

Sunday, December 18, 2011

8:30am Genesis Service (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service of Lessons and Carols
6:00pm Kinsey Mulloy Bible Class Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
7-8:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday, December 19, 2011

9:15am Community Greeters Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
11:00am Caring Callers Meeting
6:00pm Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
6:00pm GriefShare Meeting (Pairs and Spares Classroom)
January 1 Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

10:00am GriefShare Meeting (Pairs and Spares Classroom)
Bulletin Deadline

Friday, December 23, 2011

Office Closed

Saturday, December 24, 2011

4:30pm Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25, 2011

11:00am Worship Service

GENESIS — Our next contemporary worship service “Genesis” will be held January 22, at 8:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST BIBLE STUDY — The Letter to the Romans: It is the most influential of the writings of the Apostle Paul. A study of Romans will begin January 4, 6:30 – 7:25. Pastor Paul Wood teaches the Bible study in the fellowship hall, and newcomers are always welcome.

SCHEDULE — We will not hold Sunday School on Christmas morning, but we will hold it on New Year’s morning. Adult classes may wish to join together that morning. What a great way to start the New Year!

HELP WITH A NEED — We are attempting to assist a Cheraw resident who needs a dryer. If you have a dryer and are willing to donate it, please speak to me or call me at the church office, 537-7002. —Paul Wood

NEXT YEAR’S FLOWER CALENDAR — If you would like to put down a specific date for flowers next year, please sign up on the flower calendar in the hallway by the Director of Music’s office.

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The Mission of the First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.

December 18, 2011
4th Sunday of Advent
A Service of Lessons and Carols

A Christmas Prelude

Charles Callahan

Greeting and Announcements

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.

***Ritual of Friendship**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Anthony Harris Family

Procession of Angels

“Away in a Manger”

Angel Band

Carillon Choir

“O Come All, Ye Faithful”

Hymn No. 250 in the Hymnal

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Irby

Unison Prayer

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

Ever-faithful God, through prophets and angels you promised to raise up a holy child who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your Son, that we may open our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers, and establish your household in our time. Amen.

Trio

“Can You Count the Stars?”

First Lesson

Genesis 3: 8 — 15; 17 — 19

Jenny Keefe

Hymn No. 196 in the Hymnal

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hyfrydol

Second Lesson

Genesis 22: 15 — 18

Gregory Sanderson

Hymn No. 211 in the Hymnal

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

Verse 1—All

Verse 2—Women

Verse 4—Men

Verse 7—All

Anthem

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Carol McClure

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2; 6 — 7

Susan Eschenfelder

Organ Solo Hymn No. 216 in the Hymnal Verse 1—Choir Verse 2—All	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”	Es Ist Ein Ros
Fourth Lesson Hymn No. 230 in the Hymnal	Isaiah 11: 1 — 3a; 4a; 6 — 9 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Kay Wood St. Louis
Anthem	“Dona Nobis Pacem”	arr. Barbara Wallace
Fifth Lesson Anthem Hymn No. 197 in the Hymnal Verse 1—3 — Choir Verse 4—All	Luke 1: 26 — 35; 38 “Ding, Dong, Merrily on High” “Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus”	Brandon Buchanan Barbara Wallace Julion
Offertory	“Prelude on Greensleeves” Jessica Elvington, Flute	Callahan
Doxology Hymn No. 219 in the Hymnal (Vs. 1) “What Child is This”		Greensleeves
Sixth Lesson Hymn No. 228 in the Hymnal	Luke 2: 1; 3 — 7 “He is Born”	Jon Kroepel Il Est Né
Seventh Lesson Lullaby Hymn No. 229 in the Hymnal	Luke 2: 8 — 16 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	Paul Wood Vierne W. Zlobie Lezy
Eighth Lesson	Matthew 2: 1 — 12 “Jesus Christ, The Apple Tree”	Jim Bennett arr. Simon Andrews
Ninth Lesson Instrumental Solo	John 1: 1 — 14 “Still, Still, Still” Jessica Elvington, Flute	Sarah M. Therrell
Hymn No. 184 in the Hymnal Verse 1—All Verse 2—Choir Verse 3—All	“Of The Father’s Love Begotten”	Divinum Mysterium
Postlude	“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”	arr. Paul Manz

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild: Kim Williamson and Susan Marsh
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Mary Burr
Nursery: Rebekah Buchanan and Amy Eschenfelder
Children’s Church: Brandon Buchanan
Cross Bearer: Michael Wagon
Caring Callers: Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan, Martha Bentley
Head Usher: Robert Calhoun
Hostess: Marsha Butler
Next Week’s Lay Reader: Jim Bennett
Greeters: Dr. & Mrs. David Bersinger
McArn Items: Canned Vegetables
Acolyte: Jake Williamson
 Last Week’s Attendance — 168; Worship Attendance in 2010 for the same Sunday — 162

The poinsettia today is placed to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth Davidson in honor of her birthday on December 24 from her family.

OUR PRAYER LIST Our President, Our Troops, Bob Lockey, Susan Jones (Ruth Ann Jones’ Daughter-in-Law), Rex Stalnaker (Judy Dixon’s father), John Moore, Billy Spencer (Heath Ruffner’s friend), Jenny Outen, Katie Chapman. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS — If you have not submitted an Estimate of Giving Card for 2012, please do so as soon as possible. Cards are available in the church office and should be submitted to Angie Smith. —Finance Committee

PRE-NEW YEAR’S EVE LOCK-IN — Friday and Saturday December 30th-31st UMYF's yearly Lock-in will be held from 7pm-7am. The cost is \$15 a person to help with cost of food and snacks. Please sign up beside Brandon's office by December 29th so we know how many to prepare for.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 24	Family Service at 4:30pm Traditional Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00pm (Both services will include Holy Communion and Candlelight.)
December 25	No Sunday School. Christmas Worship at 11:00am
January 1	Sunday School and Worship

YEAR-END GIVING

For contributions to be posted to your 2011 giving record, they must meet one of three requirements:

1. The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31st.
2. The contribution is dropped into the offering plate or brought to the church office on or before December 31st.
3. The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31st.

The church office will be open December 28 through December 30 from 8:00am — 3:30pm to assist you with year-end giving matters. If you have any questions or need more information, please call the church office at 843-537-7002.

A message to the congregation from Lib Norton, chairperson the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Rev. Paul Wood:

Friends, it is important to let you know about changes which have been made by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. In order to bring the church's budget back into balance, the hours worked by some of our staff members and their compensation will be reduced. The staff has been notified that the changes will go into effect on February 1. These reductions do not reflect an evaluation of the quality of the performance of the staff but the financial realities faced by the congregation. Numerous other reductions in expenditures have been put into place over the past eighteen months, but eventually it was determined that staff reductions could not be avoided. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee continues to have high regard for each of these individuals, and we ask you to join us in expressing appreciation and support to them.

There will be no adjustment to the hours worked by the Custodian. However, the Director of Music's hours will be reduced from fulltime to thirty per week. The Director of Youth and Children's Ministries will be reduced from fulltime to 35 per week. And the Administrative Assistant's hours will be reduced from 35 to 32.

In January, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee will change the job descriptions and office hours for the staff and will share this information with you, the congregation, before February 1. Please join us in prayer for Brian, Jon, Brandon and Angie. These are trusted individuals who ably and faithfully serve the Lord and the congregation. Thank you.