

First United Methodist Church

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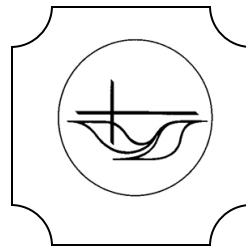
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OUR MISSION

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

April 15, 2012

Pastor's Reflection

"Paint Christ Alive ...Risen!"

Easter is not just a Sunday. Easter is not just a season of the church year when we keep out the white paraments. Easter is the reality which changes everything.

I find in Easter the hope that I need. Out of the death of God's Son came his new life and our new life. In Easter we find the promise that God is not done with us yet.

It is said that Michelangelo once chided his artist friends: "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of one ever-repeated theme of Christ in weakness, Christ upon the cross, Christ dying, most of all, Christ hanging dead upon the cross? Why do you concentrate on what was a passing episode and not the final scene? Paint Christ not dead but alive, risen

with his foot set on the rock with which they sought to hold him down."

Along with Michelangelo, my faith that Christ was raised from the dead gives me confidence that the bad news of today is not the final word. The final word – the LAST WORD – rests with God, and that rallying cry is: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann once wrote: "Because of Easter I can come out from behind my desk, my stethoscope, my uniform, my competence, my credentials, my fears – to meet life a little boldly."

That's what Easter means to me, too! Happy Easter! And I hope to see you in church on Sunday.

Paul Wood

College Graduates Names Needed

If you are a college student that will be graduating this year, or you are a parent of a graduating college stu-

dent, please contact the church office with your graduation information.



Remember our Homebound

HOME

Robin 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

John Wesley And The Beginnings of Methodism Book Available

This second book in the series on beginnings and organization of the Methodism by Roger M. Gramling, Methodist Movement in England in recounts the story of Wesley's early the 1740's. life, schooling and formal education, Seventy-Four Pages, Softbound the failed mission to the Georgia Colony, \$4.00 each. Wesley's Aldersgate experience, Books are available in the church his visit with the Moravians, and the office.

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.

Newsletter Deadlines

May 1 Newsletter

Deadline April 23

May 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline May 8

Honoring Jimmy Duffy

The warehouse at Camp Coker will be dedicated and named after our very own Jimmy Duffy on Saturday, June 9 at 10:30am. All who would like to attend are invited.



Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Susan Jones

Lib Norton, Betty Thrailkill, M&M
Jerry Therrell, Martha Bentley,
M&M Steven Humphries, M&M
Gregory Sanderson, M&M Keith
Smith, M&M John Wagon.

In Memory of Charles Skipper, Sr.

Mary Burr

In Memory of Margaret West- moreland

Lib Norton, Mary Burr

In Memory of Jim Canipe

Betty Thrailkill

In Honor of Roger Owens for his Outstanding Service to the Com- munity

The Jim Thrailkill Family

General Conference

I hope that you had opportunity on Easter to sign the giant “Best Wishes” card we are sending to Tim McClendon. Many of us here in Cheraw, where he has served two ministerial appointments, will follow his participation in the upcoming conferences with great interest. We are also keenly interested in his candidacy for the episcopacy. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held July 18 – 20 at Lake Junaluska, NC. This is when Tim might be elected as a bishop.

But let’s not overlook the big picture. One thousand elected delegates will meet in Tampa, Florida, for General Conference April 24 through May 4. Half clergy and half laity, they will make decisions of great import for the denomination and therefore for the ministries of United Methodist congregations like ours.

Here are some quick tips on how to learn more about General Conference and follow the developments in

Tampa. You will find the best information by going to umc.org and following the links to General Conference 2012. In addition you can use a General Conference app. It is available for both iOS devices and Android devices. Search for United Methodist General Conference 2012.

To keep up with Tim’s participation in all of this, go to his site which is www.timmccclendon.org. After both conferences (General and Jurisdictional) you can count on our South Carolina United Methodist Advocate to provide excellent coverage. The Advocate recently won several awards for excellence in journalism. To subscribe go to www.scadvocate-online.org; or call 1-888-678-6272. Ask for the Advocate office. Before you know it, you’ll be speaking with Jimmy Duffy’s niece, Allison Trussell. She is the Assistant Editor.

Let’s keep Tim and all the delegates in prayers!

Paul Wood

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for March

Mary-Charlotte Dusa, Alayna Carabo, Charlie Ruffner, Christy Ruffner, Jimmy Duffy, Brenda Rayfield, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Syble Sanderson, Jane Campbell, Jackie McGee, Janice Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Sarah M. Therrell, Lynn Tweed, Margaret Wolfe, Michael Wagnon, Scott Eddins, Jensen Tomberlin, Keith Smith, Jeff Allen, Ellison Outen,	Sammy Quick, Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter, Pete Owens, Jim Bennett, Theodore Burns, Judy Dixon, Bob Lockey, Amy Lewis, Susan Eschenfelder, Sarah Allen, Hannah Leach, Manuel Assef, Jean Assef, Nancy Wagnon
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Worship Perfect Attendance for March

Debbie Adams, Jeff Allen, Sarah Allen, Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, James Bennett, Theodore Burns, Marcia Butler, Rhett Butler, Jane Campbell, Alayna Carabo, Amanda Carabo, Doug Carabo, Jerry Carter, Judy Dixon, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Pam Humphries, Amy Lewis, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Heath	Ruffner, Charlie Ruffner, Christy Ruffner, Syble Sanderson, John Straughn, Shep Straughn, Ethel Ann Streater, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Betty Thrailkill, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Michael Wagnon, Nancy Wagnon, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.
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Introduction to the Gospel of Mark

Mark's Gospel was the first "gospel" ever written, and it had enormous influence on the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Pastor Paul Wood will introduce Mark's Gospel every Wednesday at 6:30 through May 16, in the fellowship hall. He will use video material by Dr. Mickey Efrid 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.

