

**Sunday, April 8, 2012**

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service (Front of Sanctuary)  
 7:15am Light Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 10:00am Young Adult Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
 11:00am Worship Service

**Monday, April 9, 2012**

*Office Closed for Easter Holiday*  
 5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting  
 (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, April 10, 2012**

10:00am UMW Circle #1 Meeting (Parlor)  
 11:00am Caring Callers  
 3:00pm ROOTS Student Ministry (Fiesta Topitia's)  
 3:30pm Community Greeters Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 6:00pm Genesis Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00pm Circle #3 Meeting

**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 6:30, April 11 through May 16, in the fellowship hall. He will use video material by Dr. Mickey Eford 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.

**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 11 — Fried chicken, rice and gravy, beans, biscuits, 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.

**FUMC STAFF**

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**Wednesday, April 11, 2012**

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

*Bulletin Deadline*

**Sunday, April 15, 2012**

8:30am Genesis Service (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 3:00pm Confirmation Class  
 (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 3-5:00pm UMYF Ministry Arts (Youth Hut)  
 4:00pm Circle #4 Meeting (Parlor)  
 5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)  
 5:30pm Staff Parish Relation Committee  
 Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal  
 (Fellowship Hall)



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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 8, 2012*

*Easter Sunday*

**Prelude**

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

**\*Ritual of Friendship****\*First Gospel Lesson**

**John 20: 1 — 18**

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

This is the good news —  
 the grave is empty,  
 Christ is risen

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—  
 the light shines in the darkness,  
 and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—  
 once we were no people,  
 now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace,  
 the indestructible peace  
 we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

*(Wild Goose Publications)*

**\*Processional Hymn No. 302 in the Hymnal (vs 1—4)**

**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

Easter Hymn

**Unison Prayer**

Ray Crouse, Lay Reader

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

**Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

<b>Mini Sermon</b>		Brandon Buchanan
<b>Epistle Lesson</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15: 1 — 11</b>	Lay Reader
<b>*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“The Apostles’ Creed”</b>	Lay Reader
<b>*Hymn No. 2043 in <i>The Faith We Sing</i></b>	<b>“Alleluia”</b>	Celtic Alleluia
<b>*Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Mark 16: 1 — 8</b>	Rev. Wood
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“A Story We Will Have to Complete”</b>	Rev. Wood
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		
<b>*Hymn No. 307 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“Christ Is Risen”</b>	W Zlobie Lezy
	<i>During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer and dedication.</i>	
<b>Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>“Festival Canticle”</b>	
<b>*Doxology No. 95</b>	<b>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</b>	Old 100th
<b>*Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>		
<b>*Choral Response</b>	<b>“The Lord’s Prayer”</b>	
<b>*Closing Hymn No. 303 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“The Day of Resurrection”</b>	Lancashire
<b>*Responsive Benediction</b>		
	Christ is risen!	
	<b>Sing it aloud!</b>	
	Christ is risen!	
	<b>Christ is risen indeed!</b>	

**OUR PRAYER LIST** Our President, Our Troops, Bob Lockey, John Moore, 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.**

**WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST** — Beginning this Wednesday, April 11 through May 16, Pastor Paul Wood will teach six classes on the Gospel of Mark. Bring a Bible.

**GENESIS** — Our next Contemporary worship service will be next Sunday 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.

**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.

**NOTE FROM PAUL** — Friends, Kay and I will be away all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. We will go to Nashville, TN, where she will be interviewed for “endorsement” as a chaplain in the United Methodist Church by members of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. From there we will go to Little River, SC where I will preside at a memorial service. We will be back for worship on Sunday.  
– Paul Wood

**A GIANT GREETING CARD FOR TIM MCCLENDON  
SIGN IT THIS MORNING!**

Everyone in the congregation is invited to sign a large greeting card today for former FUMC pastor, Rev. Dr. Tim McClendon. Tim was the first-elected clergy delegate to General Conference from the South Carolina Annual Conference and was recently nominated for election as a bishop of the United Methodist Church. General Conference will be held April 24 through May 4 in Tampa, FL. Tim is already a leader in the decision-making life of our denomination and will play a significant role at General Conference. Next, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held July 18 – 20 at Lake Junaluska, NC. It is at this event where he might be elected and then consecrated as a bishop. You are invited to go into the fellowship hall before you leave the church today and sign the “best wishes” card for Tim.

**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.

**BUS MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP** — For some time Jon Kroepel has had responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the church bus. This responsibility has been transferred to the Board of Trustees who have chosen Jeff Allen for the position. Speak to Jeff if you have questions or comments about the bus.

**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](mailto:brandon@fumccheraw.net) or on his cell phone at 863-528-8124.

**SERVING TODAY**

**Altar Guild:** Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing  
**Counters:** Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker  
**Alternate Counters:** John Struaghn, Zenda Rushing  
**Nursery:** Rebekah Buchanan and Kim Roddy  
**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Jenny Keefe  
**Children’s Church:** No Children’s Church  
**Caring Callers:** Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee, Kay VanDeman

**Greeters:** M&M Manuel Assef  
**Hostess:** Carole Hennessee  
**Cross Bearer:** Sarah Allen  
**Acolyte:** Sullivan Chapman  
**McArn Item:** Peanut Butter & Jelly  
**Head Usher:** Allan Chapman

Worship Service Attendance — 185; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday — 176