

## ***First United Methodist Church***

### **Office Hours**

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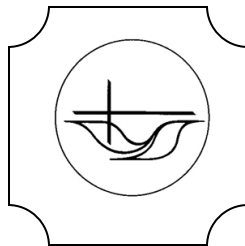
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### **OUR MISSION**

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***

***July 1, 2012***

### ***Pastor's Reflection***

#### **Thoughts of Summer**

I have mixed feelings about summer. It's hot and humid, even in the mornings, and I feel like I'm always a little wet and sticky. The air conditioners run non-stop, running up the power bills. Everybody has gotten a tan, while fair-skinned, skinny-limbed Paul is afraid of the sun and looks like his arms and legs are white sticks.

But the positives outweigh the negatives. With some of the regular obligations on hold (like Wednesday At The First) I get to take a step back from the everyday and carefully plan for the new church year which begins in September. That includes deliberations with the Nominations Committee about the next year's leadership. My preaching benefits from long-range planning, so I take some extra time to plan out sermons. Kay and I head off on vacation, and I like vacations with Kay! (We just have to wait until mid-August this year.)

Despite the weather, I spend more time in the yard, both in Cheraw and at the house we own in Inman.

There's usually a July the Fourth Wood family event at Lake Wateree and possibly some time on a slalom water ski. (But watch the sun, Paul!)

I love the mountains of North Carolina. The only mountain trip we have planned this summer, though, is to Lake Junaluska for Jurisdictional Conference. See my article elsewhere in the Connection about that.

I want to be a good steward of my summertime time. That means getting some rest, getting revived, getting ahead. And it makes for more vitality and better ministry in the fall, winter and spring.

I think it is all pleasing to God – the one who rested on the seventh day of creation. Blessings on you for a good summer, and I'll see you next Sunday!

*Paul Wood*

## ***Everyone Loves an Auction!***

The Board of Directors of First United Methodist Pre-School is planning a dinner and auction to support this proud mission of our church. On Thursday, September 13, you are invited to be a contributor of items or services to be placed in a silent auction to benefit our pre-school. Our own Anthony Harris will be chief cook for a shrimp creole dinner. We want to offer a variety of items to bid on (our lowest acceptable bid will be

\$30). Let's make this not only profitable for the pre-school but also fun. Pre-school Board members are: Henrietta Kollitz, Chairperson, Marcia Butler, Doug Marsh, Roger Wolfe, Theodore Burns, Bonnie Cundiff, Jeff Allen, Anthony Harris, Ruth Middleton and Paul Wood. Please contact Marcia, Bonnie or Paul to let us know what you would like to contribute. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.**

## ***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



**American  
Red Cross**

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**Be Extraordinary.**  
Donate Blood.

***Monday, July 2, 2012***

***2:00pm—7:00pm***

***In the Fellowship Hall***

***All donors will be given a Red Cross T-Shirt***

***To schedule an appointment please call the church office at 537-7002, sign up on the sheet on the door of the church office, or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw to make an appointment***

Each day, the South Carolina Region of the American Red Cross needs to collect 500 units of blood for patients and hospitals. To prevent the blood supply from falling even further, we are urging type O negative and B negative donors to make an appointment to give blood as soon as possible.

With the Fourth of July holiday and summer season, local hospitals' patient volume will continue to increase which means an increased need for lifesaving blood components.



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### ***July Birthdays***

July 1 Choles Roddy	July 21 Erika Kollitz, Jenny Outen
July 3 Jakie Streater	July 25 Penny Quick
July 7 Billy Wallace, Jr.	July 26 Ruth Ann Jones, Todd Becker, Pam Baker, Bryan Crawford, III
July 8 Herbert Foster	July 29 Christy Ruffner
July 12 Dallas Keefe	July 30 Charlotte Crosby
July 13 Walker Jones	July 31 Adam Humphries
July 16 Edyce Brasington, Flo Outen	
July 19 Jennifer Tomberlin	



### ***July Anniversaries***

July 1 M&M Thomas McKinnon	July 13 M&M Billy Wallace, Jr.
July 2 M&M Jeff Allen	July 14 M&M Joey Mills
July 7 M&M Rhett Butler	July 22 M&M Roger Jones
July 10 M&M Walter Crosby	July 27 M&M Lanny Rayfield
July 12 M&M Steve Barbour, M&M Ray Crouse	

### ***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 Prayer Meetings***

The Worship Ministries Team invites us to Wednesday Prayer Meetings. They will be held at 7:00pm on July 18 and August 1, 8, and 15, in the fellowship hall and

last about 30 to 40 minutes. The Prayer Meeting leader for July 18 will be Jon Kroepel. Invite a friend to join you!

