

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, April 29, 2012

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:55am Worship Service
- 12:00pm Caring Callers Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 4:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee & Parsonage Committee Joint Meeting (Parsonage)
- 3-5:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)
- 5-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, April 30, 2012

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

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

- 5:15pm Missions Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

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

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Fellowship Hall Reserved (6:30—9:30)

Sunday, May 6, 2012

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:55am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 3:00pm Youth Council Meeting (Youth Hut)
- 3-5:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)
- 5-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

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

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.

FUMC STAFF

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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.

April 29, 2012
4th Sunday of Easter

Prelude "Trio" Rheinburger

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

***Reading of our Mission Statement**

***Ritual of Friendship**

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise (See Insert)** "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

***Unison Prayer** Sammy Quick, Lay Reader
O God of all times and places, we pray for your Church, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with new tasks. Baptize her afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus. (*United Methodist Book of Worship*)

Silent Prayer

Mini Sermon Brandon Buchanan

Epistle Lesson Romans 12: 1 — 8 Lay Reader

***Responsive Psalter Reading No. 741 in the Hymnal** Psalm 4 Lay Reader

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

Hymn No. 2043 in *The Faith We Sing "Alleluia" Celtic Alleluia

***Gospel Lesson** John 17: 20—26 Rev. Wood

Sermon "Life in the Connexion" Rev. Wood

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn (See Insert)** **“Gentle Shepherd”** William Gaither & Gloria Gaither
During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer and dedication.

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

Offertory Anthem **“Dear Jesus, at Thy Word”** J.S. Bach

***Doxology No. 94** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***The Lord’s Prayer (See Insert)**

***Hymn No. 140 in the Hymnal** **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”** Faithfulness

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude** **“Erstanden ist der heil’ge Christ”**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winholtz and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Postlewait by Cheryl and Buck Postlewait.

OUR PRAYER LIST Our President, Our Troops, Bob Lockey, John Moore, Rosa Lockey (Bob Lockey’s Mother), Ed Davidson, Larry Spears, Karen Horne (Dee Dee Pickrel’s friend), Jim Cox (Dee Dee Pickrel’s friend), Fred Brooks. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

JOHN WESLEY AND THE BEGINNINGS OF METHODISM — There has been a lot written about John Wesley over the years, but this concise 74 page book by Mr. Roger Grambling gives us much insight into what we are as Methodists today.....the more we understand John Wesley, the better Methodist we will become. It is an ideal resource for a Sunday School class or for personal reading. There are a few copies of this book left, and they have been placed on the table by the door to the office in the lobby. Please place your money (\$4.00) for the book, in the container provided.

EPWORTH MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING — Epworth is our ministry! Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? What about when a mother and her children are homeless and she has nowhere to turn? Last year more than 155 of these children found a home through the ministry we share as United Methodist in S.C. Epworth Children’s Home has been welcoming children in Christ’s name for 116 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Mother’s Day Offering on Sunday, May 13, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org or find them on Facebook.

CARING CALLERS TO MEET — The Caring Callers will meet briefly immediately following the morning service today.

GENERAL CONFERENCE — It’s easy to keep up with the developments at General Conference. Click on <http://www.umc.org/site> and click on General Conference 2012. You might also go to www.timmclendon.org. Also, for advance information on what is on the schedule for the SC Annual Conference (June 10 – 13) in Florence, go to <http://www.umcsc.org/2012AC.html> or <http://www.advocatesc.org>.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS COMING UP — **Sunday, May 13**, the service will be led by our youth. This day is a special day for honoring our mothers as well. The Worship Ministries Team suggests that we follow the tradition of wearing a rose on Mother’s Day. Red is to be worn by those whose mother is living and white by those whose mother is deceased.
Sunday, May 20, is Scholarship Sunday and the Roy Smith Humanitarian Award will be awarded.
Sunday, May 27, the Confirmation Class will be received. We will recognize our graduates and we will celebrate Pentecost. The Worship Ministries Team asks that you wear red for this occasion.

YOUTH FOR HIRE — If you need any yard work, dogs walked or groomed, weeds picked, then 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.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF) — The meal begins at 5:30pm, 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 May 2 — Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, cabbage, corn bread, 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK — **Wednesday Nights in the Fellowship Hall** — Pastor Paul Wood is introducing Mark’s Gospel every Wednesday at 6:30pm through May 16 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a Bible.

NEXT WEEK’S SERMON — Will be taken from Acts 8: 26 – 40. Paul Wood will preach on “How to Be a Witness For Jesus Christ.” This will be the first sermon in a series.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild: Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing

Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate Counters: Jerry Tucker, Walter Crosby

Nursery: Rebekah Buchanan and Dawn Leach

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Lib Norton

Children’s Church: Brandon Buchanan

Caring Callers: Marianne Crawford, Julia Tucker, Chuck Barber

Worship Service — 134; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 221 (Easter Sunday)

Greeters: M&M Ray Crouse

Hostess: Carole Hennessee

Cross Bearer: Sarah Allen

Acolyte: Sullivan Chapman

McArn Item: Personal items

Head Usher: Allen Chapman