

## In Our Prayers

### Our Members

DeLee Ballard, Bill Murphy, Kay Murphy, Pierce Horton,  
Art Collier, Jane Carroll, Gertrude Dennis,  
Sarah Dotson, Travis Berry, Vivian Ferguson, Bill Bradley,  
Eleanor Brouwer, 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

### Our Sympathy

The family of Kathy Harper upon her recent death.

## To God Be The Glory

The flowers placed in the Connector today are given to the  
glory of God and in honor of Libby Doster's birthday  
by Wynona Cox, Debbie and Bill Dunn.

## Congratulations

The rose on the altar honors God's gift of  
Benjamin Reid Cauthen, born March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019,  
son of Kelly and Kevin Cauthen,  
brother of Tyler Cauthen,  
grandson of Kevin and Nancy Cauthen,  
Tom Burdette, Donna Burdette

## In Ministry Today

**Ushers:** Donnie Little, Tim Page, Hugh Mobley, Marilyn  
Rainwater, Odell Steele, Jay White  
**Greeters:** Nitsa Barrentine, Martha Swain (9:00 a.m.)  
Teague Poston, Anita Palmer (11:00 a.m.)  
**Nursery:** Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent (9:00-noon)  
**Acolyte:** Angie Jackson  
**Crucifer:** Allison Carter  
**Counters:** Feliste Ellis, J.B. Sistare

## Attendance and Stewardship 03/10/19

Worship: 9:00—39; 11:00 —70  
Sunday School—36  
Offering received \$1,888.00 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

## Announcements

### Christ Walk: A Journey of Spiritual Fitness

Now and throughout the 40 days of Lent, join us weekdays at  
12 o'clock noon at Springdale track at the Recreation Center.  
Weather permitting, we will meet for prayer and walking  
fellowship. Pastor Charles is your point of contact.

### Easter Eggs

As we prepare for our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt, we  
are asking for help gathering filled Easter eggs. If you would  
like to help, you may drop off your filled Easter Eggs in front of  
Pastor Shelly's office.

### Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The FUMC Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> after the  
11:00 worship service. Children and their families will meet in  
the fellowship hall for lunch before heading out to hunt Easter  
Eggs.

### Church Family

Sunday mornings were always a battle between my son Crew  
and me. He hated Sunday clothes and fought not to wear them.  
It was always a struggle to get them on him. One Sunday,  
riding home from church, as Crew was in the back seat  
stripping off his Sunday clothes, he said loudly, "Momma, God  
does not care what I wear to church!" Oh how much we can  
learn from children. From then on, a happy 4 year old skipped  
into church wearing cowboy boots and blue jeans while his  
adorable three piece suit hung in his closet. By Jane Carroll

## This Week

### Today

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. UMYF  
6:00 p.m. UMW General  
Meeting

### Monday, March 18

Noon Christ Walk  
2:00 p.m. Morning Bells  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible  
Study  
6:00 p.m. Jr. and Brownie  
Scouts  
6:00 p.m. Community Meal

### Tuesday, March 19

10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible  
Study  
Noon Christ Walk

### Wednesday, March 20

10:00 a.m. Stitch and Pray  
Noon Christ Walk  
6:15 p.m. Jubilant Ringers  
7:30 p.m. Ruth Circle

### Thursday, March 21

Noon Christ Walk  
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



## March 17, 2019

### Second Sunday in Lent

*Encountering God*

*Building Community*

*Transforming Lives*

## Early Worship

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*Song: "At the Cross" (Love Ran Red) TOMLIN, CASH, MAHER

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Song: "Kyrie Eleison" TOMLIN, REDMAN AND MAHER

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Message: "Do No Harm"

\*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: "Lead Me to the Cross"

LIGERTWOOD

\*Sending Forth

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

## Traditional Worship

### *Gathering to Worship*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Here I Am, Lord*

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

Morning Bells

\*GREETING

The Lord is our light and our salvation;

**Whom shall we fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Wait for the Lord; be strong and of good courage;

**Wait for the Lord and be thankful.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 580

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

\*CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Merciful God,**

**you have made us citizens of heaven,**

**but we confess that we have set our minds on  
earthly things.**

**We have let our desire for security restrain our  
commitment to serve the poor.**

**We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation  
to love our enemies.**

**We have let our love of things dull our generosity  
to the needy.**

**We have let our craving for public status prevent our  
honesty about hidden sins.**

**Yet, you know the desires of our heart  
and nothing is hidden from you.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
conform our sin-weakened bodies**

**to the glory of Christ,**

**that we may be the body of Christ for the world.**

**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 UMH 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

Philippians 3:17-4:1

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 27

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

Pastor Charles

The Message:

"Do No Harm"

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 189

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

ST. ELIZABETH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Abide With Me*

VALADEZ

Lana Geiger, Violin/Robyn Small, Piano

\*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 95

OLD 100th

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### *Into the World*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 419

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

I AM THINE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

BACH