

Opportunities to Worship, Fellowship and Serve

KINNEY FOUNDATION GIFT — Our church family is grateful to The Kinney Foundation for a grant of \$5,000, which is being applied to the principal of our Building Fund indebtedness.

SOUPER BOWL — Cash donations are being received today to assist in feeding the hungry of our community. (See note below for food donations, also.)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE — Today, 4 p.m. in The Gathering Room. (Note: Worship Committee meeting, originally scheduled for this time, has been cancelled.)

FUMC BASKETBALL LEAGUE — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. You're invited to stop by the Methodist Family Center and enjoy watching the children play. Also, the church will be offering a canteen, staffed by members of our church. Contact Elaine Crow if you would like to help. Ricky Sheets is the coordinator for the League.

PPRC — Monday, 6 p.m. in the Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIPS — began with a great start last week. Don't miss a great opportunity to fellowship with your church family! A reservation form is included in today's bulletin, or you may call the church office by noon tomorrow for reservations.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE — Harmony rehearsal, 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.

THE ENERGETICS — Thursday, 10 a.m. in the Conference Room.

FOOD DONATIONS — Non-perishable food items are needed for the Bread of Life Food Pantry! The Children's Center preschool class will deliver the items on February 26 (note change of date). Bring a bounty to share with the needy in our community!

WINTER BIBLE STUDY — beginning February 7, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. An eight-week study, Bible Characters, will be taught by Dr. Gafford. Everyone is invited to participate in this study.

ALTAR FLOWERS — are needed for: **February 26, March 4, 18, 25, April 1, 15.** Please call or email the church office to reserve a date. April through December 2012 open dates are posted on the church website, or may be viewed on the calendar in the office.

Participating in Worship Today

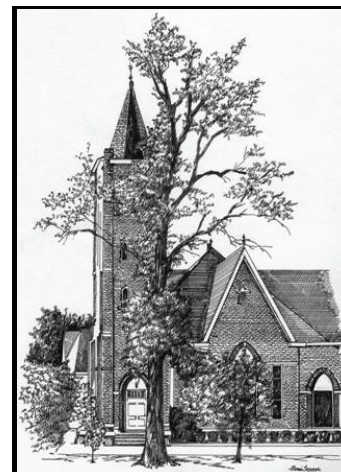
Crucifer—Scott Johnson; **Acolyte**—Virginia Williamson;

Ushers—Ricky Sheets, Chuck Black, Hub Meggs, Nicky Jacobs;

Nursery—Brandy Deal, May Hamilton (SS and Worship);

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

Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor..... RESIDENT BISHOP	Joann Hart	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	
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First United Methodist Church
Bennettsville, South Carolina
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2012

But they that Wait
upon the Lord shall
Renew their strength;
they shall mount up
with wings as eagles;
they shall run,
and not be weary; and they shall
walk, and not faint.

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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 “Prélude” (Opus 31, No. 5) Louis Vierne
*The opening voluntary is as a veil between our everyday life and this sacred hour of worship.
Please be silent in this time and prepare your hearts for worship.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your eyes to the witness of the earth.

God’s presence is here, in the plants and the trees.

Lift up your eyes to the canvas of the heavens.

God’s praises are proclaimed by the stars above.

Lift up your eyes to the love of God.

God’s grace abounds, in the courage of the weak and the strength of the downtrodden.

Lift up your voices to join in the song.

It is good to sing praise to our Creator God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 62** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
“All Creatures of Our God and King”
stanzas 1, 4, 5 and 7

*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.

***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 40: 21-31, pp. 628-629 OT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and glory, we come to You in our human frailty.

We come faith with exhaustion. We come downtrodden with powerlessness.

We come embarrassed by our sinfulness.

We come sick with fever or burdened with sorrows.

Bind up our wounds, O God. Heal our broken hearts. Forgive our mistaken actions.

Lift us up, that we may walk in Your light, forgiven and free, strengthened and renewed,
to be the delight of Your eyes.

In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning of time? The everlasting God, Creator of earth and sky, is the God of grace and glory, embracing us with forgiveness and mercy, strengthening us with hope and courage. Lift up your eyes and see. God’s love abounds in power!

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 “Air” Giuseppe Tartini

***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)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 2130** KELVINGROVE
“The Summons”

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 1: 29-39, pg. 33 NT

THE ANTHEM “On Eagle’s Wings” Michael Joncas
The Chancel Choir arr. Mark Hayes

THE MESSAGE “The Heart of the Master” Rev. Dr. Gafford

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 150** HOLY MANNA
“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** Walter L. Pelz
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Charles Callahan
“The Rejoicing” (Opus 45, No. 5)

*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 today are given for the glory of God and in memory of Ward Hubbard (February 3, 1988-January 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.