

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Mandy Talbert, Hope Davis, Dean Elliott,
Sally Sharp, Eleanor Brouwer, Al Palmer, Mark Logan,
Bill Bradley, Peggy Heath, Dixie Roberts, Coy Williams

Our Community

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
to the Glory of God.

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:** Angie Jackson
- Crucifer:** Pat Clancy
- Counters:** Margaret Parker, Will Ballard

Attendance and Stewardship (April 29)

Worship: 9:00—54; 11:00—78
Offering received \$12,061.50 (Weekly need: \$8,234.00)

Announcements

Men's Chorus

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th, the men of the church will again be singing for worship! Men and young men of all ages are invited to participate. We will be singing an arrangement of "In The Garden." Please plan to stay after worship TODAY for a brief rehearsal. We will meet to rehearse next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room.

Announcements Continue

Don't Forget Your Mothers or Epworth Children's Home next Sunday

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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.

Spend the summer with Matthew

Have you not been coming to Sunday School? Not interested in committing to a class? Try a summer study of Matthew during the Sunday School hour. Beginning May 6th in the Lou Riddle classroom, come when you can for an in-depth, close reading of the Gospel of Matthew.

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 9
9:00 a.m.	Worship	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Thursday, May 10
5:30 p.m.	UMYF	6:00 p.m. UMW Game Night
Monday, May 7		
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Early Worship

*Song: "How Great Thou Art" Hine

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message Pastor Shelly

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Song: "I Will Rise" Tomlin, Reaves and Maher

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Message: "What Does Love Have to Do With It?"
Pastor Shelly

*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: "Everlasting God" Brown and Riley

*Sending Forth

Traditional Worship

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Change Ring Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium" Gramann
Jubilant Ringers

WORDS OF WELCOME

*GREETING

Jesus is our Savior and our Friend.

He teaches us to abide in his generous love.

Jesus chose us and calls us friend.

Let us give praise to the friend of sinners.

Jesus completes our lives and gives us joy.

He asks us to love others as He has loved us.

Jesus desires for us to abide in his love.

As we worship and obey, may our joy be complete.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 62

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(verses 1-4 and 7 only)

*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

MEINEKE

Hearing God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION

ALLELUIA

1. Alleluia, Alleluia...
2. He's my Savior...
3. I will praise Him...

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

1 John 5:1-6

THE PSALM UMH 818

Psalm 98

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

Pastor Shelly

The Message: "What Does Love Have to Do With It?"

Responding to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

The Apostle's Creed

*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 92

For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision arr. Gordon Young

*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 445

Happy the Home When God is There St. Agnes

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen (897) Dresden

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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