

## In Our Prayers

### Our Members

Betty Kay Hudson, Jo Ann Hunter,  
Roberta Whitaker, Rob Crews, Cecile Flanders,  
Hope Davis, Sally Sharp, Eleanor Brouwer,  
Al Palmer, Mark Logan, Bill Bradley, Peggy Heath,  
Dixie Roberts, Coy Williams

### Our Community

Kristina Heaton, daughter of Roberta Whitaker  
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

## To God Be the Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given by  
Erica and Rob Crews to the Glory of God and in  
honor of our 21st Wedding Anniversary.

## In Ministry Today

**Ushers:** Willis 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:** Samuel Page  
**Crucifer:** Pat Clancy  
**Counters:** Carolyn Plyler, Sara Hagins

## Attendance and Stewardship (May 20)

Worship: 9:00—40; 11:00—61  
Sunday School; 54  
Offering received \$5,110.26 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

## Announcements

### Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in  
observance of Memorial Day.

### Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendar for our Vacation Bible  
School. It will be held June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 cru-  
cifer? 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

<b>Today</b>		<b>Monday, May 28</b>
9:00 a.m.	Worship	Office Closed
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	<b>Wednesday, May 30</b>
5:30 p.m.	UMYF	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Charles Phillips  
Minister of Children and Youth.....Rev. Shelly Holder  
Organist .....Carolyn Lasater  
Church Administrative Assistant.....Libby Doster

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# First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street  
Lancaster, South Carolina



## May 27, 2018

### First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

*Encountering God*

*Building Community*

*Transforming Lives*

## Early Worship

\*Song: "Be Thou My Vision" Irish Melody

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Song: "Come to the Water" Foley

Scripture: John 3:1-17  
Message: "To the End of the Age" 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: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Bridges and Thring

\*Sending Forth

## Traditional Worship

### *Gathering to Worship*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*GREETING

The love of God the Father be with you,

**And also with you**

The grace of the Jesus the Son be with you,

**And also with you.**

The power of the Holy Spirit be with you,

**And also with you.**

The blessings of the Holy Trinity be with us all,

**Thanks be to God; Alleluia!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 710  
*Faith of Our Fathers* ST. CATHERINE

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70 MEINEKE

### *Hearing God's Word*

SONG OF PREPARATION UMH 328  
*Surely the Presence of the Lord* WOLFE  
*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

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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 Romans 8:12-17

THE PSALM UMH 761 Psalm 29

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17 Pastor Charles  
The Message: "To the End of the Age"

### *Responding to God's Word*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881 The Apostle's Creed

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS 2050  
*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* MARYTON

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY  
*Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me* arr. K. Lee Scott

\*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 331  
*Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us* FOR THE BREAD

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATION RESPONSE UMH 334  
*Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.*

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\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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