Spare Change Drive

The Missions Ministries Team is sponsoring a "change" drive to support Salkehatchie and other ongoing 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

Our Visitors

March 25 Johnnie Johnson, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Landon Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Betsy Tetsch, Iris Tetsch, Madelene Tetsch, Jackson Thrailkill, Allie Townsend, Carrie Townsend, David Townsend, Detra Townsend, Isabella Townsend, Rebekah Williams.

April 1 Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Jeanette Coward, Liz Cox, Karen Dennis, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Alec Polk, Clay Polk, Randy Polk, Scott Polk, Wade Polk, Jack Rushing, Kiersten Shepard, Copeland Westmoreland.

April 8 Debbie Bledsoe, Jeff Bledsoe, Tierney Bledsoe, Patti Board, Anne Bryan, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Bailey Floyd, Holden Floyd, Janice Kuykendall, Johnnie Johnson, Martha Langster, Joe Middleton, Gerry Parks, Anna Rayfield, Erin Rayfield, Jennifer Rayfield, Julia Rayfield, Patrick Rayfield, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Kiersten Shepard, Becky Sides, Steward Kuykendall, Fred Turner, The Prevattes, Rod DeFord, Kathy DeFord, David DeFord, Nikki Peele, Chae Sam DeFord, Ok Yo Chang, David Stanton.

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.

Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group will be starting on Thursday, May 10. This group will form to watch videos and discuss grief. Starting at 6:30pm and going every Thursday evening though May 31. Rev. Kay Wood will facilitate the group. Please contact her for more information at 537-3635.



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.

FUMC Preschool & Nursery News

Just a short reminder that the preschool will be having their annual yard sale on June 16th. This is a great time to clean out the attic and get those items out that you thought you were going to use but didn't.

We are still in need of 5 cribs. Please remember the Pre-School and Nursery when you are making memorials or donations. The cribs are running around \$400.00 per crib not including shipping and handling.

We are still collecting Box Tops for education and Campbell Soup labels and I will be putting a list in the newsletter soon with all their other products.

Old cell phones are needed also. They are recycled for 911 use and for domestic violation situations. Please remember to drop them off in the church office or by the Pre-School.

Thanks,
Catrenna



Wednesday At The First Menus

April 18 Chicken and dumplings, cabbage, cornbread, fatback, dessert and tea.

April 25 Pork tenderloin, butter beans, rice and gravy, biscuits, dessert and tea.



Genesis—Contemporary Worship

May 20, 2012

In the fellowship hall

Web Site

Did you see the Easter Bunnies on the First UMC web site? They were great! The web site is updated on a

regular basis. You will find it at cherawfirstumc.org.

Salkehatchie Summer Service Stock

Twenty-two youth and adults will participate in Salkehatchie Summer Service this summer and would like to ask for your help. We will be serving during the weeks of June 23-30 and June 30-July 7. All of the campers will be working on homes that are in desperate need of repair which the home owners are unable to do themselves or pay to have done. In years past we have completed such jobs as repairing roofs, tearing out and rebuilding roofs, building porches and ramps, replacing floors, tearing out cabinets and counter tops and replacing them, sheet-rocking, painting, cleaning, scraping the outside of houses and repainting, plumbing work, and much more. Salkehatchie is a wonderful opportunity to serve God's people. You can learn more about the mission at www.salkehatchie.org.

We are trying to raise money to help pay for the trip and some of the supplies needed to accomplish the work to be done on the houses. We would love to have you partner with us in the investment we are making in our

neighbors' lives. The Salkehatchie group is selling stock in our summer service mission for \$10 per share. In buying shares, you also have an interest in the work we do this summer. On Wednesday, July 11, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall, we will share stories and pictures from our trips with all of the stockholders. Desserts, coffee and tea will be served.

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you support this summer service and return the bottom portion of this letter with your donation to the church office. We are very excited about this opportunity to serve others and to see God at work in the home owners' lives, our fellow campers' lives and our very own lives.

We encourage you to begin praying now for the families whose homes we will work on, for our leaders and for all the campers that God's love will be evident in all we do.

In Christ's service,
Salkehatchie Participants

Salkehatchie Summer Service Stock

I would like to purchase ____ shares of SSSS at \$10 per share for a total of \$_____.

Name_____

Address_____

Email_____Phone Number_____

Please make checks payable to FUMC.

Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday



April 2012

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Genesis Service, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMW Circle #4, Parlor, 4:00pm

UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, April 16, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

Family Movie Night, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, April 23, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Preschool Board Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:00pm

Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Pairs and Spares Classroom, 7:00pm

May 1 Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm

UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, April 30, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm