



# THE CONNECTION

## Parson to Person (Finale)

I learned early in life that God is always "making things new." Each time a "new" moment has come it has not always been a welcomed thing. Yet when God makes it known that God is in the new, it always helps. God is in this move and will bring the "new" to center stage here in Cheraw and in Lexington.

I celebrate the time I have had in this wonderful town. You are such great and caring people. You loved me before you knew me and even now after you have gotten to know me. Thank you for your love. I am an acquired taste, but you have loved me anyway.

We have succeeded in many endeavors. I have asked during my time that we always look forward rather than backward. We learn from the past but cannot live there. As I mention some of our successes I do so with a future purpose. Shepherd's Child, Backpack Ministry, the growth of our Scouting Program, Grief Share, the growth of our Chancel Choir, the refurbishing of the Youth Hut, the increase in church and Sunday School attendance, the number of leaders we have serving committees, and the improvement of the parsonage are all positive ventures. They are positive because individuals stepped forward and volunteered their time and energy to help these things get accomplished.

Our strength is in our volunteers. We do not have staff so volunteers are not needed. To the contrary, staff have a purpose to help engage volunteers in genuine ministry. As United Method-

ists we believe in the priesthood of all believers. Every person in this church is a minister and must find their place to serve. No matter one's age we must all find our place to serve. The future strength of this congregation depends on your willingness to stand up and take your place in serving. The strength of a congregation is not in its pulpit. The strength of a congregation is in the people. No church should have to beg people to serve.

I believe the future here is bright. You are a grand people. Yet, we must alter our way of doing things. Volunteer! Don't wait to be asked. Don't leave town for vacations until after church on Sunday mornings. Come back early from trips to be in church on Sunday mornings. What we do for the church and the Lord matters. I am still waiting to see what our church looks like when everyone shows up on the same Sunday morning. Church must be THE thing we do on Sundays...not just A thing we do on Sunday mornings. The future of every church on earth sits in the pews on Sunday mornings. Get connected to Christ in a new way and realize that spiritual formation is more important than anything else your schedule calls you to do.

Last but not least. Thank you for your love. I shall remember you. I do not believe in goodbye so I will say "until we meet again..."

*Ken Timmerman*

### Our Staff

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**Mary Lynn Watkins, Interim Director of Music**

### COMING UP

\*SC Conference, Sunday—Wednesday, June 3-6.

\*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, June 10, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

\*Palmetto Ridge Ministry, Sunday, June 10, 9:30am, Palmetto Ridge

\*Vacation Bible School, Monday—Thursday, June 11-14, 9:00am-11:30am

\*Newsletter Deadline, Monday, June 18, 12:00pm

\*Angie Vacation, Thursday, June 21

\*Farewell Covered Dish Lunch for Ken, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Memorials & Honorariums

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### IN MEMORY OF MARY HOOD LEWIS

*M&M Keith Smith, Mary Burr, Salley Schumpert Bradford*

### IN MEMORY OF STEVE BILBY

*M&M Keith Smith*

### IN MEMORY OF MARK AVERY MOORE

*Darice Gomez*

### IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE SCOTT LANEY, JR.

*M&M Curtis Jones*

### IN MEMORY OF MR. BILL EUTSLER ON WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

*Bill Eutsler, Jr.*

### IN HONOR OF SARA SANDERSON

*Roger Wolfe*

## From the First Church Child Development Ministry

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The Child Development Ministry currently has 81 children enrolled.

The Summer Care Program will begin on June 4. With the regular enrollment and Summer Care Program, we are expecting to serve approximately 94 children this summer.

If you missed our preschool graduation on May 17, you missed a blessing! The children have learned so much and were happy to show off their knowledge. They were precious! We always have graduation on the third Thursday evening in May at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars for next year.

You won't regret it.

Come by and visit us anytime. These children will bless your heart!

In Him,  
*Mimi*

## Serving in June

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### Hostess

Henrietta Kollitz

### Head Usher

Heath Ruffner

### Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Sophia Prevatte (A) Ella Prevatte (CB)

### Greeters

June 3 Pat Barham

June 10 M&M Manfred Kollitz

June 17 M&M Jerry Tucker

June 24 Mabel and Jeff Foster

### Lobby Door Greeters

June 3 Eric Dusa and Greg Sanderson

June 10 Sammy Quick and Jerry Tucker

June 17 John Sanderson and Harold Lomas

June 24 Roger Wolfe and Keith Stubbs

### Nursery

June 3 Caroline Quick and Allison Becker

June 10 Caroline Quick and Lesley Jean Watson

June 17 Caroline Quick and Nancy Wagnon

June 24 Caroline Quick and Erika Kollitz

### Lay Readers

June 3 Rhett Butler

June 10 Bonnie Cundiff

June 17 Zack Carabo

June 24 Micki Lockey

### Flowers

June 3 OPEN

June 10 OPEN

June 17 Calhoun

June 24 Wolfe

### Counters

June 3 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

June 10 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternate:

June 17 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

June 24 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

### McArn Items

June 3 Corn Meal

June 10 Canned meats

June 17 Peanut butter and jelly

June 24 Crackers

# Endowment Fund Update

The Endowment Fund committee would like to thank the FUMC Child Development Center for their recent contribution to the Endowment Fund.

Have you considered leaving the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving.

Current Amount in the Endowment Fund  
\$142,067.69

## A Note from Sara

I first want to thank Ken and all members of Staff Parish committee for giving me a new opportunity here at First United Methodist Church. Not only are you allowing me to grow as a child of God within First Church, we as a congregation are growing together.

What is a Congregational Care Director? This job is done in diverse ways within different churches. However, no matter how it is “done” the core of Congregational Care is the same, which is to facilitate and empower the congregation to lovingly care for each other while strengthening the Body as a whole. Jesus is what binds all of us together; love for Christ, His love for us.

There are many ways in which showing His love will and can be done. You will start to see innova-

tive programs and more gatherings... a church family which is more connected --- Like everything else inside a church, leaders do not/cannot do this alone...if done alone, the program is not working.

I have been youth/children director for four and half years. I have learned a lot during this time. When I began this job, I thought dealing with people was going to be a breeze, because dealing with the public was what I had done since I was 14 years old. – And let me say, I was/am good at it – You see, church people, I found out quickly, are not the public; what they seek is different from what Christ commands the church to seek...**One of the most important things I have learned so far is that Christ wants all of**

**us to work together to build His Kingdom...**our actions toward one another are the upmost importance inside and outside the church.

When a person comes to worship, I have found out that to them it means simply to come to worship...you know come on Sunday to a service, praise God, and go on about life, and leave the work of building up God’s Kingdom to the faithful few. Worship is a lifestyle...and as Congregational Care Director, I hope we can grow Gods kingdom by caring for all people together in many ways.

In Christian Love, Sara

*1 Thessalonians 5:11, “... encourage one another and build one another up...”*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

### BIRTHDAYS

June 2 Brooke Watkins Freeman  
June 3 Julia Jones  
June 5 Martha Bentley, Jerry Therrell, Mike Pittman  
June 10 Susan Baker, John Wagnon  
June 14 Sarah Lee  
June 15 Julia Watson  
June 16 Susan Eschenfelder, Kelly Dusa  
June 20 Diana Starling  
June 21 Lesley Houser  
June 23 John VanDeman, III  
June 24 Homer Stanton  
June 25 Zachary Mills

June 26 Clay Barbour, Harrison Goodwin, Paige Lockey Sartor  
June 27 Sheri Stubbs  
June 28 Amy Goodwin  
June 29 Lydia Lee

June 14 M&M David Dixon  
June 17 M&M Shelton Rumph  
June 18 M&M Robert Calhoun  
June 20 M&M Jeffery Johnson  
June 25 M&M John Wagnon  
M&M Dallas Keefe  
June 26 M&M Jerry Tucker  
June 27 M&M Mickey Sullivan

### ANNIVERSARIES

June 6 M&M John VanDeman  
M&M Sammy Quick  
June 7 M&M Jerry Therrell  
June 9 M&M James Tweed  
June 12 M&M Scott Tomberlin



## Relay for Life Results

YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
LUMINARIES	\$1600	\$1700	\$1900	\$2080	\$2300	\$3620
BBQ SALES	\$1202	\$1087	\$1180	\$881	\$401	\$487
DONATIONS	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
RIBBONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$0
BUSINESS SIGNS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0
TEE SHIRTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$441	\$90
FOOT PRINTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$134	\$722
CORPORATE SPONSOR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1000	\$1000
TOTALS	\$3802	\$3787	\$4080	\$3961	\$5381	\$6919



Great Job!!!

