

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

### **Office Hours**

Mon.—Thurs.  
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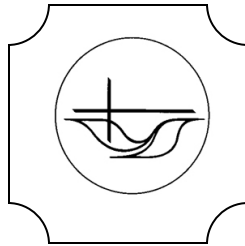
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### **OUR MISSION**

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 15, 2012***

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

#### **The Church's Presence**

Two years ago, our Hartsville District Superintendent, the Reverend Lillian Washington, asked me to become the Disaster Response Coordinator for the 105 churches of our district. I had never held the position anywhere else, and helping churches prepare for and respond to disastrous events was not something I had seen myself doing.

I had gained some hands-on experience doing ministry after disasters such as the Marlboro County tornadoes of 1984, Hurricane Hugo in 1989, and service in American Red Cross shelters during hurricanes Floyd and Charlie. But this United Methodist position of leadership was not something for which I was prepared.

With encouragement from Rev. Washington; guidance from the Conference's Disaster Response Coordinator (Rev. George Olive of Myrtle Beach); and encouragement from a lot of pastors and lay persons, I have put on two training events. One was hosted by First Church, Cheraw. More recently, I have helped a committee to form. We are planning another workshop for the churches and its 65 pastors.

My main objective is for each church to be ready for disasters. There are a lot which could come our way: chemical spills, floods, fires, more tornadoes, another Charleston earthquake, another Hugo, and even a nuclear crisis. As a committee member recently pointed out, the crises are increasing. A significant part of our ministry is to lessen the impact as much as possible, keep people and property safe and then to share God's love with the afflicted when danger passes.

From the days of the prophets, down through the ministry of Jesus and on to the present day, God's people have been reaching out with sacrificial compassion in times of crisis and danger. My first experience with ministry in time of disaster came in Bennettsville and McColl. We did "grunt work," i.e. removing trees and limbs from people's yards. We counseled people who had lost their homes. We were there when times were tough. In the years ahead, the circumstances will change. But one constant will be the church's continued presence with those who are suffering.

*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, , Vera Meadows

### RETIREMENT HOMES

Polly Edwards

### ASSISTED LIVING

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wanamaker, Elaine Motley



**American  
Red Cross**

Thanks so much to all those who came out and gave blood at our blood drive on July 2. It was a great success. The American Red Cross collected 22

units of blood, which helped tremendously with the shortage at the time.

Thanks again, and look for another drive in the near future.

## Sermon Series

Paul Wood's summer sermon series is focused on the prophets Elijah and Elisha. To make the sermons more valuable, he suggests that we read from First Kings chapter 17 to the ending of Second Kings.

## Jurisdictional Conference, July 18 - 20, 2012

General Conference and the South Carolina Annual Conference are now behind us. It's now time for jurisdictional conferences. The main purpose of these five conferences, held simultaneously around the country, is to elect bishops. South Carolina is in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Our delegation, led by former First UMC pastor Tim McClendon, will be in Lake Junaluska, NC, July 18—20 for the conference.

Excellent articles about bishops and jurisdictional conferences can be

found in the July edition of the SC United Methodist Advocate. If you don't subscribe, it's easy and inexpensive. Call the SC United Methodist Conference Center at 888-678-6272 and ask for the Advocate office, or go online to <http://www.advocatesc.org>.

Live streaming will be provided online from the SEJ. Click on [www.lakejunaluska.com/streaming](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/streaming), or go to [www.sejumc.org](http://www.sejumc.org) and click on 2012 Jurisdictional Conference.

### ***Sunday School Perfect Attendance for June***

Jeff Allen, Sarah Allen, Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Theodore Burns, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Ed Davidson, Bill Eutsler, Dallas Keefe, Jenny Keefe, Jon Kroepel, Amy Lewis, Harold Lomas, Jackie McGee, Janice Moore, John Moore, Pal Moore, Lib Norton, Ellison	Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Sammy Quick, Brenda Rayfield, Jackson Rushing, Harley Rushing, Zenda Rushing, Linda Smith, Keith Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Becky Thompson, Brant Thompson, Lynn Tweed, Herbert Watts.
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### ***Worship Perfect Attendance for June***

Jeff Allen, Sarah Allen, Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Ed Davidson, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Tony Harris, Laura Harris, Margaret Harris, Jeff Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, Harold Lomas, Jackie McGee, Sharon McKinnon,	Ruth Middleton, Janice Moore, John Moore, Pal Moore, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Cheryl Postlewait, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, Austin Sanderson, Linda Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Anne Townsend, Druie Walker, Shirley Walton, Billy Wicker.
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### ***Spare Change Drive***

