

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship and Serve

FINANCE COMMITTEE — Today, 4:45 p.m., in the Conference Room.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL — Today, 5:45 p.m., in the Chapel.

UMYF — Today, 5:15 p.m. in the Education Office.

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

THE GATHERING — Today, 7 p.m. in The Gathering Room.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY — Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Billy Raley Classroom.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN NOON WORSHIP — Join us in the Sanctuary for a 30-minute worship service, followed in the Methodist Family Center gymnasium with a soup and sandwich lunch sponsored by The Energetics. Our speakers are: *This week: Patricia Warden*, Bethlehem-Prospect Charge, Hartsville; *March 3: William Wicker*, Bethel-Boykin-Ebenezer, Bennettsville; *March 10: Barbara Segars*, Bethel-Sandy Grove, Bethune; *March 17: Preston Grimsley*, Shiloh, Chesterfield; *March 24, Ben Gafford*.

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. Use the form in the bulletin to make a reservation today.

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

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY — *Worship*, 3 p.m.; *Education*, 4 p.m.

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH HEALTH SCREENINGS — Thursday, March 4, Methodist Family Center. Ultrasound tests to determine risk of stroke (due to carotid arterial blockage), abdominal aortic aneurism, peripheral arterial disease, osteoporosis, and atrial fibrillation. Tests are \$45 each (osteoporosis test is \$35). Complete vascular package is \$139 and all five screenings are \$149. Pre-registration is required. Please call 1 (800) 324-1851 for an appointment. Please enter the source code HSC6055 for your church if registering on the website at www.11sa.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED — **March 7, April 11, 18, 25.** Call or email the church office to reserve a Sunday.

Participating in Worship Today

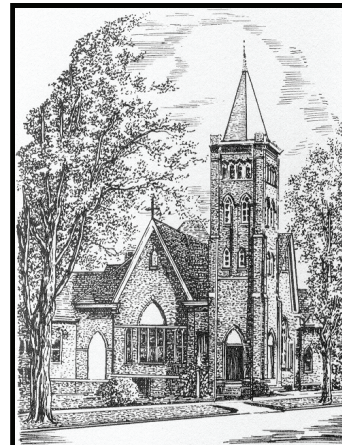
Crucifer—Lawren Black; **Acolyte**—Mary Jo Black;

Ushers—Hal Trimmier, Joey Jones, Phil Thomas, Mac McLaurin;

Nursery Volunteers—Amy Thomas, Ellie Fowler (SS and Worship);

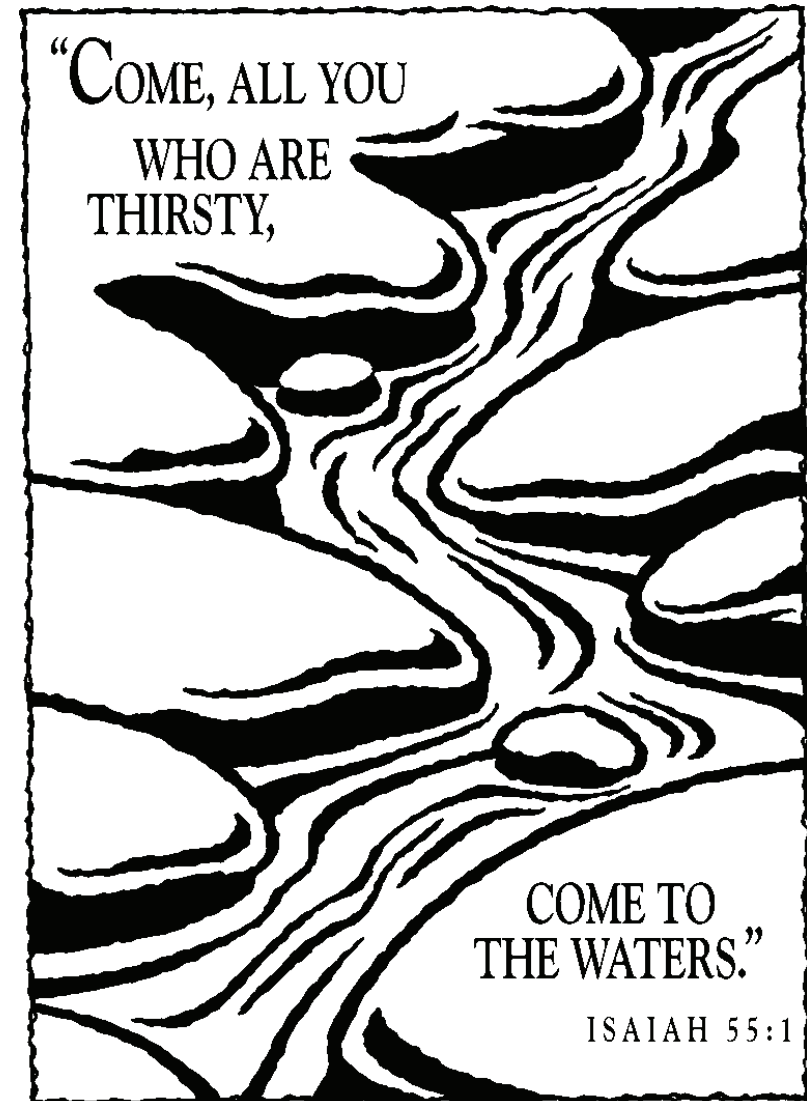
Greeters—The Fellowship Class; **Altar Guild**—Christi Meggs, Amy Thomas

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 First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2010



“COME, ALL YOU
WHO ARE
THIRSTY,

COME TO
THE WATERS.”

ISAIAH 55:1

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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Bill Ingram

The Chancel Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is about to do a new thing! Do you not see it?

Where should we look?

Now it springs forth. Do you not sense it?

There is water in the desert. There are roads in the wilderness.

God is doing something new.

God is doing something wonderful.

We are God’s people

We rejoice in our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 176

MAJESTY

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

*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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Believe with your heart ... and the path to God will be clear.

Confess with your lips ... and salvation will be given to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You know the difficult paths we tread; You know the challenges we face.

Forgive us, when we wander away from Your guidance.

Reclaim us, when we seek other gods that lead to our own destruction.

Guide us back to You, that we may rest in Your shelter.

Strengthen our resolve, that we may face the demons of our lives

and courageously resist the temptations that blind us to Your love.

In hope and trust, we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Because we trust in the midst of our doubt, God’s path is laid before us.

Because we hope in the face of our sin, salvation is ours!

In the name of Christ, we are all forgiven and reclaimed by God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY “Like a River Glorious”

arr. Dan Miller

Jim Hepler, Organist; Ivy B. McLaurin, Pianist

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

HAMBURG

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

(TEXT BY ISAAC WATTS, 1707; MUSIC BY LOWELL MASON, 1824)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 269

LAND OF REST

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

THE ANTHEM

“Come to the Water”

John B. Foley, S.J.

The Chancel Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

O let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord. Come to the water, come to the Lord.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4: 1-13, pg.57 NT

THE MESSAGE

“A Good Place to Eat”

Rev. Dr. Gafford

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 472

MCAFEE

“Near to the Heart of God”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

pg. 38

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Théodore Dubois

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Maestoso in D minor”

César Franck

*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!

We are happy to receive as new members today Joel Gray Bostick, and Thomas Presley and Margaret Rebecca Bostick.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Myrtle Utley Cardon Spears by Gene and LaNelda Bullard.