Jim Bennett

## Flower Calendar

There are quiet a few Sundays open during the summer for flowers. We realize that buying flowers can be expensive,

so another option for you is to use spring garden flowers or greenery to make an arrangement. If you would like to

do so, please sign up on the flower calendar in the lobby by the fellowship hall.

## Thank You Notes and Congratulations

I want to thank the members who donated to the Duffy/Turner Campership. Your donation will help boys enjoy Camp Coker during the summer. With Love, *Jimmy Duffy*

A huge thank you to Roger and Margaret Wolfe for their continuous faithfulness to the church family.

*Sara Sanderson*

Congratulations to Dr. Harrison Goodwin on being named School Superintendent of the Year in South Carolina.

## Boy Scout Troop 655 News

On behalf of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop 655, I wish to announce that Eagle Scout Jackson Potter McLeod has been

awarded the Dan C. Stowe Boy Scout Troop 655 Memorial Scholarship. Also, I wish to commend him for his past accomplishments

and wish for his continued success as he pursues his educational goals.

## Salkehatchie

Any youth 14 and older or adults interested in attending Salkehatchie this summer should begin registering as soon as possible. Just go online to Salkehatchie.org and

choose the Foothills Camp in Pendleton, SC if you wish to go with the larger group who attends each year. Other camps for other dates are also available, so please feel free to

choose the camp of your choice. Contact Shannon Johnson if you have questions. We love to add new attendees each year, so please join us!



# Scholarship Sunday and Graduation Sunday

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**SCHOLARSHIP  
SUNDAY**

**GRADUATION  
SUNDAY**



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SUNDAY**

## What Accounts are for Memorials?

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If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Contingency Fund  
Endowment Fund  
Memorial Fund  
Music Fund

Red Bird  
Salkehatchie Summer Service  
Bus Fund  
Youth Ministries  
Children Ministries  
Contemporary Service Fund  
Building Upkeep Fund  
Parsonage Upkeep Fund  
Wednesday at the First (WATF)  
Relay for Life

*Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.*

Grounds Upkeep Fund  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

## Good Neighbor

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The Men's Class at FUMC is offering a helping hand. Do you need any help to change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard, wash the car, or go to the store? Whatever your need, give us a chance to be a good neighbor to you. We're not professionals and will not bill you for services, but

we are handy at doing many things. Our intent is not to take any work away from our local businesses and service professionals, but to simply offer a helping hand. This service is available to all FUMC members, and anyone you know who is in need of help.

You may contact Roger Wolfe at 843-537-7496.

*..help change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard,.....*

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")



*Giving to those less fortunate*

# June Calendar

## Sunday, June 3, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am  
SC Conference

## Monday, June 4, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut  
SC Conference

## Tuesday, June 5, 2018

*Sunday, June 10 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm*  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
SC Conference

## Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room  
SC Conference

## Thursday, June 7, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

## Sunday, June 10, 2018

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall  
Palmetto Ridge Ministry, 9:30am  
Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am

## Monday, June 11, 2018

Vacation Bible School, 9:00-11:00am  
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Vacation Bible School, 9:00-11:00am  
Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office  
*Sunday, June 17 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm*  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Vacation Bible School, 9:00-11:00am  
Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

## Thursday, June 14, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

## Sunday, June 17, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am

## Monday, June 18, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut  
*July Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm*

## Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office  
*Sunday, June 24 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm*  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

## Thursday, June 21, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm  
*Angie Vacation*

## Sunday, June 24, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am  
Farewell Covered Dish Meal for Ken,  
12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, June 25, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Staff Meeting, 1:30am, Pastor's Office  
*Sunday, July 1 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm*  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Kinsey Mulloy  
Classroom

## Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

## Thursday, June 28, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm



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**JULY  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

Monday, June 18, 2018  
Noon