

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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Building a New Community

Imagine you are a visitor to the States from another country. You spend a few hours in front of a television as a presidential primary (either major party) approaches. You learn that Candidate A is a lying two-faced hypocrite with seedy friends. You learn the same about Candidate B and Candidate C. The tone of the TV commercials is ominous. To elect any of these individuals is for the nation to risk near-extinction.

Our foreign visitor might come to one or more of these conclusions:

The country is facing destruction no matter who is elected.

The country's politicians and their supporters are all liars.

The people of the United States, if they ever had it, have lost all civility.

All the trustworthy people are laying low, unwilling to run for public office.

I do get distressed when I watch the ads which run during national and state elections. Frankly, I hope that you do, too! They play to our fears, not to our minds or our ideals. I firmly believe that the people of the United States are capable of much better behavior!

What can we do? What can you and I, conscientious followers of Christ, do? Some thoughts:

Pray regularly for the country and its leaders.

Support candidates and would-be candidates who have integrity.

Practice civil behavior in our own lives, especially when we talk about people who are not present. How we talk about people behind their backs *counts*.

Focus on how we talk and resolve our conflicts at church. (Church is a great place to practice what we preach and build a new community.)

It's an election year, and 2012 could be a distressing time for folks who care about civility. Let's pray for something better. Let's work for something better. See you in church on Sunday!

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

January 15 — Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, Denzel Feely, Abby Jones, Mark Jones, Tracy Koontz, Sally McKenzie, Paul Ludlow, Ashlyn Nelson, Vincent Prevatte, Mikaila Rummage, Charles Stowe, Sara Stowe.

January 22 — Ok Yo Chang, Cole Chestnut, Carol Crouse, Marie Davidson, Rick Fisher, Hampton Jones, Walker Jones, Collin McManus, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Betsy Tetsch, Iris Tetsch, Madelene Tetsch, Bob Tietze, Allie Townsend, David Townsend, Detra Townsend, Isabella Townsend, Anne Wallace.

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.”

**The youth meet in the youth hut 6:00pm. (doors open at 5:00pm).

**Children’s Bible Study — 6:15pm.

**Handbells — 6:30pm (3rd—5th Grade).

**Arts and Crafts with Janice Moore — 6:30pm. (K — 2nd grade)
7:00pm (3rd — 5th grade)

**Children’s Choir — 7:00pm.

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

SYMPATHY

Donald Hurbert Smith

July 27, 1927 — January 18, 2012

Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

Church Website

<http://www.cherawfirstumc.org>

Have you missed a recent sermon? Pastor Paul Wood's sermons are available on the website.

New Address

Amy Eschenfelder has enrolled at the University of South Carolina. You can mail her at: 1400 Greene Street, USC Student Box 83964, Columbia, SC 29225. Her email address is efeldera@gmail.com.

Genesis—Contemporary Worship

February 19 at 8:30am

In the fellowship hall

Newsletter Deadlines

February 15 Newsletter

Deadline February 7

March 1 Newsletter

Deadline February 21

Worship

The sermon on February 5 will continue our look at The Seven Deadly Sins. The topic that day is ENVY. The topic February 12 is PRIDE. February 12 is also Boy Scout Sunday. First UMC will recognize our Boy Scouts and Scout leaders. On February 19, at both Genesis and the 11:00 service, the topic will be WRATH.

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.

Memorial and Honorariums

In Memory of Brenda Furr

Gene and Betty Harris, Mary Burr, Howard and Velma Hucks

In Memory of Gilbert McLain

Mary Burr

In Memory of Marion B. Weaver

Howard and Velma Hucks

Trustees

The FUMC Trustees held their first 2012 meeting on Sunday, January 22. Harold Lomas was elected chairperson, John Sanderson was elected vice-chairperson and Cheryl Postlewait will remain as recording secretary. The new three year term trustee members were welcomed. They are Jeff Allen, Jean McLean, and Martha Starling. Trustees leaving the group having served three years through 2011 were Norma Cobb, Lanny Rayfield, and Sally Smith.

Scouting at First Church

Wednesday At The First Menus

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

February 8 Ham, sweet potatoes, butter beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

February 15 Curry chicken, cabbage, rice, cornbread, dessert and tea.

February 22 Fried chicken, sweet peas, rice and gravy, biscuits, dessert and tea.

February 29 Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and tea.

March 7 Chicken and dumplings, green beans, cornbread, dessert and tea.

March 14 Pork loin, mashed potatoes, string beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

Meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Dan Stowe Scout Hut.

CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various days of the week, at various times and at various locations.

Yours in SCOUTING,

John Moore, Charter Representative,

phone number 843-537-2553

Confirmation

Confirmation is underway for seven young people! Brandon Buchanan and Paul and Kay Wood are leading the experience which will include classes on Sunday afternoons, trips to a synagogue and a Catholic church and a weekend retreat at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The entire congregation is asked to support these young people and their leaders with prayer. Also, seven adults in First United Methodist will be asked to serve as mentors for the confirmands. Class members are **Sarah Allen, Denzel Feely, Kathryn Johnson, Alex Lee, Hannah Leach, Jayson Lewis and Matthew Wicker.**

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.