The Missions Ministries Team is sponsoring a “change” drive to support Salkehatchie and other ongoing 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

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

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

M&M Harold Lomas

#### ***In Memory of Joseph Loesch***

M&M Harold Lomas

### ***Wednesday Prayer Meetings***

Why is it that we pray? What benefits are there to prayer? You are invited to attend prayer meetings, where we will discuss the nature of prayer in our lives, sing old gospel songs, and share prayer con-

cerns. They will be held at 7:00pm on July 18, August 1, 8, and 15, in the fellowship hall and last about 30 to 40 minutes. Jon Kroepel will be leading each session. Invite a friend.

## ***Our Mission Statement in Action***

Before beginning his series of out-of-town ventures with our youth and other adult leaders, Brandon Buchanan let me know that thirty-one teens will take part in the church's mission and discipleship trips this summer. They are serving the poor through Salkehatchie Summer Service in Upstate South Carolina and taking part in a journey of growth in discipleship and service called SURGE at Lake Junaluska, NC.

I know that each of you is grateful to Brandon, to his wife Rebekah and to the other adult leaders. Many others in the congregation can take satisfaction in the

sacrificial contributions you have made to ensure that the youth could engage in these activities. They are not cheap! You have given a great deal of money to make the trips possible. Thank you!

The church's mission statement really says a lot: "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." It is an apt summary of the ultimate purpose of our ministries with the young people. I thank God for the privilege given me to serve alongside you in this vital mission.

## ***From the Genesis Planning Team***

As the Genesis Service continues to grow, our needs do as well. Through donations from private donors, we were able to get a projector and screen mounted for use during Genesis and other events in the fellowship hall. We are currently using Microsoft Powerpoint, but this does not allow for easy transitions between slides and video clips. Therefore, we are seeking \$400.00 for the program MediaShout, and persons willing to be trained to use this program. Audio equipment is another primary need we have for the spoken word and music. Monies currently collected during the Genesis Ser-

vice go to meet our general operating needs, so please consider giving a special offering to help us make the Genesis Service a service which will help worshipers connect to God through word and song.

The Genesis Service is in need of someone to volunteer to help with the developing of the computer presentations during the monthly services. If you are interested please call Jon Kroepel (287-1130) or the church office (537-7002).

*Genesis Planning*

## ***FUMC Pre-School & Nursery News***



### ***FUMC Pre-School and Nursery 2012 Graduates***

***Front Row (L to R) — Tameron Johnson, Jackson Byrd***

***Second Row (L to R) — Dalton Moore, Kelsey Moore, Aiden Boan, Sydney McCall***

***Back Row (L to R) — Devin Marsico, Kennedy Miller, Daniel Rivers, Elijah Smith, Kendall Brock, Kiersten Shepard***



### ***Soup Kitchen***

First United Methodist Church will be hosting the “Soup Kitchen” on Tuesday, July 17 at 6:00pm. It will be at the Baptist Church fellowship building across the street from the

church. We will begin cooking burgers around 4:45pm and serve at 6:00pm. You are more than welcome to come help or just come eat and enjoy the fellowship.

### ***Newsletter Deadlines***

#### August 1 Newsletter

Deadline July 17 (Due to Angie’s Vacation)

#### August 15 Newsletter

Deadline August 9

### ***Our Visitors***

#### **July 1**

Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Courtney Davenport, Tom Davidson, Cheryl Freeman, Nathan Rogers, Stephanie Rogers.

#### **July 8**

Bradford Dyson, Joel Dyson, Kirby Dyson, Temple Dyson, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Allie Stubbs, Beth Thrailkill, Jackson Thrailkill, Daniel Whaley, Grace Whaley, Phillip Whaley.

### **Genesis—Contemporary Worship**

July 15, 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*

## ***July 2012***

### **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

Christian Education Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 5:00pm

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

Stewardship Team Meeting, Pairs and Spares Classroom, 7:00pm.

Bus Reserved (Pre-School)

### **Tuesday, July 17, 2012**

ROOTS, Sonic, 11:00am

Nominations & Leadership Development Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:30pm

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

### **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**

Vacation Bible School, 5:30

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

Angie Vacation

### **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

Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Brandon Vacation

### **Tuesday, July 31, 2012**

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Brandon Vacation