

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship and Serve

TODAY IS MOTHER'S DAY! We thank God for the spiritual influence of the mothers of this congregation on the lives of so many. No only do we thank God for those who are biological mothers, but also for those whose mothering nurture make our church what it is. Also, we remember with gratitude our mothers who have gone before us.

EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING — is being received today. This helps with the ministry of the Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, one of the vital ministries of our S.C. United Methodist Conference. Give liberally to support this work!

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

YOUTH HANDBELLS — Cancelled for today.

TRUSTEES — Today, 6 p.m. in the Conference Room.

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE — Monday, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY CHOIR SCHEDULE — *Chancel Ringers rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.*

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

UPCOMING MEETING — Administrative Council, May 16.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP — May 19, 5:45 p.m. Make plans to join us for our monthly Wednesday fellowship.

PENTECOST SUNDAY — Sunday, May 23. Give geraniums to help celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, and to beautify our church grounds for the summer. This will also be Music Ministry Recognition Sunday.

CHURCH WEBSITE — Changes and updates are made weekly on our church website, www.BennettsvilleFUMC.net. Stay in touch with your church throughout the week by logging on the website!

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED — **May 16, 30; June 13, July 11, 18, 25.** Call or email the church office to reserve a Sunday.

Participating in Worship Today

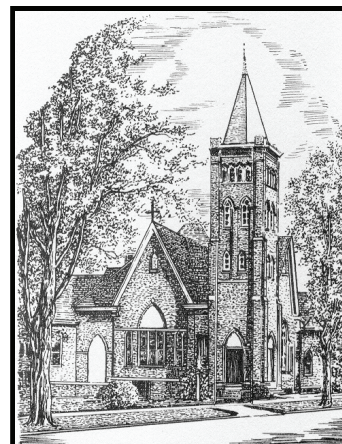
Crucifer—Ross Stuart; **Acolyte**—Ellie Fowler;

Ushers—Tommy Bostick, John H. Moody, Ken Stuart, Cliff Crosland;

Nursery Volunteers—Ashley Cassidy (SS and Worship);

Greeters—The Billy Raley Class; **Altar Guild**—Kathy Kelley, Betty Sanders

Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor	RESIDENT BISHOP	Joann Hart.....	FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Rev. Quay Adams	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Rev. J. Leon Newton.....	RETIRED UMC MINISTER
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**First United Methodist Church
Bennettsville, South Carolina**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2010



I have been reminded of your sincere faith,
which first lived in your grandmother...
and in your mother...and...now lives in you also.

2 Timothy 1:5

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

“River of Life”

Percy Fletcher

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise our God!

Let us dream mighty dreams!

Let us dream of light for our path!

Let us be light for the world!

Let us praise our God!

Let us dream mighty dreams!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 98

“To God Be the Glory”

Text by Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1: 15-20

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins,

was buried, was raised on the third day,

and appeared first to the women,

then to Peter and the Twelve,

and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ,

the Anointed One of God,

the firstborn of all creation,

the firstborn from the dead,

in whom all things hold together,

in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church,

and by the blood of the Cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

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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

God of light and life, You know when we lose our way —

when we walk in darkness,

when we close our hearts to Your truth and wisdom,

when we do not keep Your word,

when we do not love as You have taught us to love.

Let Your face shine upon us,

that we may see Your love shining through our failures.

Bathe us in the waters of life,

that we may be born anew and shine as children of love.

Amen and amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear these words of promise from Jesus our Savior:

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Trust and receive these words and receive grace upon grace.

Forgiveness is ours. Thanks be to 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

arr. Dale Wood

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

“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)

*SONG OF PREPARATION

“As the Deer”

Worship Songs

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.

You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship You.

“Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,

to reach out and touch him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

THE ANTHEM

“It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 6: 9-15, pg. 116 NT

THE MESSAGE

“Hearing the Shepherd”

Rev. Dr. Gafford

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 382

ADELAIDE

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

arr. Walter Pelz

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccata in E minor”

Johann Pachelbel

*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!

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Madison Edwards, who entered The Church Triumphant on May 10, 2008, by his parents, Van and Lynda Edwards.

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.