Nursery Help

The Nursery Committee is led by Dee Dee Pickrel. The committee is responsible for maintaining the nursery and its toys, cribs, etc. Also, the committee coordinates the schedule of volunteers who work alongside Rebekah Buchanan on Sunday mornings. More adults are needed to be part of the rotation. We do not have enough parents to handle this responsibility. So members of all ages are asked to contact Dee Dee and become volunteers. Please call her at 378-3715 work or 337-9458 cell.

From the Pre-School

Oh, what a blessing we received on Friday, January 20. Angie came down to the Pre-School and brought us a wonderful donation from someone who wishes to remain anonymous. FMPSN thanks our Guardian Angel from the bottom of our hearts. I was so appreciative that I had goosebumps running up and down my arms. You will never know how much we love and appreciate those who care for us. Again thank you to our donor.

In Christian Love, Catrennna

Salkehatchie Time

It's time to register for SALKEHATCHIE!!!!!! There will be a **mandatory** meeting for everyone interested in serving and worshipping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at 4:00pm on Sunday, February 12, in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom. Talk it up with your friends and bring them along. Let's have the largest group ever from FUMC going this year. "Greater things have yet to come, and greater things are still to be done in this city....There is no one like **our GOD**"!!!!

Contact Brandon Buchanan at 537-7002 or Debbie Adams at 623-4153, if you absolutely cannot attend but definitely want to be included.

The date for Piedmont Salkehatchie is June 23—30 and Foothills Salkehatchie (Pendleton) is June 30—July 7.

Office Hours Adjusted

Due to adjustments made by Staff Parish Relations Committee, beginning in February the office will be closing at 12:00pm on Fridays.

Serving in February

ALTAR GUILD

Amy Lewis

CROSS BEARER

Jayson Lewis

February Birthdays

February 3 Elizabeth Calhoun Swarr
February 4 John Moore
February 6 Susan Allen
February 7 Bryan Moore Crawford, Cameron Crouse
February 9 Ernie Hancock, Alex Lee
February 10 Frances M. Laney
February 14 Jimmy Duffy
February 16 Shellie Mears
February 17 Jake Williamson, Sammy Quick
February 18 Keith Stubbs, John Sanderson
February 23 Brianna Houser
February 24 Scott Tomberlin
February 25 Tavener Threatte
February 28 Will Smith

February Anniversaries

February 26 M&M Jackson Rushing

LAY READERS

Feb. 5 Greg Sanderson
Feb. 12 Shannon Johnson
Feb. 19 Susan Marsh
Feb. 26 Joey Mills

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb. 5 Brandon Buchanan
Feb. 12 Pam Humphries
Feb. 19 Brandon Buchanan
Feb. 26 Laura Harris

GREETER'S

Feb. 5 M&M Lanny Rayfield
Feb. 12 M&M Rhett Butler
Feb. 19 M&M Herb Foster and Jeff
Feb. 26 M&M Jerry Therrell

MCARN ITEMS

Feb. 5 Breakfast Cereal
Feb. 12 Canned Vegetables
Feb. 19 Canned Meats
Feb. 26 Dry goods

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Feb. 5 Amy Eschenfelder
Feb. 12 Christy Ruffner
Feb. 19 Amy Lewis
Feb. 26 Eleni Chapman

ACOLYTE

Hannah Leach

COUNTERS

Feb. 5 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield
Alternates: John Moore
Feb. 12 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker
Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing
Feb. 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr
Feb. 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Ellison Outen
Alternates: Brenda Rayfield, Doug Marsh

CARING CALLER TEAMS

Feb. 5 Jeff Allen, Gailya Wilson, Betty Thrailkill
Feb. 12 Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee, Kay VanDeman
Feb. 19 Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan, Martha Bentley
Feb. 26 Jim Bennett, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

HOSTESS

Flo Outen

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 February 2012

Salkehatchie Mandatory Meeting

Sunday, February 5, at 4:00pm in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom.

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 12 at 6:00pm in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom.

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 12 at 7:00pm in the Fred Harris Classroom.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 19 at 5:30pm in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom.

Announcements for February 2012

Friday, February 10 — UMM Annual Sweetheart Banquet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm.

Thursday, February 16 — J.O.Y. Club Luncheon.

Sunday, February 19 — Genesis Service in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am.

Saturday, February 25 — Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00am.

February 2012

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Friday, February 3 — 5, 2012

Ski Trip/Youth Retreat — Bus Reserved

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Salkehatchie Mandatory Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 4:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, February 6, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

February 15 Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Friday, February 10, 2012

UMM Annual Sweetheart Banquet, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Bus Reserved (Pre-School)

Brian Vacation

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Sunday School, 10:00am

Young Adult Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Finance Committee Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:00pm

Church Council Meeting, Fred Harris Classroom, 7:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, February 13, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

UMW Circle #4 Meeting, Parlor, 7:00pm

Brian Vacation

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

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

UMW Circle #1 Meeting, Parlor, 10:00am

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

UMW Circle #3 Meeting, Place to be announced, 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, February 16, 2012

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

Sunday, February 19, 2012

Genesis Service, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 5:30pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, February 20, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

March 1 Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby, Fellowship Hall, 11:00am

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, February 27, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline