

First United Methodist Church

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Mon.—Thurs.
8:00am—3:30pm
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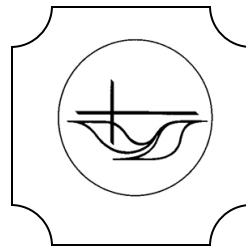
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OUR MISSION

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
May 1, 2012

Pastor's Reflection

Confirmation Has Been an Experience!

Our 2012 Confirmation Class formed in January. Since then, the six young people, all in the sixth and seventh grades, have been preparing to affirm their faith in Christ and become Professing Members of the United Methodist Church.

The young people appreciate the interest which members of First Church have shown in their progress and their activities. I think they feel the many prayers which have been lifted up on their behalf.

In addition to class every Sunday afternoon, the group has taken three trips. In early March, we spent a weekend at Lake Junaluska. It was a well-planned, professionally led event called "Confirm 12." Young people from both Carolinas worshiped together, attended workshops, visited the World Methodist Council Museum and, in general, had a blast, in the mountains of North Carolina.

Later in March, we were warmly received for worship and conversation at Beth Israel Synagogue in Florence. The rabbi, Rev. Aaron Sherman, and the congregation gladly oriented us to their worship service, showed us a Torah scroll, responded to our questions and even served us wonderful refreshments.

In April, we again traveled to Florence

where we worshiped at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Father Robert Morey and the congregation were more than happy to have United Methodists in worship with them. After the Mass, he gave us an enthusiastic orientation to Catholic worship. As a former United Methodist, Father Morey respectfully answered our numerous questions and explained some features of their worship life which were unfamiliar to us.

It's more than prayers which have supported the confirmands' ongoing experience. We hold class in the Kinsey Mulloy Sunday School Class. Members of Kinsey Mulloy have watched our "grape vine and trellis" grow and grow over the weeks we have used their classroom. Mentors and parents and grandparents have helped with our classes, and, of course, accompanied us on our trips.

All of this will culminate on Pentecost, May 27. Three of the six will receive Baptism. They are Matthew Wicker, Jayson Lewis and Alex Lee. The other confirmands have already received the Sacrament. They are Sarah Allen, Hannah Leach and Kathryn Johnson. Again, they appreciate the enthusiastic interest of the congregation.

The confirmands' big day (actually, a big day for all of us) is Pentecost, May 27. I hope to see you in worship that day.

Paul Wood



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, Vera Meadows

RETIREMENT HOMES

Polly Edwards, Patsy Rushing, Margie Wannamaker

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.

John Wesley And The Beginnings of Methodism Book Available

This second book in the series on Methodism by Roger M. Gramling, recounts the story of Wesley's early life, schooling and formal education, the failed mission to the Georgia Colony, Wesley's Aldersgate experience, his visit with the Moravians, and the

beginnings and organization of the Methodist Movement in England in the 1740's. Seventy-Four Pages, Softbound \$4.00 each. Books are available in the lobby.

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.

From the Director of Youth and Children

Greetings in the light and peace of Christ, Last month we were able to put on our yearly Easter egg hunt and I want to thank all of those who helped make it possible. Thank you! This month we will be participating with Relay for Life. The event is Friday, May 4 at 7:00pm at Chesterfield High School football stadium. We need your help. We are in need of donations of water and sodas. If you would like to volunteer your time to walk the track or sell BBQ, please

contact Zenda Rushing or me. You can contact me through email at Brandon@fumccheraw.net. The youth and children are approaching their summer break. Please keep them in your prayers as this is a stressful (due to tests) and rewarding time (because there is an end). May you be blessed this summer with happy and fun memories. Grace and Peace,
Brandon Buchanan

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.



Jimmy in front of his cabin at Camp Coker, where he spends most of his summer each year.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Jim Canipe

Cundiff

M&M Sammy Quick, M&M Ronald Cundiff

In Memory of J.C. Bentley

M&M Ronald Cundiff

In Memory of Margueritte Butler

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Ronald

In Memory of Susan Jones

M&M Ronald Cundiff

Mother's Day Epworth Offering

Define "Eternity". One year, six months—sometimes even three weeks—can feel like an eternity to a young child. When a single mother with an addiction issue is homeless—her children are homeless—and every day feels like a lifetime. When they aren't in school, no one is checking on them to make sure they are safe and fed—no one knows to look for them. Not every child comes to Epworth through a government placement that ensures a small amount of funding is given to Epworth to support the child's room and board. Did you know that more than 30% of the children at Epworth are there as private placements and Epworth pays the full cost of their room, board, tutoring, counseling, health care, faith formation and fun—among other things?

To a child who has spent three weeks in the local park, living in a car or under the steps - safe shelter and food are gifts—but Epworth under-

stands these children need more than the basics. Epworth provides for all the needs of their residents regardless of their placement or the government's or family's ability to pay. They can do this because our church—and other Methodist churches like ours—participate in the Annual Epworth Mothers' Day Offering, which will be received during worship on Sunday, May 13. The average stay for the children who were at Epworth in December of 2011 was one year and eight months. For them that is an eternity—an eternity of safety, consistency, nurturing care and support. Let's come together on Sunday, May 13 and give generously to the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering and give witness to the welcoming power of our Lord for God's children. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Newsletter Deadlines

May 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline May 8

June 1 Newsletter

Birthdays in May

May 1 Mickey Sullivan	May 18 Dee Dee Pickrel, Jamie Lewis
May 2 Jimmy Outen	May 19 Zenda Rushing
May 3 Ron Buffington	May 20 Amy Smith
May 4 Crawford Moore	May 21 Amy Eschenfelder
May 5 Elliott Michael Orr	May 22 Brandon Jones, Kristian Pickrel
May 6 William Eutsler	May 23 Sean Eubanks
May 7 Shelton Rumph	May 25 Mary Charlotte Dusa
May 8 Laura Stubbs	May 26 Jean Assef, Betty Board, Henrietta Kollitz
May 11 Kathy C. Hancock, Jerry Turner, Chuck Barber	May 28 Jean McLean, Vera Meadows, Gretchen Powell Kollitz
May 13 Mary Crouse, John Robert Smith	May 30 Cindy Sanderson
May 14 Jay Lewis	May 31 Terrell Stubbs, Mary Crawford
May 16 Benson Stubbs	
May 17 Gail Eubanks, Ellen Eschenfelder, Michael Wagnon, Roger Wolfe	

Anniversaries in May

May 1 M&M Austin Carnell (Kim Starling)	May 17 M&M Brant Thompson
May 13 M&M Ernie Hancock, M&M Justin Harpe	May 22 M&M Adam Humphries
	May 31 M&M Bryan Meares

Scouting at First Church

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

Meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Dan Stowe Scout Hut.

CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various days of the week, at

various times and at various locations.

Yours in SCOUTING,

John Moore

Charter Representative

phone number

843-537-2553



Wednesday At The First — Adult Bible Study

Our latest study, an introduction to the Gospel of Mark, continues each

Wednesday through May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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



Our Visitors

April 15 Kavik Carter, Ok Yo Chang, Gina Goddard, Jackson Goddard, Paul Ludlow, Ella Prevatte, Sophia Prevatte, Vincent Prevatte

April 22 Rajahn Campbell, Johnnie Johnson, Caitlin Mitchell, Michelle Rohde

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.

Mother's Day Breakfast

The United Methodist Men invites all mothers in the church to join them for breakfast in your honor. The breakfast will be on Sunday,

May 13 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. A nursery will be provided.

FUMC Preschool & Nursery News

The Preschool and Nursery is collecting Campbell Soup Labels. Listed here are participating products that labels can be taken from. There is a can in the lobby for you to put your labels in for the Preschool and Nursery.

Spaghetti-O's
Swanson
V8 Splash
V8 V-Fusion
V8 Beverages
Wolfgang Puck

1Point Products

Bic Ball Pens
Bic Dry Erase Markers
Bic Ecolutions
Bic Highlighters
Bic Mechanical Pencils
Bic Permanent Markers
Bic Roller
Bic Wite-Out Brand
Bic Mailing Labels
Correction Tape
Campbell's Tomato Juice
Campbell's Healthy Request
Campbell's Soup & Recipe Mix
Campbell's Beans
Campbell's Gravies
Dannon Kid Yogurts
Foodservice
Franco-American
Pace
Pepperidge Farms
Post Cereals and Treats
Prego

5 Point Products

Campbell's Chunky
Campbell's Soup
Campbell's Select Harvest
Campbell's Soup at Hand
Dannon Kids Yogurts
Emerald Nuts
Glad Food Storage
Pop Secret 100 Calorie 4 count
Pop Secret 3-Count
Spaghetti-O's
Time Inc. Magazines
V8 Soup

10 Point Products

Emerald Nuts
Glad Food Storage
Pop Secret 6-Count
Pop Secret 10-Count
Pop Secret 10-Count Snack Size

Thanks,
Catrenna

Sunday, May 6

Members of the Confirmation Class will assist Pastor Paul as the congregation celebrates Holy Communion.



Wednesday At The First Menus

May 2 Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, cabbage, corn bread, dessert and tea.

May 9 Chicken bog, string beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

May 16 Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, 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.

Serving in May

Hostess

Shirley Walton

Altar Guild

Laura Harris and Patti Taylor

Acolyte

Alex Lee

Cross Bearer

Jake Williamson

Greeters

May 6 Penny Quick

May 13 M&M Thomas McKinnon

May 20 M&M Jerry Tucker

May 27 M&M Manfred Kollitz

Nursery

May 6 Eleni Chapman

May 13 Sara Lee

May 20 Dee Dee Pickrel

May 27 Jennifer Tomberlin

Children's Church

May 6 Brandon Buchanan

May 13 NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

May 20 Brandon Buchanan

May 27 Jennifer Tomberlin

Lay Readers

May 6 Lib Norton

May 13 Pam Baker

May 20 Chuck Barber

May 27 Sara M. Therrell

Counters

May 6 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield

Alternate: John Moore

May 13 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

May 20 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

May 27 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Ellison Outen

Alternates: Brenda Rayfield, Doug Marsh

Caring Caller Teams

May 6 Jeff Allen, Gaila Wilson, Betty Thrailkill

May 13 Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee, Kay VanDeman

May 20 Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan, Martha Bentley

May 27 Jim Bennett, Syble Sander-son, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

McArn Items

May 6 Canned goods

May 13 Grits & Oatmeal

May 20 Non perishable foods

May 27 Canned meats

From the Director of Music

We are half way through Eastertide and joy of the resurrection still surrounds us. Songs of joy, thanks, and praise to God resound in our church once again. I would like to thank Michael Wagnon and Tony Harris for excellent trumpet playing on Easter morning. These two young men are truly talented in many ways, and we thank them for sharing their talents with us.

We have two other emerging singers in our midsts, and they are Caroline Crouse and Greer Eddins. We have heard their vocal skills before during the Genesis service, but they did an exceptional job during the service in

April as they sang Laura Story's *Blessings*. I would encourage you all to look up this song if you have access to the internet. You will not be sorry that you did so. The author expresses all the many petitions we make to God and how God doesn't always grant what we want, but what we need.

May God's blessings be upon you and your loved ones this Easter Season.

Jon Kroepel

Special Sunday's in May

Sunday, May 13, is a special day for honoring our mothers. 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.

On Sunday, May 27, we will celebrate Pentecost, the Worship Ministries Team asks that you wear red for this occasion.

General Conference, Tampa, Florida

General Conference, held once every four years, convened in Tampa, Florida, on April 24, and will conclude on May 4. For updates and news summaries, here are several sites you

might click on: www.scadvocate-online.org; www.umc.org; or www.timmccclendon.org.

May 13 Youth Sunday and Mother's Day

Teenage members of First United Methodist will lead the worship service, and we will receive the annual Mother's Day Offering for Epworth

Children's Home.



May 20 is Scholarship Sunday

The Memorials Committee of First United Methodist Church presents several scholarships each May to deserving students who are heading to or are already enrolled in institu-

tions of higher education. Everyone is encouraged to be present for this special occasion.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Nine members of our congregation will soon graduate from high school. They will be recognized in worship on May 27. Our 2012 high school graduates are: Seth Keefe, Joel Keefe, Zach Keefe, Cameron Eddins,

Garrett Pickrel, Choles Roddy, Jake Crouse, David Stanton and Becky Moore.



Roy Lee Smith Humanitarian Award

This award will be presented in the 11:00 worship service on May 20. The recipient of the award is chosen

and presented annually by the Missions Ministry Team.

May 2012

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Mission Ministry Team Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 5:15pm
Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm
Bulletin Deadline
Bus Reserved

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, May 6, 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, May 7, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am
Christian Education Team Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 5:30pm
Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

UMW Circle #1 Meeting, Parlor, 10:00am
Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm
UMW Circle #3 Meeting, 7:00pm
May 15 Digital Version Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm
Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 10, 2012

J.O.Y. Club Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, 12:00pm
Grief Support Group, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:30pm

Sunday, May 13, 2012

UMM Breakfast (Mother's Honored), Fellowship Hall, 8:30am
Sunday School, 10:00am
Young Adult Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am
Worship Service, 11:00am
UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm
UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, May 14, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am
Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Wednesday At The First Activities, 5:30pm
Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Pre-School Graduation, Fellowship Hall/ Sanctuary, 6:00pm
Grief Support Group, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:30pm

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Genesis, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship Service, (Scholarship's Presented), 11:00am
Confirmation Class, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 3:00pm
UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm
UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm
Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 5:30pm
Finance Committee Meeting, Pairs and Spares Classroom, 6:00pm
Church Council Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 7:00pm
Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, May 21, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am
Community Greeters Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 3:30pm
Pre-School Board Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:00pm
Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Genesis Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm
Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Bulletin Deadline
Floors being polished in Fellowship Hall / Do not use Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 24, 2012

Grief Support Group, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:30pm
June 1 Newsletter Deadline

Floors being polished in Fellowship Hall / Do not use Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 25, 2012

Floors being polished in Fellowship Hall / Do not use Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 26, 2012

Floors being polished in Fellowship Hall / Do not use Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 27, 2012

Breakfast (Graduates Honored), Fellowship Hall, 9:00am
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship Service, (Confirmation Class Received & Graduates Recognized), 11:00am
UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm

Monday, May 28, 2012

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm
Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, May 28, 2012

Office Closed (Memorial Day Holiday)

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am
Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Bulletin Deadline
Thursday, May 31, 2012
Grief Support Group, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:30pm