

First United Methodist Church  
117 Third Street  
Cheraw, South Carolina 29520

## Our Mission

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.



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### *From the Pastor*

#### Bound for the Holy Land

Kay was ordained a Deacon in June; and our Bishop, Mary Virginia Taylor, has offered a significant discount to all members of the 2012 Ordination Class on a pilgrimage to Israel. I get to tag along! We will depart from the Columbia airport Monday January 23, spend 8 and ½ days in Israel and return to Cheraw February 2.

Though Kay and I have traveled to Israel previously, it was twenty-two years ago. Israel has changed; we have changed; and we both see this as a wonderful opportunity. We hope to be spiritually refreshed and better informed about the land of the Bible. It should be of benefit to our ministries!

Bishop Taylor and her husband Rev. Rusty Taylor will lead the pilgrimage. Their daughter Mandy Taylor Young (also ordained in June) will be part of the tour. The group encompasses forty-one ministers and spouses from around the state.

Our youth, led by Brandon Buchanan, will conduct the worship service on January 29. Rev. Ed Davidson and Rev. David Townsend, will provide pastoral care. Rev. Townsend will lead the two Wednesday Bible studies which I will miss.

The parsonage won't be a quiet place during our absence. The Parsonage Committee, under the leadership of Norma Cobb, has arranged for the stairs and the upstairs hallway to be stripped and re-finished. More floors will be handled if the money can be found. We are grateful to "Norma and Company" and also grateful to a congregation which provides so well for the maintenance of the beautiful, historic parsonage.

No, I won't send any postcards. But yes, I will take a lot of photographs. We will be happy to share our insights and experiences once we return. Please pray for our safety and that the adventure will prove to be a rich experience for all of us.

—Paul

## *Remember our Shut-Ins and Sick*

### **HOME**

Robin Motley, Angela Motley, Sabrina Tucker, Gene Huckabee, Michael Motley, Frances Laney

### **CONVALESCENT CENTER**

Laura Stubbs

### **NURSING HOME**

Sara Cook, Elaine Motley

### **RETIREMENT HOMES**

Polly Edwards, Patsy Rushing, Margie Wannamaker

## *Our Visitors*

**December 25** — David Bennett, Hayes Bennett, Jeb Bennett, Mel Bennett, Bill Caughman, Gloria Chapman, Liz Cox, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Eddwards, Loral Edwards, Andrew Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Paul Ludlow, Alec Polk, Clay Polk, Randy Polk, Scott Polk, Wade Polk, Becky Sides, Christian Tetsch, Iris Tetsch, Madelene Tetsch.

**January 1** — Jan Bentley, Joe Bentley, Terry Bentley, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Barbara Eutsler, William Eutsler, Jr., Hayden Keeney, Paul Ludlow, Ashley Nelson, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Daniel Whaley, Grace Whaley.

**January 8** — Michelle Bellaiche, Ok Yo Chang, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Elliott Orr, Jonathan Orr, Kristen Orr, Landon Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Woody Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, Rebekah Williams.

## *Thank You*

I would like to thank each of you for all the calls, cards and especially the prayers during my illness. God worked his miracles in me through those prayers and I will not have to have surgery at this time. In Christian Love, Angie

## *Wednesday At the First*

\*The meal begins at 5:30, is cooked by Carolyn Gary, and costs only \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years old (Maximum \$21.00 for a family). Watch the Sunday bulletin each week for the menu. Sign up on the worship attendance sheet, or ask that your name be added to the list of “regulars.”

\*\*Handbells — Begins at 6:00pm.

\*\*Arts and Crafts with Janice Moore (K—2nd Grade) - 6:00 — 6:40pm.

\*\*The youth meet in the youth hut 6:00 — 7:30pm (doors open at 5:00pm)

\*\* Music for K—2nd Grade — 6:40 — 7:15pm

\*\*An adult study begins at 6:30 — 7:25pm. We have begun a study of Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Newcomers are always welcome. The study is held in the fellowship hall and taught by Paul Wood.

## *A Good Time Was Had By All*

The first week of January, I hosted ten clergy for a day-and-a-half of hiking. Only one of them had visited Cheraw previously. The first day we hiked about nine miles at Cheraw State Park and then drove into town to tour Old St. David’s, Laney Landing and First United Methodist. The next morning we saw all but three of the stops on Cheraw’s wonderful historic district cell phone tour.

The ministers had a wonderful time. They enjoyed the scenery at South Carolina’s oldest state park and especially appreciated the headwaters of Lake Juniper. We were grateful to Mark Davies, the state park manager, who provided an orientation to the park. Our local restaurants put smiles on their faces, and Kay provided a breakfast feast following a good night at the Jamison Inn.

This hiking group, which I joined eighteen months ago, gets together once a month, September through May. Most of the hikes we take are in the mountains of South and North Carolina, with a visit to the coast once a year. But the group said they were very happy with the decision to come to Cheraw. It was a joy for Kay and me to host them. I thank God for the opportunities I have to enjoy God’s creation and get good exercise in the company of friends.  
— Paul Wood

## New Website

We are indeed excited to announce the unveiling of our church's new website. We are grateful to Paul Wood, III and John Wagnon for countless hours they have given in designing a top notch website. The web address for the website hasn't change and can be accessed at <http://www.cherawfirstumc.org>.

## Genesis—Contemporary Worship

January 22 at 8:30am

In the fellowship hall

## Sermon Series Underway

My sermon series on "The Seven Deadly Sins" started January 15 with an introduction and consideration of the sin of lust. Below you will find the rest of the schedule. Last fall I taught a series on "The Seven" at Wednesday At The First. Now it's time to preach on each of them. Please support me with your prayers, and come to worship each Sunday ready to sing praises to the Lord and hear his Word preached.  
— Paul Wood

## Sermons on The Seven Deadly Sins

January 15	Lust
January 22	Sloth
February 5	Envy
February 12	Pride
February 19	Wrath
February 26	Gluttony
March 11	Greed

## Memorial and Honorariums

### In Memory of Lucy Brasington

The New Horizons Sunday School Class

### In Memory of Brenda Furr

Carrie Inabinet, Buddy and Barbara Inabinet, The John Streater Family, The Steve Mattox Family, M&M Keith Smith

### In Memory of Mr & Mrs. Joe Coppedge

Lu Ann and Fisher DeBerry

### In Memory of Mrs. Mildred DeBerry

Lu Ann and Fisher DeBerry

### In Memory of Ollie Fisher

Lu Ann and Fisher DeBerry

### In Honor of John Moore

M&M Jeff Johnson

### In Honor of Bob Lockey

M&M Jeff Johnson

### In Honor of Lib Norton

Kinsey Mulloy Class

### In Honor of Lib Traynham

Kinsey Mulloy Class

### In Honor of Janice Moore

Kinsey Mulloy Class

### In Honor of Sis Funderburk

Kinsey Mulloy Class

### In Honor of Betty Canipe

Kinsey Mulloy Class

## J.O.Y Club News

The J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, January 19 at noon in the fellowship hall. The meal will consist of soups, sandwiches, dessert and drink at the cost of \$7.00. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr 537-3920 by 4:00pm on Monday, January 16. Please plan to attend.

### **Newsletter Deadlines**

February 1 Newsletter

Deadline January 24

February 15 Newsletter

Deadline February 7

### **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.

### **Wednesday At The First Menus**

January 18 Vegetable soup, chicken and rice soup, cornbread fritters, dessert and tea.

January 25 Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and tea.

February 1 Meatloaf, cabbage, rice, cornbread, dessert and tea.

### **Annual Sweetheart Banquet**

The annual Sweetheart Banquet will be Friday, February 10 at 7:00pm. Please mark your calendars for this date. Entertainment has been arranged and another great meal will be served by our master chefs. We ask that you contact the church office and make reservations if you plan to attend so we can set up properly. As always the ladies are our guests and we ask only for a donation from the men.

### **Worship Perfect Attendance for December**

Allison Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Brandon Buchanan, Rebekah Buchanan, Theodore Burns, Jerry Carter, Mary Crouse, Ray Crouse, Bonnie Cundiff, Ed Davidson, Cameron Eddins, Scott Eddins, Herb Foster, Jeffrey Foster, Mabel Foster, Ruth Ann Jones, Jon Kroepel, Micki Lockey, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, David McLean, Jean McLean, Lib Norton, Cheryl Postlewait, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Keith Stubbs, Shari Stubbs, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Brant Thompson, Becky Thompson, Jennifer Tomberlin, Jensen Tomberlin, Mason Tomberlin, Kay VanDeman, John Wagnon, Michael Wagnon, Nancy Wagnon, Doug Wilson, Gailya Wilson, Kay Wood, Paul Wood.

### **Sunday School Perfect Attendance for December**

Jane Campbell, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Sarah M. Therrell, Flo Outen, Linda Smith, Jackie McGee, Lynn Tweed, Ruth Ann Jones, Edyce Brasington, Norma Cobb, Ed Davidson, Jimmy Duffy, Bill Eutsler, Edith Quick, Brenda Rayfield, Lanny Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, Shep Straughn, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Drucilla Walker, Keith Smith, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Doug Wilson, Pete Owens, Hubert Watts, Robert Calhoun, Jim Bennett, Manfred Kollitz, Jeff Allen, Jerry Tucker, Joey Mills, Greg Sanderson, Brandon Buchanan, Scott Eddins, Hannah Leach, Kathryn Johnson, Jason Lewis, Austin Sanderson, Eric Dusa, Mary Charlotte Dusa, Alana Carabo, Leighton Becker, Kelly Dusa, Bonnie Cundiff, Amy Lewis, Brant Thompson, Becky Thompson, Susan Eschenfelder, Judy Dixon, Cindy Sanderson, Rebekah Buchanan.

*As an attempt to save paper and not have so many announcements printed in the bulletin each week, repeating week after week, we now print all the announcements and meetings that are already scheduled for the month on a sheet in the middle of your newsletter. On the back you will also find a calendar for the month. This way you may pull this page out of your newsletter and post it somewhere at your home, for reference throughout the month. As announcements and meetings are added we will print them in the bulletin.*

### **Meetings for January 2012**

#### **Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting**

Monday, January 16, at 5:00pm in the Pairs and Spares Classroom.

#### **Pre-School Board Meeting**

Monday, January 16 at 6:00pm in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom.

#### **Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting**

Sunday, January 22 at 5:30pm in the Pairs and Spares Classroom.

### **Announcements for January 2012**

Sunday, January 15 — Confirmation Class begins.

Monday, January 16 — J.O.Y. Club reservation due by 4:00pm, let your caller know or call Mary Burr 537-3920.

Sunday, January 22 — Genesis Service in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am.

# January 2012

## Sunday, January 15, 2012

Adult Choir Practice, Choir Room, 8:45am  
Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship Service, 11:00am  
Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm  
Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

## Monday, January 16, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am  
Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting, Pairs and Spares Classroom, 5:00pm  
Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm  
Preschool Board Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Adult Bible Study, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 10:00am

## Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm  
Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, January 19, 2012

J.O.Y. Club, Fellowship Hall, 12:00pm

## Sunday, January 22, 2012

Genesis Service, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am  
Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship Service, 11:00am  
Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm  
Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Pairs and Spares Classroom  
Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

## Monday, January 23, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am  
Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Adult Bible Study, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 10:00am  
February 1 Newsletter Deadline

## Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm  
Bulletin Deadline

## Sunday, January 29, 2012

Adult Choir Practice, Choir Room, 8:45am  
Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship Service, 11:00am  
Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm  
Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

## Monday, January 30, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am  
Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Adult Bible Study, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 10:00am