

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

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)
- 6:00pm Young Adult Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 7, 2012

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

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

- 10:00am UMW Circle #1 Meeting (Parlor)
- 3:30pm ROOTS
- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm UMW Circle #3 Meeting
May 15 Digital Version Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

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

Thursday, May 10, 2012

- 6:30pm Grief Support Group (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Sunday, May 13, 2012

- 8:30am UMM Breakfast (Mother's invited) (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 10:55am Worship Service
- 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.

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.

May 6, 2012
5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude "There is a Fountain" Langlais

Greeting and Announcements Sarah Allen
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 No. 2108 in *The Faith We Sing* "O How He Loves You and Me" Patricia

*Prayer of Confession Jayson Lewis

Leader: Let us offer our confession to the Lord.
People: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from all sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance
Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolations of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Special Music Handbell Choir

Mini Sermon Brandon Buchanan

First Lesson Acts 8: 26 — 33 Kathryn Johnson

*Responsive Psalter Reading No. 755 in the Hymnal Psalm 24 Alex Lee

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal “The Apostles’ Creed”** Hannah Leach

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

Second Lesson Acts 8: 34 — 40 Matthew Wicker

Sermon “How To Be a Witness for Jesus Christ” (First in a series) Rev. Wood

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Wood

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

Offertory Anthem “Come My Way” M. Schweizer

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

A Service of Word and Table III, Page No. 15 in the Hymnal

***The Lord’s Prayer**

***Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. 73 in the Hymnal** “O Worship the King” Lyons

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** “To God be the Glory” Crouch

***Postlude**

Holy Communion is open to all. Today we are serving the sacrament by intinction. Receive a piece of bread, lightly touch it to the surface of the cup and then consume. Please come forward using the side aisles and return by going down the middle aisle.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Coach William E. Eutsler on the occasion of his 94th birthday by Coach Eutsler’s football players at Rockingham High School. They wish to express their continuing appreciation for his positive influence on them as young men and his enduring lesson of integrity, teamwork, perseverance and fair play. Happy Birthday and thanks Coach!

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

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST — The UMM invites all the mothers of the congregation to join them for breakfast next Sunday, May 13 at 8:30am in the fellowship hall.

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.

DON’T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME NEXT SUNDAY! — Next week is Mother’s Day. We will buy flowers, call our mothers and maybe even take them out for lunch. Most of the more than 75 children at Epworth Children’s Home will not be celebrating Mother’s Day with their mothers. Instead they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Epworth receives only 12% of its funding from the government. Faithful Methodists from the past and present provide the remaining portion of the budget to CARE for every child who calls Epworth home. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church’s ministry to children, remember Christ’s command to let the little children come to Him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church’s ministry enables the CARE to flow freely to every child who calls Epworth home. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchidrenshome.org or find them on Facebook.

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.

J.O.Y. CLUB — Will meet on Thursday, May 24. This is a change from the regular third Thursday date.

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Jeff Johnson

Altar Guild: Laura Harris and Patti Taylor

Hostess: Shirley Walton

Nursery: Rebekah Buchanan and Eleni Chapman

Children’s Church: Brandon Buchanan

Caring Callers: Jeff Allen, Gailya Wilson, Betty Thrailkill

Counters: Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield

Alternate Counter: John Moore

Worship Service — 160; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 164

Greeter: Penny Quick

Acolyte: Alex Lee

Cross Bearer: Jake Williamson

McArn Item: Canned goods

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Pam Baker

BUS RESERVATION FORMS — Reservation forms for bus usages have been placed on the table in the lobby and in the church office. If you wish to use the bus, please fill out a reservation form and return it to the office. This is the only way that the bus can be reserved.

SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE — Hartsville District Superintendent Rev. Lillian Washington has authorized that a special Charge Conference be held on Sunday, May 20 at 7:00pm. The sole purpose of the Charge Conference is to vote on a proposal to create a Permanent Endowment Fund. All members of the Church Council are members of the Charge Conference, as well as all clergy who have their Charge Conference membership at First UMC. Other members of the congregation are welcome to attend, but they cannot vote in a Charge Conference.

A committee chaired by Jim Crawford has developed the Endowment Fund proposal. Copies of the Endowment Fund document, as well as the Charge Conference resolution, can be picked up in the hallway near the church office. Members of the committee which has developed the proposal are Rhett Butler, Susan Marsh, Robert Calhoun, Cheryl Postlewait, Harold Lomas and Jim Crawford. Feel free to speak to any of these persons if you have questions or comments about the proposal to create an Endowment Fund.

BAPTISMAL FONT — Members of the 2012 Confirmation Class are assisting with worship today. The church is planning for them to publicly profess their faith in Christ and be received as Professing Members of the United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 27. This is the Day of Pentecost. Three of the six will receive Holy Baptism during the service that day. The baptismal font has been placed in front of the altar in anticipation of our service on May 27.

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

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 9 — Chicken bog, string beans, rolls, 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).

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