergies. Unfermented juice is served.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

UMH 614

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

Benson

UMH 629

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Kreutz

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### *Into the World*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 569  
*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

Nichol

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE  
*Amen (897)*

Dresden

\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY