

Sunday, March 4, 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 (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday, March 5, 2012

- 11:00am Caring Callers
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
- 7:00pm Children’s Council (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 6:30pm UMW Quarterly Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

- 5:30 pm Wednesday at the First Activities (see details inside bulletin)
- Bulletin Deadline*

Friday, March 9, 2012

- 12:00pm Winter Jam

Sunday, March 11, 2012

- 8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
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UPCOMING WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST PROGRAMS — March 7, Our Tour of Israel: What We Experienced (Rev. Paul and Kay Wood); March 14, Our Tour of Israel: Connections with the Bible (Rev. Paul and Kay Wood); March 21, The Letter to the Romans (Rev. Paul Wood); March 28, The Letter to the Romans (Rev. Paul Wood); April 4, Spring break, no meal or programming.

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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 4, 2012
2nd Sunday in Lent

Prelude

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

***Ritual of Friendship**

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise No. 171 in the Hymnal “There’s Something About That Name”** That Name
174 in the Hymnal “His Name is Wonderful” His Name is Wonderful
349 in the Hymnal “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” Lemmel

Prayer of Confession

Rhett Butler, Lay Reader

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, as we realize we are in Your presence, we tremble. We confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor our neighbor as ourselves. We take Your name upon our lips while our heart is far from You. Forgive, we pray, what we have been. Help us to amend what we are. In Your mercy, continue your grace and guidance that we might become what you have made us to be; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Mini Sermon

Old Testament Lesson **Psalm 139: 1 — 12 & 23 — 24** Lay Reader

Responsive Psalter Reading: Psalm 29, No. 773 in the Hymnal Lay Reader

***First Lesson:** **Luke 15: 1—2** Lay Reader

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal “The Apostles’ Creed”** Lay Reader

***Hymn No. 358 in the Hymnal (vs. 1 & 2) “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”** Rest

***Gospel Lesson** **Luke 15: 11 — 24** Rev. Ed Davidson

Sermon "A Classic Story Retold" Tom Davidson

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn No. 367 in the Hymnal** "He Touched Me" He Touched Me
During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer and dedication.

Presentation of Tithes and Others Offerings

Offertory "I Surrender All"

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

***The Lord's Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn No. 407 in the Hymnal** "Close to Thee" Close to Thee

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

OUR PRAYER LIST Our President, Our Troops, Bob Lockey, Susan Jones (Ruth Ann Jones' Daughter-in-Law), John Moore, Sonny Turner (Kelly Dusa's friend), 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.**

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 effective 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.

UMW QUARTERLY MEETING — This meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are happy to announce that Narcie McClendon Jeter of Rock Hill will be our speaker. She is the Chaplain at Winthrop University and is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. Her topic is "Journey to Hope." This will be a wonderful evening; everyone is invited to join us. Refreshments, will be served.

ROOTS — On Tuesday's at 3:00pm, our Student Ministry will meet at Fiesta Topitia's and enjoy a snack/meal and time to hang out and talk about scripture.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL MEETING — The Children's Council will meet on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 in the Kinsey Mulloy Classroom.

WINTER JAM — If you haven't signed up for Winter Jam, there are still openings. The cost is \$10

plus food money and souvenirs. We are leaving the church on Friday, March 9 at 12:00pm and returning late in the evening.

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 LUNCHESES — 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 7 will be Rev. Jerry Corbett, pastor of Pee Dee Union Baptist Church. The speaker for Wednesday, March 14 will be Jeff Hart, pastor of Cheraw Family Worship Center.

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

**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.

ISRAEL TRIP — 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 the 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*

SYMPATHY — First Church extends its sympathy to Betty Canipe at the death of her husband, James Harding Canipe.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff and Ruth Ann Jones

Counters: Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield

Alternate Counters: John Moore

Nursery: Rebekah Buchanan and Stephanie Rogers

Next Week's Lay Reader: Jensen Tomberlin

Caring Callers: Jeff Allen, Gailya Wilson, Betty Thrailkill

Last Week's Attendance in worship — 145 Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 146

Greeter: Carole Hennessee

Hostess: Lib Norton

Cross Bearer: Caroline Crouse

Acolyte: Greer Eddins

McArn Item: Canned Vegetables

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