

First United Methodist Church

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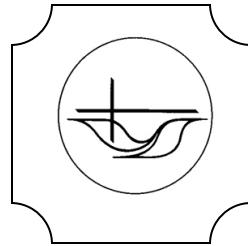
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OUR MISSION

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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THE CONNECTION

First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC
March 1, 2012

An Encounter at the Church Door

Our first destination in Jerusalem a few weeks ago was not our hotel but a large gift store. The proprietor and his staff served us hot tea and the Arab version of baklava. (It was yellow and as scrumptious as any Greek baklava I have ever had.) After giving us plenty of time for shopping, our guide Danny rounded up all 41 of us and led us down the street. One block away we arrived at what is regarded by Christians as the most holy site in Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Under the roofs of the huge, sprawling building are found the traditional sites of Christ's crucifixion (Golgotha), the stone where his body was laid for anointing by Joseph of Arimathea and his tomb (the Holy Sepulchre itself.). We held up at the door to allow other tourists to exit. As I waited, I saw two young women and a child. Their head scarves immediately told me that they were Palestinians. One was joyfully taking a picture of the other and the little girl. They were excited to be together and at the door of this holy place. As you and I might do, they wanted to record the moment with a photo.

I spoke to the one having her picture taken, and her English was very good. (I don't think I know one word of Arabic.) With a few quick questions I learned that she lived in Jerusalem and as a Christian had made other visits to the church. The other woman was her sister, and she was making her first visit to the church. With that answer I knew why it was so important for these Christian women to take

pictures at the door.

"Oh, where is she from?" I asked, assuming for a moment, that she lived in some distant country. The answer she gave me was startling. Her answer brought home the tragic divisions which divide the people of Israel and the Palestinian territories.

She lived in the **West Bank**. She lived less than thirty miles from Jerusalem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

And why had it taken her so long to visit? Again, more surprise: because it was the first time she had been allowed to visit Jerusalem!

This is one encounter Kay and I want to speak about on March 7 and 14 in the fellowship hall. It taught me and reminded me of several things. Many Palestinians are Christians. Many speak English. Their lives are deeply affected by the ongoing strife between the people of Israel and the people of Palestine.

And it reminded me of one more thing. Christ went to that cross and was laid in that tomb and was raised from that tomb for **them**, for **all** of them who live in that strife-filled place.

See you in church on Sunday! And please invite your friends to join you for our presentations on March 7 and 14!

Paul Wood

Remember our Shut-Ins and Sick

HOME

Robin Motley, Angela Motley, Sabrina Tucker, Gene Huckabee, Michael Motley, Frances Laney, Betty Ann Crawford

CONVALESCENT CENTER

Laura Stubbs

NURSING HOME

Sara Cook, Elaine Motley

RETIREMENT HOMES

Polly Edwards, Patsy Rushing, Margie Wannamaker



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 at 6:30pm. (K — 2nd grade) and 7:00pm (3rd — 5th grade)

**Children’s Choir — 7:00pm.

**An adult study begins at 6:30 — 7:25pm. Newcomers are always welcome. The study is held in the fellowship hall.

Lenten Lunches

The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring Lenten Lunches at the First Baptist Church of Cheraw (corner of Market and Greene) each Wednesday until March 28. Each event begins at noon with a soup and sandwich lunch. A Cheraw area pastor will bring a devotion, and the event will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

Devotion Schedule

Feb. 29—Paul Wood, pastor of First United Methodist Church
March 7— Jerry Corbet, pastor of Pee Dee Union Baptist Church
March 14— Jeff Hart, pastor of Cheraw Family Worship Center
March 21— Johnny McClendon, pastor of Fisher Hill Community Baptist Church
March 28— OPEN

Newsletter Deadlines

March 15 Newsletter

Deadline March 7

April 1 Newsletter

Deadline March 23

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Friends, since late fall we have received only a few contributions to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. For New Year's, Angie Smith and I have been turning away everyone who approached the church with needs for assistance (power bills, mainly). But a young woman came to us in early February. She and her eleven year-old son were homeless, but she had put together enough money to rent a trailer. She still needed money to start water service and power. First UMC helped her with water

service, but the last I heard she still needed money for Progress Energy. It is this kind of assistance which I know you want your church to be able to render. I keep some money in the fund for church members, and fortunately this need has not presented itself recently. But we cannot help persons and families outside of the congregation at this time. Please consider making a contribution to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you.

...Paul Wood

Coming Up

Friends,
Kay and I are anxious to share some of what we learned and experienced in Israel. We will speak, present pictures and respond to your questions on March 7 and again on March 14 in fellowship hall from 6:30 until 7:25. Invite friends and neighbors. And join us for supper at 5:30! Carolyn Gary's food is wonderful. Here's the schedule:

March 7: "Our Tour of Israel:
What We Experienced"

March 14: "Our Tour of Israel:
Connections with the Bible"

Paul Wood



*Kay Wood and Jonah's Whale in
Jaffa, Israel*

Scouting at First Church



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

Bus Usage Fee

To provide for operating costs for the church bus, over and above gas, the Board of Trustees has implemented a forty-cent-per-mile charge for bus users. This is ef-

fective April 1, 2012.

Reservations for use of the bus are "first-come—first served."

Bus usage will be by reservation. Speak to Angie in the church office.



From the Director of Youth and Children

March Birthdays

March 2 Jake Crouse, Christopher Frazier	March 21 Paul Miles
March 4 Trina Mills	March 22 Margaret Stanton
March 5 George Adams	March 23 Leighton Becker
March 6 Mary C. Laney	March 24 Laura Adams
March 10 Beulah Threatte	March 26 Jackson Rushing, Gabriel Watson
March 14 Lois Baker	March 27 Kathryn Johnson
March 20 Delmas (Dick) Griggs, Mabel Foster, Karlo Baker, R. Walker Laney	March 28 John Straughn
	March 29 Rob Calhoun
	March 30 Sandra Barbour



March Anniversaries

March 3 M&M C.C. Quick, M&M John Straughn	March 17 M&M George Adams, M&M Ron Cundiff
March 10 M&M Homer Stanton	March 27 M&M Jimmy Outen

Greetings in the light and peace of Christ,

As we enter the Lenten season our youth are being asked the question, "What are you giving over to God for Lent?" In Sunday school classes and UMYF they are being held accountable to each other. It is beautiful to see our students partake in this season of suffering and remembrance. It is beautiful to see them encourage one another. I ask that you do the same this season. Encourage each other, ask each other a simple question, "How are you doing?" Simple.

Our most exciting news for our youth programming is the addition of two new meeting times. UMYF Minis-

try Arts and Roots. Ministry Arts meets every Sunday @ 4:00pm. The students gather and learn how to cultivate their arts for ministry in our church, community, and conference. Roots meets every Tuesday @ 3:00pm at Fiesta Topitia's. We gather to have a snack/meal and talk about God, the Bible, and life. If you are interested in helping with either of these new programs please contact me at brandon@fumccheraw.net or my cell (863) 528-8124.

May you be encouraged this Lenten season.

Grace and Peace,

Brandon Buchanan

Trip to Mepkin Abbey

The Ezer's Sunday School Class will be going to Mepkin Abbey near Charleston on Saturday, April 28. The group will meet at 7:00am. If

you would like to join the class for this trip, please contact Kay Wood at 537-3635.

From the Director of Music

New Challenges...New Solutions

As we look around our world today, we see many people who are craving a solution to one or many of life's problems. As members of the Body of Christ, we should actively help those who are need. You may be asking what a message like this is doing in a newsletter article written by the Director of Music. The answer to this question is quite simple: music and theology are intertwined in the United Methodist Church. Paul and I strive to put together services where the music compliments the Word of God.

Many of you may not know the number of rehearsals it takes for our choir to learn an anthem for a given Sunday. The same is true of our Praise Singers and Praise Band. Our goal is to help others praise God through music. No matter the level of talent that a person might possess, all are welcome to participate in a music ensemble.

Beginning March 7, 2012, at 6:30 pm, we are inviting adults who have an interest in music to join the Carillon Handbell Choir. The time commitment at this time is only 40 minutes a week. Handbells and Handchimes can be accessible to persons of all ages, and can satisfy a desire to be active in the musical life of the church.

Many of you might be saying, "I can't read music; or, I don't think that could ever get up in front of a group and play handbells." In this group, you will be challenged to do your best to the Glory of God. Private instruction in handbell or handchimes can be arranged by emailing me at jkroepel@gmail.com.

Please know that our ensembles are open to all and not just a select few.

Praise Band- Rehearses on Tuesday evenings@ 7:00 PM. Fellowship Hall

Praise Team- Rehearses on Sunday evenings @ 7:00 PM. Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir- Rehearses on Wednesday evenings@7:30 PM. Choir Room

Carillon Choir- Rehearses on Wednesday evenings@ 6:30 PM. Choir Room

Children's Choir-Rehearses on Wednesday evening@ 7:10 PM. Choir Room

I would like to start a small orchestra/band that would play for worship every quarter; so if you are an instrumentalist who might be interested in playing in a small band, let me know.

In Christ,

Jon Kroepel

Serving in March

Hostess

Lib Norton

Altar Guild

Bonnie Cundiff and Ruth Ann Jones

Acolyte

Greer Eddins

Cross Bearer

Caroline Crouse

Greeters

March 4 Carol Hennessee

March 11 M&M Harold Lomas

March 18 Linda Smith

March 25 M&M Curtis Jones

Nursery

March 4 Stephanie Rogers

March 11 Becky Thompson

March 18 Henrietta Kollitz

March 25 Sally Smith

Children's Church

March 4 Brandon Buchanan

March 11 Kay VanDeman

March 18 Brandon Buchanan

March 25 Gloria Chapman

Lay Readers

March 4 Rhett Butler

March 11 Jensen Tomberlin

March 18 Bonnie Cundiff

March 25 Micki Lockey

Counters

March 4 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield

Alternate: John Moore

March 11 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

March 18 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

March 25 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Ellison Outen

Alternates: Brenda Rayfield, Doug Marsh

Caring Caller Teams

March 4 Jeff Allen, Gaila Wilson, Betty Thrailkill

March 11 Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee, Kay VanDeman

March 18 Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan, Martha Bentley

March 25 Jim Bennett, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

McArn Items

March 4 Canned Vegetables

March 11 Canned Milk

March 18 Canned Meats

March 25 Baby Food

Our Visitors

February 12 — Gamble Anderson, George Anderson, Mary Anderson, Anne Bryan, Carol Crouse, Hunter Fauling, Joanna Gentry, Eva Goddard, Gina Goddard, Di'anna Crump, Bethany Harsey, Joseph Harsey, Vernon Harsey, Larry Harsey, Hampton Jones, Walker Jones, Joseph Jones, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Fran Lewis, Paul Ludlow, Christie McLeod, Sallie McLeod, Christian

Morris, Rosie Morris, Whitney Morris, Ashlyn Nelson, Elliott Orr, Jonathan Orr, Kristen Orr, Hunter Polson, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Jack Rushing, Kiersten Shepard, Niki Stewart, Robert Stewart, Tyson Will.

February 19 — Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, DiAnna Crump, Tom Davidson, Johnnie Johnson, Anne Wallace

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Thomas Mason Caveny

M&M Scott Laney, M&M Brian Waters

In Honor of Roger Owens

The Dr. Jim Thrailkill Family

From First Methodist Pre-School and Nursery

This week we have mailed off 13,320 Campbell Soup Label Points. We have been collecting for 8 years and have a goal of 1,000,000 points. The school can receive free merchandise and we have our eyes set on a van for the school. Please help us reach our goal. There is a can in the hall in front of the church office.

The four year old class is working on the graduation program, that will be held on May 17th in the church sanctuary. Please plan to attend and support the school. We also have a jug in the school that we call the luv jug; this is to collect money for a family in Cheraw. Cliff Light lost his life saving his children in a house fire. Both of the boys have been in the hospital at Chapel Hill for a very

long time. This family needs our help. We are attempting to raise money for Candyce, the mother, so she can get their lives back in order. You can make a donation if you like, and we will put it in our jug. Checks can be made to the school, and we will in turn put the cash money in the jug. Every little bit helps.

We are still trying to raise money to buy cribs for the school. I just ordered 5 cribs and we still need seven more. The cribs cost around \$350.00 each. The donation of \$1200.00 was a tremendous help and we have applied the money to the cribs we just ordered. Thanks again for your help.

Catrenna Buffington



Wednesday At The First Menus

March 7 Chicken and dump-
lings, green beans, corn-
bread, dessert and tea.

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

March 21 Corned beef, cab-
bage, potatoes, Irish soda
bread, dessert and tea.

March 28 Roast, mashed
potatoes, string beans, bis-
cuits, dessert and tea.

Genesis—Contemporary Worship

March 18 at 8:30am

In the fellowship hall

Life Saving Time Again

Time to roll up your sleeve and give
the gift of life again. FUMC along
with Mt. Olivet UMC and Pleasant
Grove UMC will host an American
Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday,
March 19 from 2:00pm—7:00pm in
the fellowship hall of First Church.

The American Red Cross is like all
other organizations at this time how-
ever — they cannot send out a group
of nurses for just a few units of blood.
We have to have a least 21 commit-
ted to donating or they will have to
cancel this drive. Please make an

appointment by either calling the
church office, signing up on the sheet
on the office door, or going online to
www.redcrossblood.org sponsor
code fumccheraw.

Let us not let
down those
who need
blood. We our-
selves never
know when we
may be on the
receiving end and not the giving end.



Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the
prayers, cards, phone
calls, food, hospital and
home visits during my
recent accident and rehabilitation.

Katie Chapman

Dear Church Family and Friends,

My heartfelt gratitude and thanks
for all the phone calls, prayers and
goodies given to me during my ill-
ness. You all sustained me through
it all and put a smile back on my
face! 😊

In Christian Love,

Jenny R. Outen



March 2012

Sunday, March 4, 2012

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 4:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, March 5, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Children's Council, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

March 15 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, March 11, 2012

UMM Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Young Adult Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

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

UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 4:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, March 12, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Endowment Fund Committee Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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

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

Genesis Planning Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm

UMW Circle #3 Meeting, 7:00pm

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, March 15, 2012

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

Friday, March 16, 2012

Cub Scout's Blue and Gold Banquet, Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm

Sunday, March 18, 2012

Genesis Service, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 4:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, March 19, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Red Cross Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 2:00pm - 7:00pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Pre-School Board Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Friday, March 23, 2012

April 1 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 4:00pm

UMYF (Guest Speaker, Chris Pochipa), Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:00pm

Monday, March 26, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Bus Reserved 7:30am—1:00pm

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Bus Reserved 7:00am—4:00pm

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Spring BBQ, Fellowship Hall, 11:00am—2:00pm

**Keep this page for reference
throughout the month.**