

First United Methodist Church

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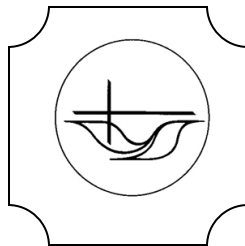
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OUR MISSION

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.

THE CONNECTION

First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC

June 1, 2012

Pastor's Reflection

Some of you know that I had high hopes that our United Methodist General Conference would approve significant re-structuring of our General Church agencies. Their work is important and none of it should be done away with. But our agencies are designed to work individually with little contact with each other. (Some call these "silos.") Also, the boards of volunteer lay people and clergy who guide the agencies, hire the executives who run them, etc. each have dozens of members and are very costly for all of us. Just providing for their travel expenses, with members living around the globe, takes many thousands of dollars each year. (See the block on page 15.)

Months ago, leaders in our denomination developed the "Call to Action" proposal which among other things would address these concerns. The Call to Action met with opposition, so other proposals were developed. General Conference spent enormous time considering them and finally adopted one called Plan UMC. But then – on the last day of General Conference – Plan UMC was judged by the Judicial Council to be unconstitutional.

Therefore, other than some down-sizing of agencies, we are stuck with the same antiquated "silo" structure for another four years.

I threw my hands up in despair when I read the news! When and how are we going to make progress as a Church while our old-fashioned ways of doing things hold us back?!? Can't somebody do something?

Then the next day, I came to some new conclusions. Let me know what you think.

- *Progress will come only because the Holy Spirit wills and drives it.
- *Except through out-and-out revolution, significant change always comes about slowly.
- *Except for babies, change is usually undesirable.
- *God is in control.
- *Disciple-making is still our main objective, and it takes place on the local level.
- *The cross and resurrection of Christ prove beyond a doubt that our best days are ahead of us.

See you in church next Sunday!

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

Thank You

I would like to say thank you for all the cards, calls and especially the prayers for me during this last ses-

sion of chemo.

Thanks again, *Billy Wicker*

Roy L. Smith Humanitarian Award

Congratulations to Jerry Turner, recipient of the 2012 Roy L. Smith Humanitarian Award. The award was presented in worship May 20. The

award was presented for the first time in 2011, when Mary Burr received the award.

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.

June Birthdays

June 2 Brooke Watkins Freeman	Dusa
June 3 Julia Jones	June 21 Lesley Houser
June 5 Martha Bentley, Jerry Therrell, Mike Pittman	June 23 John VanDeman, III
June 6 Beth Barber	June 24 Homer Stanton
June 8 Catrenna Buffington	June 25 Zachary Mills
June 10 Susan Baker, John Wagon	June 26 Clay Barbour, Paige Locky
June 14 Sarah Lee	June 27 Sheri Stubbs
June 16 Susan Eschenfelder, Kelly	June 29 Lydia Lee



June Anniversaries

June 4 Rev. & Mrs. Paul Wood, M&M Jonathan Orr	June 14 M&M John William Leary, M&M David Dixon
June 6 M&M John VanDeman, M&M Sammy Quick	June 17 M&M Shelton Rumph
June 7 M&M Jerry Therrell	June 18 M&M Robert Calhoun
June 8 M&M Herbert Foster	June 20 M&M Jeffery Johnson
June 9 M&M James Tweed	June 25 M&M John Wagon, M&M Dallas Keefe
June 10 Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend	June 27 M&M Mickey Sullivan
June 12 M&M Allan Chapman, M&M Scott Tomberlin	

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

Some of our United Methodist agencies include:

The Board of Discipleship – offices in Nashville, TN

The Board of Global Ministries – offices in New York City

The Board of Pension and Health Benefits – offices near Chicago

The Board of Church and Society – offices in Washington, DC.

For further background, go to umc.org.

Our Visitors

May 13

Jim Bartlett, Kathy Bartlett, Michelle Bellaiche, Evelyn Brooks, Jessica Clinkscales, Timothy Clinkscales, Carol Crouse, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Stacy Hinton, Todd Lomas, Christie McLeod, Jack McLeod, Sallie McLeod, Joseph Middleton, Gerry Parks, Rain Rivers, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Bob Rosensteel, Jackie Rosensteel, Amy Sherman, Aubrey Grace Sherman,

Avery Sherman, Ethan Sherman, David Townsend, Michael Townsend, Nolan Townsend.

May 20

Clyde Bailey, Marie Bailey, Brian Campbell, Joshua Campbell, Linda Campbell, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Marie Davidson, Frank Lide, Joyce Lide, Matthew Lide, Paul Ludlow, Collin McManus, Jacob Rohde, Roy Lee Smith, Jr., Mary Lynn Watkins.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Jule Smith

M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Margueritte Butler

Hal & Amaryllis Duvall

In Memory of Margaret Westmoreland

M&M Billy Wicker

In Memory of Patricia (Pat) Teal

M&M Billy Wicker

In Memory of Susan Jones

M&M George Adams, M&M Rhett Butler

In Honor of Fran Lewis

M&M Ray Crouse

FUMC Preschool & Nursery News

The Pre-School will be having their annual yard sale on Saturday, June 16 from 7am until 12pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring your boxed or bagged treasures that week. We welcome all items and would love to see you there.

Thanks to all my staff who worked so hard at the Pre-School Gradua-

tion. It was a great success! We had twelve graduate and are sad to see them leave. I wish them much success in the future.

In Christian Faith,
Catrenna

Pre-School Yard Sale

Saturday, June 16

7:00am—12:00pm

In the fellowship hall

Please bring your boxed or bagged treasures that week for us to sell.

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.



From the Director of Music

We are going to a Summer Choir schedule to best accommodate our members. The Summer Choir repertoire will consist of some of the most requested gospel songs and newer genres of worship music.

Audition Requirement?
Speak with Jon Kroepel about joining this group.

How many services each month will I have to sing with the choir? 3

It's been 9,000 years since I last sang in choir, can I still sing the choir?

Yes, we have parts for every

person: young, old, etc.

Second, to the word of God preached by Pastor Paul, is proclamation of God's word through music. It is truly a high honor and calling to serve God's people through music.

Please let me know of instrumentalists in our congregation and in our area that might find joy playing in a small group.

The choir will rehearse on Sunday Mornings at 8:45 am, except the Sundays when we have Genesis.

Jon Kroepel

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following:

Scholarship Recipients

Elizabeth Choles Roddy

Jacob W. Crouse

W. Seth Keefe

Zachary A. Keefe

Garrett A. Pickrel

Joel G. Keefe

Matthew C. Lide

Joshua B. Campbell

High School Graduates

Jacob W. Crouse

Cameron S. Eddins

Joel G. Keefe

W. Seth Keefe

Zachary A. Keefe

Rebecca C. Moore

Garrett A. Pickrel

Elizabeth Choles Roddy

David C. Stanton

Confirmation Class Received

Kathryn McRae Johnson

Sarah Elysse Allen

Hannah Cole Leach

Jayson Samuel Lewis

James Matthew Wicker

Alex Burton Lee

About the Organ — Dir. Of Music Jon Kroepel

By the time you read this the organ console will have been transported to Atlanta, GA, where it will be rebuilt and fitted with a organ control system that will increase the versatility of the instrument. MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) an interface that gives a keyboardist multiple instrumental sounds from which to choose, will be one of the main features. In addition, it will have a built in play/record sequencer that is standard with the system, which will allow certain pieces to be recorded beforehand and used as an accompaniment to the choir; thus allowing the Director of Music to conduct his/her ensemble and have the accompaniment being played in back in real time. A new combination action system which serves as a sort of hard drive for the organist to save registrations. Registrations, for those of you who might not understand the lingo, are any given number of stops used at once to produce a desired sound. A registration is stored to a piston, which an organist recalls within a split second pushing a piston.

While the pipe organ has a rich 5000 year history, it has gone through a multitude of changes and was not readily accepted by the medieval church until the 13th century. The great 20th composer Igor Stravinsky, once called the pipe organ the monster that never breathed.

Unlike other acoustic keyboard instruments, whose sounds starts to decay after a key is pressed, the organ pipe will continue to sound/speak until the key is released.

This sonority of sounds that the organ produces has been the single instrument which has helped congregational singing over the year. Having some stops that imitate the voice, the organ provides the support that singers need to sing.

To end this whirlwind tour of music, I wish to impart to each member the gem that they have residing in two chambers contains one of the finest instruments in Chesterfield County. When the Casavant Frères was contacted about building an instrument for FUMC, they did not go to the store shelf and pull pipes and other equipment. Casavant Freres, Opus 34, was conceived by a consultant and tonal director, who brought together plans, to build an instrument that was tailored to our needs and sympathetic to the room. It is an instrument that is capable of playing 500+ years of organ literature and performs its primary role as service playing instrument quite well. The dedication of Jimmy Crawford, Salley Shumpert, Helen McMeekin, Vallie Lowe, and countless numbers of other individuals brought to Cheraw an organ at the cost of \$155,000 in 1981, which will serve the church for many generations to come. A pipe organ of this size today would cost over 1.5 million dollars to build.

While the organ console is out, we will be using the fine Kawai Grand Piano as our primary worship instrument. I am requesting that you all submit a list of gospel songs or hymns that you would like to sing during the two months that the organ will be down.



A Permanent Endowment Fund

First United Methodist Church now has a Permanent Endowment Fund. The Charge Conference, meeting in a called session on May 20, voted to create the Fund. Everyone is asked to pick up a brochure about the Fund. Copies are in the Lobby. More information is forthcoming.

Special thanks to the following persons who developed the Endowment Fund proposal: Jim Crawford, Susan Marsh, Harold Lomas, Robert Calhoun, Cheryl Postlewait and Rhett Butler.

United Methodist Women Cook-Out

The United Methodist Women will hold their annual cook-out on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the church. All women of the church are

invited. We look forward to fellowship, good food, and fun!

Genesis—Contemporary Worship

June 24, 2012

In the fellowship hall



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Friends, I appreciate your continued support of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. With it I am able to provide much-needed assistance to Cheraw-area residents. Usually, they ask for help because their power is about to be cut off. I counsel with these persons and make referrals to agencies such as McArn Community Ministry. You may know that our church now shares confidential client information with other members of CAMAN, the Chesterfield and Marlboro Assistance Network. CAMAN has made this part of my minis-

try much more productive.

I hold some of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in reserve so that I might assist members of our congregation. Otherwise, the fund is now depleted.

If you, your class or your fellowship group are inclined to re-supplement the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, please designate a gift to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Paul Wood

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



From the Director of Youth and Children

Greeting in the light and peace of Christ,

I have some important information regarding this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). The VBS date has changed from June 10-14 to July 22-26. The time is still the same 5:30-8:00pm. Please mark your calendars for July 22-26.

We are also in need of volunteers as well. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Wagnon or me. Our training period has been moved to July 15 at 3:00pm.

This year's VBS is a family event. If you have teens, they are invited to come and help lead a

small group. If you are a parent, you are encouraged to stay and travel with your student(s) to ancient Babylon. Each night you will be given talk points to take home and discuss what you have learned, games you have played, and items you have made. I hope you will join us as we journey through the story of Daniel.

Grace and Peace,
Brandon Buchanan

Newsletter Deadlines

June 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline June 11

July 1 Newsletter

Deadline June 21

Serving in June

Hostess

Henrietta Kollitz

Altar Guild

Jean McLean

Acolyte

Tony Harris

Cross Bearer

Kathryn Johnson

Head Usher

Heath Ruffner

Greeters

June 3 Shirley Walton

June 10 Edith Quick

June 17 Norma Cobb

June 24 M&M Shelton Rumph

Nursery

June 3 Allison Becker

June 10 Jean Assef

June 17 Kelly Dusa

June 24 Kristina Allen

Children's Church

June 3 Brandon Buchanan

June 10 Allison Becker

June 17 Brandon Buchanan

June 24 Christy Ruffner

Lay Readers

June 3 Greg Sanderson

June 10 Shannon Johnson

June 17 Susan Marsh

June 24 Joey Mills

Counters

June 3 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew,
Lanny Rayfield

Alternate: John Moore

June 10 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick,
Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda
Rushing

June 17 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary
Burr

June 24 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Ellison Outen

Alternates: Brenda Rayfield, Doug
Marsh

Caring Caller Teams

June 3 Jeff Allen, Gaila Wilson, Betty
Thraillkill

June 10 Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee,
Kay VanDeman

June 17 Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan,
Martha Bentley

June 24 Jim Bennett, Syble Sanderson,
Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

McArn Items

June 3 Crackers and cookies

June 10 Kool-Aid packs or other
drink mixes

June 17 Canned goods

June 24 Baby items

June 2012

<u>Friday, June 1, 2012</u>	<u>Sunday, June 10, 2012</u>	<u>Monday, June 18, 2012</u>	<u>Tuesday, June 26, 2012</u>
Floors being polished in Fellowship Hall / Do not use Fellowship Hall	UMM Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am	Caring Callers, 11:00am	ROOTS, Mexican Restaurant, 3:30pm
<u>Sunday, June 3, 2012</u>	Sunday School, 10:00am	Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:00pm	Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
Sunday School, 10:00am	Young Adult Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am	Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm
Worship Service, 11:00am	Worship Service, 11:00am	<u>Tuesday, June 19, 2012</u>	<u>Wednesday, June 27, 2012</u>
VBS Training, Fellowship Hall, 3:00pm	Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm	ROOTS, Mexican Restaurant, 3:30pm	Bulletin Deadline
Ice Cream/Dessert Social, Cheraw State Park, 4:00pm—6:00pm	Annual Conference	Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm	<u>Saturday, June 30, 2012</u>
UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm	<u>Monday, June 11, 2012</u>	<u>Wednesday, June 20, 2012</u>	Salkehatchie Piedmont Group Comes Back
Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 5:30pm	Caring Callers, 11:00am	F.I.S.H Event/Monkey Joe's, 9:00am—4:30pm	Salkehatchie Pendleton Group Leaves
Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm	Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm	Bulletin Deadline	Bus Reserved
<u>Monday, June 4, 2012</u>	Annual Conference	Bus Reserved	
Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm	Deadline for June 15 Digital Version Newsletter	<u>Thursday, June 21, 2012</u>	
Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm	<u>Tuesday, June 12, 2012</u>	Deadline for July 1 Newsletter	
<u>Tuesday, June 5, 2012</u>	ROOTS, Mexican Restaurant, 3:30pm	<u>Saturday, June 23, 2012</u>	
Caring Callers, 11:00am	Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm	Salkehatchie Piedmont Group Leaves	
ROOTS, Mexican Restaurant, 3:30pm	<u>Wednesday, June 13, 2012</u>	<u>Sunday, June 24, 2012</u>	
Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm	Bulletin Deadline	Genesis, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am	
<u>Wednesday, June 6, 2012</u>	Annual Conference	Sunday School, 10:00am	
F.I.S.H Event/Bowling, 11:00am—4:30pm	<u>Saturday, June 16, 2012</u>	Worship Service, 11:00am	
New Hope Salkehatchie	Pre-School Annual Yard Sale, Fellowship Hall, 7:00am—12:00pm	UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm	
Bulletin Deadline	<u>Sunday, June 17, 2012</u>	UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm	
Bus Reserved	Father's Day Breakfast Youth Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am	Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm	
	Sunday School, 10:00am	<u>Monday, June 25, 2012</u>	
	Worship Service, 11:00am	Caring Callers, 11:00am	
	UMYF Ministry Arts, Youth Hut, 3:00—5:00pm	Community Greeters Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 3:30pm	
	UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm	Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm	
	Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm		