Sunday, March 18, 2012

8:30am Genesis (Fellowship Hall)

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

4:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)

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

7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday, March 19, 2012

11:00am Caring Callers

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

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

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

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

10:00am Adult Bible Study (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

3:00pm ROOTS Student Ministry (Fiesta Topitia's)

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

5:30 pm Wednesday at the First Activities (see details inside bulletin)

Bulletin Deadline

Friday, March 23, 2012

Bus Reserved

April 1 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, March 25, 2012

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

4:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)

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

7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST PROGRAMS —March 21, The Letter to the Romans (Rev. Paul Wood); March 28, The Letter to the Romans (Rev. Paul Wood); April 4, Spring break

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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.

March 18, 2012 4th Sunday in Lent One Great Hour of Sharing

Prelude "Jesus, My Friend" Wernen

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

*Ritual of Friendship

Introit "Depths of Mercy"

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise No. 292 in the Hymnal "What Wondrous Love Is This" Wondrous Love

Prayer of Confession

Bonnie Cundiff, Lay Reader

God of the living, your Son Jesus Christ shared your healing ministry with the people of Galilee, among them Mary of Magdala. In her your Spirit worked in powerful ways. Through her the Good News was shared in marvelous ways. That Gospel News has been passed down through many generations. We are enlivened by Jesus Christ this very day. For the work you started in others long ago we praise you. For his ministries which continue in us and through us this day, we thank you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Handbell Choir "Were you There?" arr. Kroepel

Mini Sermon Rev. Paul Wood

*First Gospel Lesson Luke 8: 1 — 3 Lay Reader

Responsive Psalter Reading No. 856 in the Hymnal Psalm 143: 1 — 10 Lay Reader

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal "The Apostles' Creed" Lay Reader

*Hymn No. 2013 in *The Faith We Sing* "Bless the Lord" Bless the Lord

*Second Gospel Lesson John 20: 11 — 18 Rev. Wood

Sermon "There's Something About Mary"

Rev. Wood

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn No. 2162 in *The Faith We Sing* "Grace Alone" **Grace Alone** During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

"Steal Away" **Offertory Anthem** Malcolm Archer

and dedication.

*Doxology No. 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th

*The Lord's Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 121 in the Hymnal "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Wellesley

*Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Response "Iesus, Remember Me"

The flowers are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Tavener and Beulah Threatte by members of the Fred and Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class. They have been long time faithful member of the Fred and Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class and of the First United Methodist Church.

OUR PRAYER LIST Our President, Our Troops, Bob Lockey, Susan Jones (Ruth Ann Jones' Daughter-in -Law), John Moore, Maria Herring (Grandmother of child in FUMC Pre-School), Kim Briley (Family friend of Jeff & Shannon Johnson). NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.

COURAGEOUS — St. David's Episcopal Church is offering the community a showing of the film "Courageous." It is sponsored by the Christian Formation Department of the South Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal Church. This opportunity is a service to the people, especially law enforcement, of the Cheraw community. All are invited to attend. The film will be shown this afternoon at 6:00pm at St. David's Episcopal Church. It is not recommended for younger teenagers without an adult.

EASTER EGG HUNT — This year's Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 7 starting at 3:00pm. This is a community event for children ages Pre-K to 5th grade. If you enjoy ministering to the children in our community, we would love your help. We need donations of juice boxes, candy, small toys and party favors. We need your donations by Sunday, April 1. For more information contact Brandon Buchanan or Nancy Wagnon.

I AM—DESIGNED TOUR — Chris Pochiba, lead campaigner for Visual Word Media, is coming to First UMC Sunday, March 25 for UMYF at 5:00pm. This event is open to anyone who would love to experience teaching about creativity, pain, suffering, and hope.

BBQ TIME AGAIN — Helpers, helpers, we need helpers ... if you have not signed up or been contacted to help with the spring BBQ, please call the church office at 537-7002. Thanks, Sammy Quick

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.

UMYF MINISTRY ARTS — On Sunday's at 4:00pm our students gather to cultivate their arts for ministry in their church, community, and conference. If you have a passion for teaching arts, your help is needed. If you are interested in helping our students learn photography, painting, and music, please contact Brandon Buchanan at brandon@fumccheraw.net or on his cell phone at 863-528-8124.

LENTEN LUNCHES — The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring Lenten Lunches at the First Baptist Church of Cheraw 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. Bringing the devotion this Wednesday, March 21, the speaker will be Johnny McClendon, pastor of Fisher Hill Community Baptist Church. On Wednesday, March 28, the speaker will be Kyle Henderson of First Presbyterian Church, Cheraw.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF) — 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 household). Sign up on the worship attendance sheet, or ask that your name be added to the list of "regulars." **Menu for March 21 — Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread, dessert and tea.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff and Ruth Ann Jones **Greeter:** Linda Smith **Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell **Hostess:** Lib Norton Alternate Counters: David McLean, Mary Burr **Cross Bearer:** Caroline Crouse

Nursery: Rebekah Buchanan and Henrietta Kollitz

Next Week's Lav Reader: Micki Lockey **Caring Callers:** Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan, Martha Bentley **Head Usher:** Theodore Burns

Acolyte: Greer Eddins McArn Item: Canned meats

Last Week's Attendance in worship — 135 Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 144

^{**}The youth meet in the youth hut at 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 — 6:30pm—7:25pm.

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