

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### Sunday, April 15, 2012

- 8:30am Genesis (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:55am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 4:00pm UMW Circle #4 (Parlor)
- 5-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)
- 5:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, April 16, 2012

- 11:00am Caring Callers
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

### Tuesday, April 17, 2012

- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, April 18, 2012

- 5:30pm Wednesday at the First Activities  
*Bulletin Information Deadline*

### Thursday, April 19, 2012

- 12:00pm J.O.Y. Club (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, April 20, 2012

- 7:00pm Family Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, April 22, 2012

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:55am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 4:00pm Memorial Committee Meeting (Pairs and Spares Classroom)
- 5-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

## First United Methodist Church

April 15, 2012

The old saying went this way: "A penny spar'd is twice got." You and I know it as "A penny saved is a penny earned." The saying is not found in the Bible, but the Bible certainly teaches us a lot about stewardship of God's resources. So today we are saving paper and not using a printed order of worship. I plan for us to do this about once a month. Let's enjoy going back to a more traditional form of worship!

– Paul Wood

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### HYMNS

No. 384 in Hymnal — Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
No. 2206 in *The Faith We Sing* — Without Seeing You  
No. 2158 in *The Faith We Sing* — Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Unison Prayer: Page No. 456 in Hymnal                      Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

Epistle Lesson: James 5: 13 — 18                              Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13: 10 — 17

Sermon title: "How (and why) to visit the sick"

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**OUR PRAYER LIST** Our President, Our Troops, Bob Lockey, John Moore, Fred Brooks, Meredith Legg (Friend of Bob Lockey), Brett Lamb (Friend of Bob Lockey).  
**NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**J.O.Y. CLUB** — The J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, April 19, at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a catered meal by Vonceil with the cost being \$7.00 per person. Please sign up with your caller or with Mary Burr no later than Monday, April 16.

**CHANGES IN THE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER** — In an effort to save money on postage, paper and toner *The Connection* Newsletter will only be printed and mailed on the first of the month. The newsletter will still be published on the fifteenth of the month but will only be emailed out. A few copies of the newsletter for the fifteenth will be available in the lobby and narthex for our guests and those members without email.

**SPARE CHANGE DRIVE** — The Missions Ministries Team is sponsoring a “change” drive to support Salkehatchie and other on-going mission projects. Containers will be placed in each Sunday School classroom as well as the narthex and will remain throughout the upcoming weeks. Please participate in this spare change drive; together we can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate! “He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.” Proverbs 19: 17

**YOUTH FOR HIRE** — If you need any yard work, dogs walked or groomed, weeds picked, than this is the place for you. Our youth group is offering a year round service to help raise money for their trips with the church. The sign up sheet is outside Jon and Brandon’s offices. When you sign up please give your name, address, phone number, date you’d like the student to come, and the time you’d like them to arrive. This is a donations ministry.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** — The Children’s and Youth Council’s are hosting a family movie night featuring “The Muppets Movie,” April 20th @ 7pm. We accepting donations for the event and the youth will be selling popcorn, drinks, and snacks as a fundraiser.

**LAKE JUNALUSKA** — For those interested in attending SURGE in to Missions at Lake Junaluska, the \$75 deposit is due today, Sunday April 15. The Camp is July 8-12 and total cost of the camp is \$360 per person. If you have questions please contact Brandon Buchanan.

**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 April 18 — Chicken and dumplings, cabbage, cornbread, fatback, 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.

\*\*Adult Bible Study — 6:30pm—7:25pm.

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY, APRIL 22** — United Methodist continues to grow into a more and more beautiful mosaic of cultures and ethnic heritages. When you participates in the churchwide offering for Native American Ministries, you empower the training of Native American church leaders and support ministry with people of unique cultures and history. Special envelopes will be available next Sunday for this offering.

**THE FONT IS FRONT-AND-CENTER** — The Baptismal Font has been placed in the middle of the chancel. It will remain there until Pentecost (May 27) as a reminder of our baptism in the death and resurrection of Christ and in anticipation of baptisms which will take place on Pentecost.

**GENESIS SERVICE** — The next Genesis Service will be on May 20 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK — Wednesday Nights in the Fellowship Hall** — Mark’s Gospel was the first “gospel” every written, and it had enormous influence on the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Pastor Paul Wood will introduce Mark’s Gospel every Wednesday at 6:30pm, through May 16, in the fellowship hall. He will use video material by Dr. Mickey Efirid of Duke Divinity School.

Some questions the class will look into:

In Mark, why is Jesus always in such a hurry?

In Mark, why does Jesus tell people to keep quiet whenever they realize he is the messiah?

Why doesn’t Mark tell about the birth of Jesus?

Why doesn’t Mark end with words of proclamation about the resurrection?

There’s no pre-registration for the class. Want supper? Sign up and come at 5:30. Just bring a Bible.

**NEXT WEEK’S SERMON** — “Church Is Where the Choir Practices.” The preaching passages will be Romans 14: 1 – 9 and 15: 1 – 7 and Acts 2: 43 – 47.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

**Altar Guild:** Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing

**Hostess:** Carole Hennessee

**Head Usher:** Allan Chapman

**Greeter:** Chuck Barber

**Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

**Alternate Counters:** David McLean, Mary Burr

**Cross Bearer:** Sarah Allen

**Acolyte:** Sullivan Chapman

**Nursery:** Rebekah Buchanan and Caroline Crouse

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Jim Bennett

**Children’s Church:** Brandon Buchanan

**McArn Item:** Baby items

**Caring Callers:** Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan, Martha Bentley

Worship Service Attendance — 208 (Easter Sunday);

Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday — 142