

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Roberta Whitaker, Rob Crews, Cecile Flanders, Hope Davis, Dean Elliott, Sally Sharp, Eleanor Brouwer, Al Palmer, Mark Logan, Bill Bradley, Peggy Heath, Dixie Roberts, Coy Williams

Our Community

Fran Freeman sister of Joe Poston
Willis Bethea, 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 Jim and Edith Talbert on the death of their daughter Mandy Talbert.

To God Be the Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given by Debbie and Bill Dunn, Jeff and Julie Cox-Seidel to the Glory of God and in honor of Mother's Day.

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Allen Palmer, Will Ballard, Joe Simpson, Jr., Janice McPherson, Ethan Geiger, Randy Edwards
Greeters: Ann Small, Nancy Westmoreland (9:00 a.m.)
Donnie and Peggy Little (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent (9:00-noon)
Acolyte: Lana Geiger
Crucifer: Pat Clancy
Counters: Feliste Ellis, J.B. Sistare

Attendance and Stewardship (May 6)

Worship: 9:00—46; 11:00—44
Sunday School; 47
Offering received \$4,885.00 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

Today We Give To The Epworth Mother's Day Offering

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendar for our Vacation Bible School. It will be held June 18th-June 22nd from 9-12 o'clock noon.

FUMC Preschool

Registration is open for the 2-yr old, 3-yr old, and 4-yr old classes. Applications are available in the church office or contact Novice Baker at 283-8406 if you have any questions.

We Need Help

Would you like to volunteer to serve as acolyte or crucifer? Worship is a vital part of the life here at FUMC, and we need you. Please contact Pat Clancy at 286-0133 if you would like to volunteer.

This Week

Today		Wednesday, May 16
7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	10:00 a.m. Stitch and Pray
9:00 a.m.	Worship	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle
11:00 a.m.	Worship	
5:30 p.m.	UMYF	Friday May 18
		9:30 a.m. Preschool
Monday, May 14		Graduation
10:30 a.m.	Hannah/Mary Circle	
		Saturday, May 19
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	10:00 a.m. Girl Scouts

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Charles Phillips
Minister of Children and Youth.....Rev. Shelly Holder
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May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

- *Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Baloche
- *Passing the Peace of Christ
- Children's Message Katy Ghent
- Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
- *Song: "Jesus, My Everything" Maher
- Scripture: Luke 24:44-53
Message: "Finishing the Work" Pastor Charles
- *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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Chisolm/Runyan
- *Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

*GREETING

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love toward one another.
So I do not cease to give thanks for you
as I remember you in my prayers.
I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him.

**With the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we see the greatness of Christ's power
at work in us who believe.
God put this power to work in Christ
when God raised him from the dead—
and seated him at God's right hand
in the glory of the heavenly places!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 312
Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

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*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

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Hearing God's Word

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of
your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

THE PSALM UMH 781

Psalm 47

GOSPEL LESSON
The Message:

Luke 24:44-53
"Finishing the Work"

Pastor Charles

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 The Apostle's Creed

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 163
Ask Ye What Great Things I Know HENDON

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY
In The Garden GARDEN
Men of the Church

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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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 307
Christ is Risen WREN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE
Alleluia, Amen (901) Wiltse

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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