

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship and Serve

WORSHIP COMMITTEE — Today, 3 p.m. in the Conference Room.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE — Today, 4 p.m. in the Pledger Hodges Classroom (3rd floor).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE — Today, 4 p.m. in the Billy Raley Classroom.

UMYF — Today, 5:15 p.m. in the Billy Raley Classroom.

YOUTH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE — Today, 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

THE GATHERING — Today, 7 p.m. in The Gathering Room. Make this a regular part of your 2010 worship! Best of all, bring a friend with you.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY — Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Billy Raley Classroom. The topic is "The Life You've Always Wanted." Everyone is encouraged to participate!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP — This week's schedule is *Harmony*, 5:00 p.m.; *Supper line opens*, 5:45 p.m.; *Program*, 6:30 p.m.; *Chancel Ringers rehearsal*, 6:30 p.m.; *Chancel Choir rehearsal*, 7:30 p.m. Make Wednesday Night Fellowship a regular part of your weekly schedule! Reservations for the supper are required in the church office by noon on Mondays. Use the form in today's bulletin to make your reservation today.

THE ENERGETICS — Thursday, 10 a.m. in the Billy Raley Classroom.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN — Tuesday, February 5, 10 a.m. in the Billy Raley Classroom.

FUMC BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2010 — is up and running! Plan to visit on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and support this outreach ministry of our church.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED — **February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21.** Call or email the church office to reserve a Sunday.

CHURCH WEBSITE — Stay in touch with your church through BennettsvilleFUMC.net! These announcements (from the bulletin) are posted each week in the Church News page. There is much other pertinent information on the website, also.

Participating in Worship Today

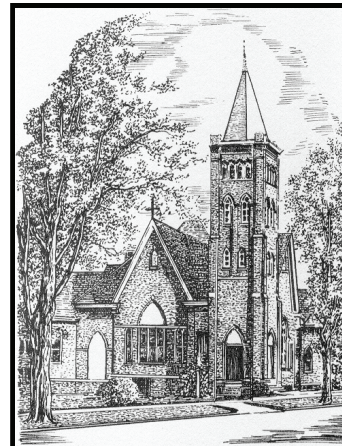
Crucifer—Lawren Black; **Acolyte**—Ariel Moody;

Ushers—Dean Moore, Robert Fowler, Stephen Fowler, Hubert Meggs;

Nursery Volunteers—Denise Jones, May Hamilton (SS and Worship);

Greeters—The Billy Raley Class; **Altar Guild**—Kathy Culbertson, Libby Shutt

Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor..... RESIDENT BISHOP	Joann Hart	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	
Rev. Quay Adams	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Rev. J. Leon Newton	RETIRED UMC MINISTER
Rev. Dr. Ben Michael Gafford	SENIOR PASTOR		
Rev. Jim Hepler	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES	Office Phone	843.479.3231
Beth Hepler	EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR	Office E-mail.....	BvilleFUMC@bellsouth.net
April McCall	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Website	www.BennettsvilleFUMC.net



First United Methodist Church
Bennettsville, South Carolina

The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

January 24, 2010

The Spirit of the Lord
is on me
to preach good news to the poor
to proclaim freedom
for the prisoners
to proclaim the year of the
Lord's favor.

Luke
4:18

The Church in Worship



WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

Please sign the attendance folder and pass it down the pew for each person to sign. As the folder is returned, note the names of others in your pew. Extend a welcome to our guests!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Joshua Fit the Battle”

The Chancel Ringers

Traditional Spiritual

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Hear the word of the Lord.

The Law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

We hear but do not understand.

Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

Listen to the heavens, for they are telling the glory of God.

Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge.

Who can hear these voices—voices that speak without words or speech?

Listen with your heart and you will hear. Pray in the Spirit and you will perceive.

Amen, amen!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 662 “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

ST. MICHAEL

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we would rather glory in our gifts, than acknowledge the gifts of others.

We hear Your call to Christian unity, but cannot get past the slights of our neighbors.

We lack the will and fortitude of the ancient Israelites in the days of Nehemiah to listen to Your precepts.

We lack even the desire to listen, as the heavens pour forth your praise and the day and the night declare truth for all to hear.

Open our hearts to one another and to Your world,

especially the outcast and the marginalized. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When the Israelites wept for their faults as the law of Moses was read, Nehemiah responded: “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer in Unison

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Harmony

Robert Lowry

arr. Tom Fettke

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 95

OLD HUNDRETH

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(TEXT BY THOMAS KEN, 1674; MUSIC ATTRIBUTED TO LOUIS BOURGEOIS, 1551)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 454

Words and music by Clara H. Scott, 1895

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

THE ANTHEM

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Dale Wood

The Chancel Choir

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4: 14-21

THE MESSAGE

“A New Mission”

Rev. Dr. Gafford

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 569

MESSAGE

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

SICILIAN MARINERS

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Alla Marcia”

Robert H. Elmore

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

We welcome all who worship with us today! Whether you are a member of this congregation, or a visitor, you are not meant to be a stranger. Let us extend a hand of friendship to one another. Please join us in worship any time you are able!

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Stephen and Vicki Fowler in the loss of Charles Fowler, who entered The Church Triumphant on January 19. Our love and prayers are with you. The paschal candle is lit today in memory of his baptism.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ward Hubbard (Feb. 3, 1988-Jan. 18, 1989), infant son of Hampton and Phyllis Hubbard by Jimmy and Janis Usher, Amy and Scott.

An infant and toddler nursery is provided during the worship service. It is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building, and the elevator is available to access the nursery.

Personal hearing devices are available for those who have difficulty in hearing the service.