

First United Methodist Church

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Mon.—Thurs.
8:00am—3:30pm
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Lunch 1:00—1:30pm

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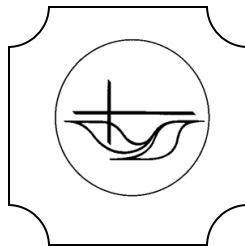
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OUR MISSION

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.

THE CONNECTION

First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC

March 15, 2012

Moving Beyond the Clutter

The words “Via Dolorosa” are Latin for “Way of Suffering” or “Way of Grief.” The Via Dolorosa is a walking route through the Old City of Jerusalem. It follows the approximate route Jesus took to the cross, and Christian pilgrims have been retracing it for many centuries.

The First Station of the Cross or beginning point of the journey is where Jesus was sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate. Another Station along the way is where Simon took up the cross for Jesus. The last five Stations of the Cross, the final section of the 2,000 foot journey, are found inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. They mark where Jesus died and where his body was placed when it was removed from the cross.

In January, our tour group followed the Via Dolorosa through the narrow streets of the city. Occasionally we had to move aside for a car to pass by. A cold rain fell. We were passed by (and we passed) hundreds of people. Some were fellow tourists. Most were ordinary residents of the city (Jews, Muslims and Christians) hurrying along and going about their ordinary routines. Because of the daily tourist traffic, dozens of little

shops line the path. Young men tried to catch our attention with trinkets we might take home as souvenirs. We also passed cobblers and produce stands and noticed exotic aromas from butcher shops.

For all those reasons I found it very difficult to concentrate on the purpose of our walk. It wasn't to purchase scarves or olive wood figurines or to study people. The purpose was to re-connect with the man who walked that path of suffering two thousand years ago.

As we conclude Lent, I hope and plan to reflect on my own limited experience of Jesus' experience as he followed the Way of Suffering. I hope to move beyond my personal frustrations of that busy, noisy day in Jerusalem. I hope to move beyond the clutter of daily living which is so similar to the clutter, noise and other distractions of our long walk in Jerusalem.

I know that your life is cluttered, too! So may you move beyond the clutter, too, as we all observe Holy Week and remember the events of Christ's suffering and death!

Paul Wood

Remember our Homebound

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



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

March 21— Johnny McClendon, pastor of Fisher Hill Community Baptist Church
March 28— Kyle Henderson, pastor First Presbyterian Church.

Newsletter Deadlines

April 1 Newsletter

Deadline March 23

April 15 Newsletter

Deadline April 6

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.

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 however — they cannot send out a group of nurses for just a few units of blood. We have to have a least 21 committed 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 ourselves never know when we may be on the receiving end and not the giving end.



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*

New Address

Mr. and Mrs. Tavener Threatte have moved. Their new address is listed below if you would like to stay in contact with them.

Mr. & Mrs. Tavener Threatte

5400 Little River Neck Road

Box # 247

North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582



Genesis—Contemporary Worship

April 15 at 8:30am

In the fellowship hall

Wednesday At The First Menus

March 21 Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread, dessert and tea.

March 28 Roast, mashed potatoes, string beans, biscuits, dessert and tea.



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.



Sunday School Perfect Attendance for February

Debbie Adams, Jeff Allen, Sarah Allen, Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Kathryn Johnson, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Ruth Ann Jones, Manfred Kollitz, Micki	Lockey, Bob Lockey, Harold Lomas, Jackie McGee, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Cheryl Postlewait, Sammy Quick, Brenda Rayfield, Lanny Rayfield, Austin Sanderson, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Keith Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Beulah Threatte, Tavener Threatte, Anne Townsend, Gailya Wilson.
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Worship Perfect Attendance for February

Debbie Adams, Laura Adams, Jeff Allen, Sarah Allen, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Dawn Chapman, Eleni Chapman, Sullivan Chapman, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Ruth Ann Jones, Micki Lockey, Bob	Lockey, Harold Lomas, Mary Lomas, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Ruth Middleton, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Sammy Quick, Greg Robinson, Kim Roddy, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Beulah Threatte, Tavener Threatte, John Wagnon, Nancy Wagnon, Gailya Wilson.
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Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Community Holy Week Service (First Presbyterian Church)

Sunday, April 1 at 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday and a Service of Tenebrae

Thursday, April 5 at 7:00pm

Good Friday, Friday, April 6,

the sanctuary will be open all day beginning at 9:00am.

Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 8 at 6:30am.

Order a copy of John Wesley And The Beginnings of Methodism

This second book in the series on Methodism by Roger M. Gramling, recounts the story of Wesley's early life, schooling and formal education, the failed mission to the Georgia Colony, Wesley's Aldersgate experience, his visit with the Moravians, and the

beginnings and organization of the Methodist Movement in England in the 1740's.

Seventy-Four Pages, Softbound \$4.50 each (includes postage and handling)

Order forms are available in lobby.

Thank You Note from Lois G. McArn Community Ministry, Inc.

Our Visitors

February 26 — Ok Yo Chang,
Abby Jones, Mark Jones, Belinda
McGilvray, Craig McGilvray, David
Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle
Rohde.

March 4 — Ashlee Brasington, Ok
Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom
Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Laural
Edwards, Johnnie Johnson, Tracy
Koontz, Paul Ludlow, Belinda
McGilvray, Craig McGilvray, Sallie
McKenzie, David Rohde, David
Rohde, Sr., Jacob Sellers.

Memorials

In Memory of John Oglesby

Jim Bennett

In Memory of Salley & Ed Schum- pert

Bill & Salley Bradford

In Memory of Jim Canipe

Mary Burr, M&M Jerry Therrell,
Kinsey Mulloy Bible Class, M&M
Jerry Turner

In Memory of J.C. Bentley

M&M Jerry Turner

In Memory of Brenda Furr

M&M Jerry Turner

Dear Rev. Wood & Church:

Thank you for all that you do for
our Ministry and those in
need in our community. Your
monetary donations over this
past year has helped make
our ministry remain strong
through difficult times. We
are providing food to an average of
237 families each month and we
are still able to assist with past due
and final notice utilities for our cli-
ents. God continues to bless the
Food Bank year after year. Our
Weekend Backpack Program for 25
students from the Cheraw Primary
School is still operating well also.

During Thanksgiving and Christ-
mas, we provided over 700 turkeys
along with fruit and vegetables for
their holiday meals. Thank you for
making this possible! We also col-
lected toys for McArn Kids this
Christmas collecting over 1,000
toys. I hope we can continue this
for the children each year at Christ-
mas time.

Our total numbers of families
served in 2011 increased again by
150 from 2010. I am enclosing a
copy of our 2011 report for your
reference. Our goal is to end Hun-
ger in our county by making sure

that every person will have enough
to eat. God Bless you and be with
you.



Peace,

Sharon Hendrix

Executive Director

2011 Monthly Totals

January 244

February 176

March 200

April 288

May 233

June 246

July 251

August 224

Sept. 249 (Through 9-24-11)

38 Outside County

Oct. 236 (Through 10-22-11)

40 Outside County

Nov. 261

32 Outside County

Dec. 263

36 Outside County

Total Applications 2,871

March 2012

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

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

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

Church Council Meeting, Choir Room, 7:00pm

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

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