

First United Methodist Church

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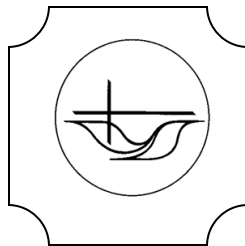
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OUR MISSION

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
June 15, 2012

Pastor's Reflection

Reunion at Annual Conference

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Every year at Annual Conference, we sing "For all the saints." It's the customary opening hymn for the Memorial Service, which is somewhat like a catch-all funeral for all the clergy in our Conference who died since the last Annual Conference. We are bound together in the same covenant of itinerant ministry and seldom have time to attend the actual funerals. So we hold a Memorial Service and remember the saints who are now at rest from their labors.

To be at Annual Conference and be reunited with the living is usually sheer pleasure. There's a lot of backslapping ("How're you doing?" "Congratulations on your next appointment!" "How are your kids?") You sit beside an old friend who does ministry very similar to your ministry but 150 miles away. You whisper back and forth while somebody makes a report from the main podium. Yes, it's somewhat rude, but we want to catch up... and we keep our voices down.

I cherish the United Methodists, lay as well as clergy, who are part of the Annual Conference. Without the ties which bind us together (Christ, the UMC and the State of South Carolina) I would not know several hundred South Carolinians of various ages. They are wealthy and not-so-wealthy. They are black, white, Hispanic and Native American. They are liberal, conservative

and middle-of-the-road. They are young, and they are old. Some I have known since my first Annual Conference (age 17, Township Auditorium, Columbia). Others I just met last year.

Yes, there is posturing. Behind the smiles are some people who are not what they present themselves to be. Yes, there are some of my fellow ministers who I really don't want to see. But we are still brothers and sisters in Christ and in the Methodist "connexion." Who am I to turn the other way? Who am I pretend they don't exist?

By the time you read this, I will have finished the 2012 Annual Conference and returned to Cheraw. I will have worshipped with, debated with, hugged with and made decisions with hundreds of United Methodist lay people and clergy. They are family to me. We don't live in complete harmony, but what family does?

I cherish Annual Conference. I find God and God's people there. It's a big part of my life, though we gather only once a year. There's another tradition at Annual Conference. The first hymn of the entire event is always (I mean every year ... always!) Charles Wesley's "And Are We Yet Alive." I do rejoice to see the faces of my brothers and sisters!

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace.

See you next Sunday!

Paul Wood

From the Director of Youth and Children

Greetings in the light and peace of Christ,

Summer is in full swing with our youth and children's ministries. This Sunday, June 17, the Youth are hosting a Father's Day Breakfast at 8:30am in the fellowship hall. This is a donation based fundraiser; please fill free to give as you are led to.

If you haven't received a summer calendar for F.I.S.H (Fun In the Summer Heat) or UMYF, and would like

one, please contact the church office. Every week our UMYF members are meeting at Sonic on Tuesdays for volleyball and lunch. Every other week our children's ministry will be going on an adventure.

Summer for us is a time that we are super busy. May you, in your busyness, take time to reflect on the things that brighten your summer.

Grace and Peace,
Brandon Buchanan

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

The Family of Garrett Pickrel want to thank all individuals involved with preparing and serving the wonderful breakfast and supper for the graduates and their families. The meals were delicious and appreciated by

all. We are so grateful for all your hard work and making this day so extra special. Thank you again and God bless.

Garrett Pickrel and Family



Why be ordinary?

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 and use sponsor code *fumccheraw* to make an appointment

The number of people giving blood typically drops at this time of year and the American Red Cross wants to remind people that hospital patients still need blood to help them on their road to recovery.

Many people are just not available to give blood at this time of the year," said Dr. Richard Benjamin, chief medical officer for the Red Cross. "Schools are not in session, businesses are on holiday schedules and people are on vacation. We're asking everyone to remember those who need blood and to add giving blood to their summer plans.



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Sunday School Perfect Attendance for May

Sarah Allen, Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Caroline Crouse, Bonnie Cundiff, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Kathryn Johnson, Dawn Leach, Amy Lewis, Micki Locky, Bob Locky, Mary Lou Long, Janice Moore, Crawford

Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Pete Owens, Sammy Quick, Lanny Rayfield, Cindy Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, John Sanderson, Linda Smith, Sally Smith, Keith Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Jerry Turner, Michael Wagon, Nancy Wagon, Kim Williamson



Worship Perfect Attendance for May

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Jim Bennett, Jane Campbell, Bonnie Cundiff, Gini Eddins, Greer Eddins, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Micki Locky, Bob Locky, Mary Lou Long, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Ruth Middleton, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Cheryl Postlewait, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson,

Sara Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Sally Smith, Keith Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Jerry Turner, Patricia Turner, John Wagon, Michael Wagon, Nancy Wagon, Billy Wicker, Jake Williamson, Kim Williamson, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe, Paul Wood

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

From the Committee on Archives and History

You may notice some paper templates on the hallway walls around the church. These templates note where several groupings of new pictures will be going that will highlight important things about our church. One of these will be a shadowbox that holds the Boy Scout flag that flew over our state's capitol to celebrate 50 years of Troop 469. In the gathering area outside the fellowship hall, there will be a grouping of photos by Anne Townsend that capture the beauty and serenity of Lake Junaluska. These projects are being funded by individuals and have been approved by the trustees. If anyone has questions, please contact Cheryl Postlewait 537-6552.

Our Visitors

May 27

Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Donald Eddins, Lib Eddins, Donna Johnson, Hunter Lee, Fran Lewis, Susan Malloy, Kim Truett, John W. Wagnon, Sr., Brooke Zeman.

June 3

Anne Bryan, April Conklin, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Bradford Dyson, Joel Dyson, Jonah Dyson, Kirby Dyson, Temple Dyson, Wesley

Dyson, Cheryl Freeman, Andy Koontz, Sara Frances Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Paul Ludlow, Ashlyn Nelson.

June 10

Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Abby Jones, Mark Jones, Pat Long, Paul Ludlow, Geneva McGilvray, Bre Powers, Landon Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, Noah Williams, Michelle Rohde, Betty Jo Thompson, Morris Thompson.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Jane T. Wallace

Mary Burr

In Memory of Elizabeth Teal

Mary Burr

In Memory of James Teal

Lib Norton

In Honor of Catrenna Buffington

Jackie McGee

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 Graduation.

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

In Christian Faith,
Catrenna

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.

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.

Genesis—Contemporary Worship

June 24, 2012

In the fellowship hall



Foothills Salkehatchie Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Foothill Salkehatchie Participants on Sunday, June 24 at 4:15pm 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

Newsletter Deadlines

July 1 Newsletter

Deadline June 21

July 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline July 9

June 2012

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Pre-School Annual Yard Sale, Fellowship Hall, 7:00am—12:00pm

Sunday, June 17, 2012

Father's Day Breakfast Youth Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

UMYF, Buchanan's Home, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, June 18, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 6:00pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Pre-School Board Meeting, Pairs and Spares Classroom, 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

ROOTS, Sonic, 11:00am

Genesis Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

F.I.S.H Event/Monkey Joe's, 9:00am—4:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

Bus Reserved

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Deadline for July 1 Newsletter

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Salkehatchie Piedmont Group Leaves

Sunday, June 24, 2012

Genesis, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Foothill Salkehatchie Participants Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4:15pm

UMYF, Buchanan's Home, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, June 25, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Community Greeters Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 3:30pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

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

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

ROOTS, Sonic, 11:00am

Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

July 1 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 28, 2012

July 8 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, June 30, 2012

Salkehatchie Piedmont Group Comes Back

Salkehatchie Pendleton Group Leaves

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