



**Easley First United Methodist Church**

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***Grow in Christ. Reach out to others.***

*Providing families and individuals a Christ-centered option  
in an increasingly complex and changing world through:*

*Welcoming well*

*Meaningful worship*

*Encouraging small groups*

*Training teachers and leaders*

**SONRISE SERVICE**

2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

**\*Gathering Song** "Sing to the King"

**Lenten Symbol** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38

**Welcome and Announcements** Charlene Fetterly

**Prayers of the People**  
*(Please take a moment to stand and greet your neighbors.)*

**\*Song of Preparation** "I Will Follow"

**Sermon** Rev. Rodney Powell

**Offering**

**Offertory** "Lead Me to the Cross"

**Lord's Prayer** (In Unison)  
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup**

**Communion Song** "At the Foot of the Cross"

**Sending Forth**  
\*Those who are able please stand.



**Our Sager Brown Mission Team:**  
Mary Beth & Steve Ellison, Carolyn Kobel, Jan Jackson, Judy Mancino,  
Ed and Pat Shigley, Betty Jo Templeton, Alice Vander Linden

## **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Welcome and Parish Notices**

Rev. Rodney Powell

**Opening Voluntary** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ARR. TERRY OSMAN  
*Handbell Choir*

**Call to Worship** "Take Up Thy Cross"

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn No. 374** "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

**Lenten Symbol** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38 Mary Gilstrap  
*pg. 14-15 OT; pg. 56 NT*

**Sager Brown Send Off**

**Hymn No. 297** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER

**Intercessory Prayer**

**Anthem** "The Lord Is My Shepherd" ALAN POTE

**Sermon** Rev. Powell

**Offering**

**Offertory** "Amen Siakudumisa" S. MOLEFE/ARR. CATHY MOKLEBUST  
(Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God)  
*Handbell Choir and Percussionists: Sara Bowden, Greg Craig, Rob Mayer*

**\*Doxology** No. 95

**\*Hymn No. 710** "Faith of Our Fathers" ST. CATHERINE

**\*Dismissal with Prayer**

**\*Benediction Response** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

**\*Closing Voluntary** "The Glory of These 40 Days" ROBERT J. POWELL

*\*Those who are able please stand.*

**Guests!** Thank you for joining us in worship. If you will leave us contact information, we will be glad to send you the weekly bulletin by email. **First time guests**, please fill out the bright yellow card and give it in to the “Mugger” at the door.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Doris Ellison (Steve’s mother), Bruce Gathman, Claudia Holcombe, Camille Lane and our Sager Brown Mission Team. We also pray for all students, teachers and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; their families, first responders and the entire Parkland community.

**Our sympathy** to Darryl Kelley and family. Darryl’s father, Kenneth Marion Kelley, died on February 18 at the age of 93.

**Guests with small children:** We welcome you to worship and are very glad to have your children with us! If needed, there is a nursery (birth-3 years) available for our youngest children each Sunday morning in the sanctuary building. **Children’s worship sheets/bulletins** and crayons are available from the ushers or on the table in the narthex.

**We all know what’s required to fall in love - a pulse.** But staying there - that’s something else entirely. Join us for Andy Stanley’s *Staying in Love* Bible study. The study will continue for three more Wednesdays. If you would like dinner, let Kitty (church office) know by Monday noon proceeding the Wednesday study. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, with the video and study to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will finish promptly at 7:30. Childcare will be provided. For more information contact Julie Dangler at [jdangler@mindspring.com](mailto:jdangler@mindspring.com). **Menu for February 28:** *fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, vegetable medley, rolls, salad and dessert.*

Beginning February 26, we will begin a **Women’s Bible Study**. We will meet for six weeks, every Monday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Trinity Center. We will follow the book *Never Alone*. This study takes a look at Jesus’ life changing encounters with six women in the Gospels, each revealing a compassionate Redeemer who offers hope, second chances and grace. Please RSVP to Heidi Mathis (360-7043) or Courtney Eppler (640-7119).

This morning, following the SonRise Service, is a **drop-in baby shower** honoring David and Candie Garrison. Take a moment to stop by the Fellowship Hall and share your good wishes with the Garrisons.

**Attention All High School Girls:** Have you ever felt unwanted, unworthy, or unloved? Have you ever wondered if there is a God out there pursuing you? If so please join us for a four week study beginning on March 18! We will be going through the book *Spoken For* by Alyssa Bethke. This book will "...speak to your heart about what it means for you to belong to Christ, who you are because of His love, and how that affects the way you live...You are not up for grabs. You are spoken for." Please let Katie Dailey know by March 4 if you are interested in coming. Contact info: [kdailey497@gmail.com](mailto:kdailey497@gmail.com) or 864-508-2101.

Please consider making a **donation towards our feeding ministry in Haiti**. While we are on our mission trip to Haiti in March, we will distribute food to several villages and need your support to buy the food. Any amount will help us reach the \$3000 we need to do this important work. Please make your check payable to Bethlehem Ministry, and put in the offering plate, drop off at the church office, or give to Julie Dangler by March 1.

The **2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat for the UMW** is April 27-28 at beautiful Lake Junaluska, NC. This year's theme is "It's ALL About Grace" and Rev. Fran Elrod is the speaker. Registration forms are available in the office or at a Circle meeting. Registration deadline is April 15. Sign up yourself, your daughter, your mother or a friend. You'll be glad you did!