### ***Our Visitors***

#### **June 17**

Michele Anderson, Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Laural Edwards, Barbara Eutsler, William Eutsler, Jr., Cheryl Freeman, Jane Hray, Peyton Hray, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Ronald Smith, Linda Swanberg, Al-lie Townsend, Carrie Townsend, David Townsend, Detra Townsend, Isabella Townsend, Kim Truett,.

#### **June 24**

Debbie Bledsoe, Tierney Bledsoe, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, William Eutsler, Jr., Rick Fisher, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Hampton Jones, Walker Jones, Missy Morgan, Landon Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Woodie Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, Rebekah Williams, Michelle Rohde, Becky Sides, Anne Wallace.

### ***FUMC Preschool & Nursery News***

Summer is here and it is really heating up. The kids are enjoying their splash days and the water is refreshing. The children have enjoyed spending time at the recreation department doing art projects. Some of them got to work with pottery, and had a wonderful time. We intend to keep moving and shaking back at the school. I have planned a trip for our older children to attend the Columbia Marionette Theatre in July. We are all looking forward to seeing Pinocchio on strings. This should be exciting.

Graduation was wonderful and we had 12 leaving for kindergarten. Some have left for the summer, but a few stayed on for the summer. We are so glad to have Katie Hatcher and Kaitlin Berry working with our summer group this year. This is their second year and it is always a challenge to keep this age busy. Stop by to see the kids sometime. Have a blessed week

In Christian Faith,  
*Catreenna*

### ***Memorials and Honorariums***

#### ***In Memory of Margueritte Butler***

Betty Hurst

#### ***In Memory of Kenneth (Hud) Smith***

M&M Keith Smith

#### ***In Memory of Carroll Crowley***

M&M Keith Smith

#### ***In Memory of Tommy Harpe***

M&M Keith Smith

#### ***In Memory of Leila Wannamaker***

Herbert Watts

#### ***In Memory of Zella B. Henley***

Mary Burr

### ***A Note from the Missions Ministry Team***

The Missions Ministry Team would like to remind you of the presentation that will be made by these two groups that participated in Salkehatchie on Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00pm in the fellow-

ship hall. Desserts will be served. Please mark your calendar and make a special effort of support to show how proud we are of these groups.

## 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

## Genesis—Contemporary Worship

July 15, 2012

In the fellowship hall



## Boy Scout Troop 655 News

On behalf of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop 655, I wish to announce that Eagle scouts Parker Pierce and Robert Hainey have been awarded the Dan C. Stowe Boy Scout Troop 655 Memorial Scholarship. Also, I wish to commend them for their past

accomplishments and wish for their continued success as they pursue their educational goals.

John Moore, Charter Representative

### ***Newsletter Deadlines***

July 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline July 9

August 1 Newsletter

Deadline July 17 (Due to Angie's Vacation)

## *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*



## Serving in July

### Hostess

Gailya Wilson

### Altar Guild

Pam Humphries and Linda Smith

### Acolyte

Jayson Lewis

### Cross Bearer

Austin Sanderson

### Head Usher

Greg Sanderson

### Greeters

July 1 M&M Walter Crosby

July 8 Martha Starling

July 15 M&M Bob Locky

July 22 M&M Jack VanDeman

July 29 M&M Keith Smith

### Nursery

July 1 Christy Ruffner

July 8 Amy Lewis

July 15 Eleni Chapman

July 22 Stephanie Rogers

July 29 Becky Thompson

### Children's Church

July 1 Brandon Buchanan

July 8 Kelly Dusa

July 15 Brandon Buchanan

July 22 Nancy Wagnon

July 29 Brandon Buchanan

### Lay Readers

July 1 Rhett Butler

July 8 Jensen Tomberlin

July 15 Bonnie Cundiff

July 22 Micki Locky

July 29 Bob Locky

### Counters

July 1 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew,  
Lanny Rayfield

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John  
Moore

July 8 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick,  
Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda  
Rushing

July 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jer-  
ry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary  
Burr

July 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert  
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

July 29 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph  
Alternate: Jerry Tucker

### Caring Caller Teams

July 1 Jeff Allen, Gailya Wilson, Betty  
Thrailkill

July 8 Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee,  
Kay VanDeman

July 15 Jerry Turner, JoAnne Mor-  
gan, Martha Bentley

July 22 Jim Bennett, Syble Sander-  
son, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

July 29 Marianne Crawford, Julia  
Tucker, Chuck Barber

### McArn Items

July 1 Laundry detergent

July 8 Toiletries

July 15 Personal items

July 22 Canned goods

July 29 Dry goods

## From the Director of Music

I too will praise him with a  
new song.

A song that doesn't currently appear in any of hymnals, but very well could in the future, is *Earth and All Stars*. This hymn was written by Herbert F. Brokering in honor 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Olaf College, a flagship Lutheran college in Northfield, Minnesota. This liberal arts institution is internationally known for its excellent choral program. It is in this hymn *Earth and all Stars!* that Brokering paid homage to God and to the many wonders of God's creation.

Earth and all Stars!

Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

O, victory! Loud shouting ar-  
my!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Refrain: He has done mar-  
velous things.**

**I too will praise him with a  
new song.**

Hail, wind, and rain!

Loud blowing snowstorm!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Flowers and trees!

Loud rustling dry leaves

Sing to the Lord a new song

### **Refrain**

Trumpet and pipes! Loud  
clashing cymbals!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre!

Loud humming cellos!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

### **Refrain**

Engines and steel!

Loud pounding hammers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Limestone and beams!

Loud building workers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

### **Refrain**

Classrooms and labs!

Loud boiling test tubes

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Athlete and band!

Loud cheering people!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

### **Refrain**

Knowledge and truth!

Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son!

Loud praying members!

Sing to the Lord a New Song.

He has done marvelous things.

I too will praise him with a  
new song.

It is our job as Christians to praise God. Each generation must look to and pay homage to those who have gone this way before us if we are to be successful in winning people to Christ. We learn from the past's triumphs and failures and apply them to our world today. We praise God in doing the smallest of things. John Milton in his *Paradise Lost* retells the wonders of the first days, namely Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden. Milton spent a spent a little bit of time dwelling upon the mystery and miracle that takes place as Adam and Eve consummate their relationship

and God's Directive has been obeyed. Adam and Eve become servants and are given an awesome co-creator status with God.

While the population of the earth is not being threatened by extinction, faithful individuals carry out God's awesome plan of Creation. But God has not only given us the ability to procreate, as other species do the same. God has given the Human the ability to freely think-fully Create. The universe continues to expand and new parts are being developed, so our creator is not passive in his work. Every feat that man has accomplished, it can't be said that man did it by himself. Credit and praise will continue to given to God, the Author of Life, as long as man recognizes who laid the first cornerstone.

Every generation needs to look to the previous generations and listen to the collective songs of praise, and use them as the basis of telling the "Jesus Story." Many songs have been written; more are yet to be penned, as those in the minds of the authors need to be cultivated. We will sing him a song of hearts that are divested of pretension and malice. We offer what good our current young generations have done, and combine it with the new insights of youth. Our Song, through Christ and with Christ, will be transformed. Our sacrifice is praise that is acceptable in sight of Almighty God.

We present our true selves void of superfluities of life.

He has done marvelous songs; I too will praise him with a new Song,

*Jon Kroepel*

## Jimmy Duffy's Warehouse Dedication

### The Election of New Bishops

Many of us recently heard former First UMC pastor Morris Thompson mention Dr. Tim McClendon in his sermon on June 10. He spoke with hope that Tim will be elected to the episcopacy at Jurisdictional Conference. I share Morris' hope, and I know that many of you do as well. Here are some questions I respond to from time to time:

Q: When will new bishops be elected?

A: July 18 through 20 at the Lake Junaluska Assembly in North Carolina

Q: Are Tim's chances pretty good?