FUMC Financial Report	
As of 1/31/18	
2018 Actual	
Operating:	
Pledged Revenue	24,529
Non-Pledged Revenue	7,305
Total Operating Revenue	31,834
Operating Expenses:	(46,161)
Over/(Under)	(14,327)
Annual Budget	598,000
% of Budget Received to Date	5%
Non-Operating Revenue	4,846



**Salkehatchie 40th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, March 10**

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Union United Methodist Church  
7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC

For more information or to RSVP, contact Susan Caskey at  
803.463.6138 or [turnitbluesue@hotmail.com](mailto:turnitbluesue@hotmail.com)

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**Sunday, March 11, UMCOR Sunday**

When disaster strikes around the globe, so many watching the drama unfold on our televisions or electronic devices feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do.

**When You Give You Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name.**

That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (**formerly One Great Hour of Sharing**) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded.
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not "they."

We.

**Ensure the United Methodist Church Can Keep Helping**

Will you continue to give to UMCOR Sunday? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster?

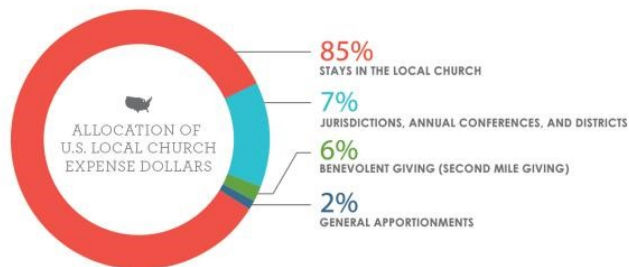
When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

The Foothills Retirement Community encourages you to join them for a **special educational series focusing on the unique challenges presented by Alzheimer's disease and caregiving for those with dementia**. These sessions, led by Karen Nichols, will be held each Thursday in March from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Chapel at The Foothills Retirement Community (205 Bud Nalley Drive). Light refreshments will be served. Call 864-307-7824 to RSVP or for more information. Registration deadline is March 26.

March 1	Dementia from the Inside Out
March 8	Communication is Key
March 15	Every Elder is a Gem Part 1
March 22	Every Elder is a Gem Part 2
March 29	Love Your Elder and Yourself

## WE GIVE BECAUSE GOD FIRST GAVE TO US



The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways. Connectional giving — all of us giving together across the United Methodist connection of churches — enables us to do more than we could do as individuals. Special Sunday offerings provide scholarships for worthy students, help those struggling with homelessness or oppression, support social justice initiatives and more. United Methodist Church Giving (UMC Giving) is about working together to effect change in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more, find resources at [UMCgiving.org](http://UMCgiving.org).

*We give because much has been given.*

## EFUMC Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 25

#### Food to the Altar Sunday

- 8:40 a.m. SonRise Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Drop-In for Garrisons - FH
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF - Youth Common Area  
SPRC - Trinity

### Monday, February 26

- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study - McDow's  
Women's Study - Trinity

### Tuesday, February 27

- 10:00 a.m. Knit Wits - Trinity
- 6:30 p.m. Seasons of Praise - Sanctuary

### Wednesday, February 28

- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper - FH
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study - Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

### March 3 - 10

#### Sager Brown Mission Trip

### February 25 Volunteers

#### SonRise

- Greeters:** Bob Burns & Mary Ann Jordan
- Lay Welcomer:** Charlene Fetterly
- Ushers:** Cooper & Greg Belle
- Communion:** Julie Dangler, Jen Johnston,  
Mary Ann Jordan, Anna Mathis
- Nursery:**
- Hospitality:** Sonya Boyles
- Mugging:** Mike Gasque
- Traffic Jam:** Linda Galloway

#### 11:00 Worship

- Altar Guild:** Arnold & Lois Brown
- Acolyte:** Skylan Swindoll
- Lay Reader:** Mary Gilstrap
- Greeter:** Linda Galloway
- Nursery:** Jan Jackson
- Ushers:** George Bryant, Aaron Boyles,  
Grant Galloway, Carl Klebe, Jim Ruud
- Visitor Registration:** Kathie Waters
- Mugging:** Daniel Correll
- Welcome Table:** Elizabeth Lawson
- Technical Support:** Michelle & Shirley Mayer,  
Kathie Waters

### Office Hours

#### Monday - Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Friday

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### EFUMC Church Staff

**Senior Pastor:** Dr. Rodney Powell,  
rod@easleyfumc.org

**Office Manager:** Kitty Daniels, kit-  
ty@easleyfumc.org

**Organist:** Steve Ellison

**Nursery Worker:** Sharon Sheriff

### March 4 Volunteers

#### SonRise

- Greeters:** Mike Gasque, David McFadden
- Lay Welcomer:** Larry Fetterly
- Ushers:** Diane Jones, Anna Mathis
- Communion:** Cooper & Greg Belle, David  
McFadden, Joe Thornton
- Nursery:**
- Hospitality:** Sonya Boyles
- Mugging:** Dale Dangler
- Traffic Jam:** Mary Ann Jordan

#### 11:00 Worship

- Altar Guild:** Beverly & Jim Fogle
- Acolyte:** Ella Grace Respass
- Lay Reader:** Kim & Kathie Cannon
- Greeter:** Jean Bickel
- Nursery:**
- Ushers:** T. D. Burnette, Jim Fogle, Jimmy  
Jones, Riley King, Dale Mayson
- Visitor Registration:** Shirley Mayer
- Mugging:** Kathie Waters
- Welcome Table:** Julie & Mike Thompson
- Technical Support:** Harrison & Ian Daley