A: Yes, Tim ran a close second in all the balloting four years ago, but the Jurisdictional Conference had only one vacancy to fill. Elections are held as needed once every four

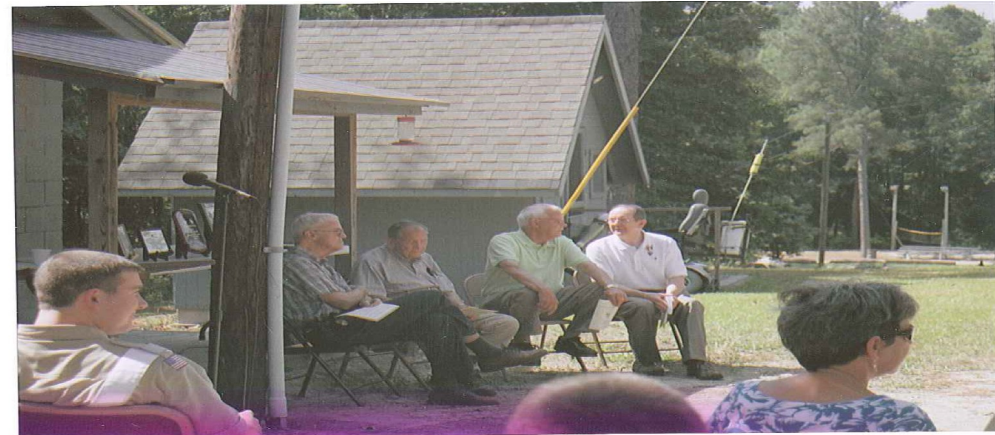
years. Five bishops in the Southeastern Jurisdiction are retiring this summer, so there are five openings this time.

Q: If he is elected, could Tim be our bishop in South Carolina?

A: That's extremely unlikely. New bishops are assigned away from their "home" annual conferences. Tim would be assigned somewhere in the Southeast.

Q: (And a question I haven't heard yet) Paul, will you be there?

A: Yes, Kay and I have motel reservations in Maggie Valley, just a few minutes up the road from Lake Junaluska. For late-breaking news, go to <http://www.sejumc.org/jurisdictional-conference>. Or "Like" the Southeastern Jurisdiction on Facebook.



Pastor's who took part in the Dedication Service — (L-R) Rev. David Townsend, Rev. Ed Davidson, Rev. Morris Thompson, Rev. Paul Wood.



Words of Witness from Mr. Christopher King.



Jimmy and his family.

# July 2012

## Sunday, July 1, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

Bus reserved (July 1—July 7)

## Monday, July 2, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall, 2:00—7:00pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, July 3, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Angie Vacation

## Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Office Closed Fourth of July Holiday

## Thursday, July 5, 2012

Angie Vacation

## Friday, July 6, 2012

Angie Vacation

## Sunday, July 8, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

Bus Reserved (July 8—July 12)

## Monday, July 9, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Deadline for July 15 Digital Version Newsletter

## Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Wednesday, July 11, 2012

F.I.S.H. Event, State Park, 9:00am—3:15pm

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Bulletin Deadline

## Sunday, July 15, 2012

Genesis, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

VBS Training, 3:00pm

UMYF, Buchanan's Home, 5:00pm

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting,  
Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:30pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

## Monday, July 16, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Pre-School Board Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy  
Classroom, 6:00pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, July 17, 2012

ROOTS, Sonic, 11:00am

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

August 1 Newsletter Deadline

## Wednesday, July 18, 2012

July 22 & 29 Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, July 19, 2012

Red Bird Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

Bus Reserved

## Friday, July 20, 2012

Family Movie Night, Fellowship Hall, 7:30pm

Angie Vacation

## Saturday, July 21, 2012

VBS Set-up, 10:00am

## Sunday, July 22, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Fellowship Luncheon, Fellowship Hall,  
12:00pm

Youth Council Meeting, 3:00pm

Vacation Bible School, 5:30pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

## Monday, July 23, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Vacation Bible School, 5:30

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Angie Vacation

## Tuesday, July 24, 2012

ROOTS, Sonic, 11:00am

Vacation Bible School, 5:30pm

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Angie Vacation

## Wednesday, July 25, 2012

F.I.S.H. Event Pool Party, Bridlewood, 11:00am

Vacation Bible School, 5:30pm

Bus Reserved

Angie Vacation

## Thursday, July 26, 2012

Vacation Bible School, 5:30pm

Angie Vacation

Bus Reserved

## Friday, July 27, 2012

Lake Side Music Room, State Park, 6:45pm

## Sunday, July 29, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

Brandon Vacation

## Monday, July 30, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Brandon Vacation

## Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Brandon Vacation