

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

### **Office Hours**

Mon.—Thurs.  
8:00am—3:30pm  
Friday—8:00am—12:00pm  
Lunch 1:00—1:30pm

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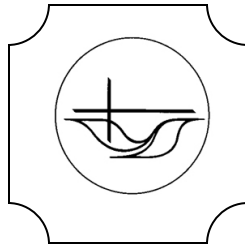
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### ***Address Service***

#### ***Requested***

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wood, Jr., Pastor (woodtz1955@gmail.com)  
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Kevin D. Chapman, Custodian



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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.

### **FUMC STAFF**

## ***THE CONNECTION***

***First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC***

***August 1, 2012***

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

"When are we getting a new church directory?" I have heard that question many a time the past couple of years. Now the time has come for us to have a brand new book of faces, phone numbers, addresses, and even email addresses.

We need everyone to participate. I hope no one will be left out of the new directory. Please make your portrait a high priority. You won't be under any pressure to purchase any of your pictures, but to have one taken for the directory is the important thing.

The company's name probably doesn't ring a bell. It is Lifetouch, a very large company based in Minnesota. They have a very solid reputation and have been around for many years. In fact, they bought out Olan Mills last year. We can trust them to

do their job and do it well.

Mary Louise Long is our coordinator for the directory. I'm grateful to her, and I know you are, too.

In just a few weeks you will be able to sign up for your sitting. The details will be explained in an automated phone call. Guess whose voice will be on the line? HINT: He's got "Rev." in front of his name.

The dates for photography are August 28 and 29 and also September 7 and 8. Watch for details in the bulletin, and listen out for a phone call from You Know Who.

See you in church next Sunday!

*Paul Wood*

## ***Remember our Homebound***

### **HOME**

Robin Motley, Sabrina Tucker, Gene Huckabee, Michael Motley, Frances Laney.

### **CONVALESCENT CENTER**

Laura Stubbs

### **NURSING HOME**

Sara Cook, , Vera Meadows

### **RETIREMENT HOMES**

Polly Edwards

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wanner, Elaine Motley



## ***Memorials***

### **In Memory of Levern Rivers**

M&M Curtis Jones, M&M Keith Smith

## ***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 accepta-

ble 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,**

## ***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

## ***Celebrating a Birthday in August***

August 1 Micki Lockey	August 20 Patsy Rushing
August 3 Gailya Wilson, Holly Miles	August 21 Kristen Orr, Margie Wanner
August 4 C.C. Quick	August 22 Jordan Williamson
August 7 Drusilla Walker, Amy Lewis	August 23 David Dixon
August 8 Jim Crawford, III	August 24 Jonathan Orr, Doug Wilson
August 9 Manuel Assef, Ester Furr	August 25 Sarah Allen, Rebecca Baker, Kristina Allen
August 10 Allison Becker, Judith Dixon	August 26 Katie Moore, Olivia Crawford, David Townsend
August 11 Jimmie Williamson	August 27 Brenda Rayfield
August 13 Debbie Adams	August 28 Ethel Ann Streater
August 14 Betty Thrailkill	August 30 Heath Ruffner, Paul Wood
August 15 Ron Cundiff, Jayson Lewis	August 31 Patti Rollings, Harley Rushing
August 16 Kevin Pickrel	
August 18 Robert Calhoun	



## ***Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in August***

August 4 M&M Jeff Kollitz	August 19 M&M Roger Wolfe
August 13 M&M Dick Griggs, M&M Greg Sanderson	August 31 M&M Jakie Streater
August 15 M&M Manuel Assef, M&M Curtis Jones	

## ***Serving in August***

### **Hostess**

JoAnne Morgan

### **Altar Guild**

Kay VanDeman & Julia Tucker

### **Acolyte**

Caroline Crouse

### **Cross Bearer**

Alex Lee

### **Head Usher**

Rhett Butler

### **Greeters**

August 5 M&M Doug Wilson  
August 12 M&M John Wagnon  
August 19 Drusilla Walker  
August 26 M&M Robert Calhoun

### **Nursery**

August 5 Henrietta Kollitz  
August 12 Sally Smith  
August 19 Mary Lou Long  
August 26 Choles Roddy

### **Children's Church**

August 5 Brandon Buchanan  
August 12 Sarah Lee  
August 19 Brandon Buchanan  
August 26 Pam Humphries

### **Lay Readers**

August 5 Ray Crouse  
August 12 Jenny Keefe  
August 19 Rhett Butler  
August 26 Sammy Quick

### **Flowers**

August 5 Communion  
August 12 M&M Mike Elmore  
August 19 M&M Doug Wilson  
August 26 M&M Scott Eddins

### **Counters**

August 5 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield  
Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore  
August 12 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker  
Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing  
August 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell  
Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr  
August 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield  
Alternate: Doug Marsh

### **Caring Caller Teams**

August 5 Jeff Allen, Gailya Wilson, Betty Thrailkill  
August 12 Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee, Kay VanDeman  
August 19 Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan, Martha Bentley  
August 26 Jim Bennett, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

### **McArn Items**

August 5 Laundry detergent  
August 12 Toiletries  
August 19 Dry goods  
August 26 Canned goods

### ***Newsletter Deadlines***

August 15 Digital Version News-  
letter

Deadline August 9

September 1 Newsletter

Deadline August 24

### ***From The Staff Parish Relations Committee***

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is happy to announce that Kevin Chapman has joined the church's

staff as Custodian. Kevin lives here in Cheraw in Burchwood.

### ***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 concerns. They will be held at

7:00pm on 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.

### ***Genesis—Contemporary Worship***

August 26, 2012 at 8:30

In the fellowship hall



## Using the Internet to Prepare for Sunday School

In the Adult Bible Studies Teacher guide there is an article titled Using the Internet to Prepare for Sunday School. Susan Marsh and I recently discussed briefly the usefulness of the article and brought Paul into the discussion. He suggested writing it up in the newsletter.

The article offers a few of the ways we can use this tool to enhance our Bible study and improve class/group experiences. The author cautions that while the Internet contains a treasure trove of resources, it is sometimes difficult to discern their quality. We should always prayerfully filter what we read. Remember: Anyone can put pretty much anything online. He states that we do our homework. If you are reading something that differs from what you have always been taught or believed, do additional research.

The first Internet site he recommends to those using ADULT BIBLE STUDIES is the *Adult Bible Studies* website at [www.adultbiblestudies.com](http://www.adultbiblestudies.com). There you will find a message board where you ask questions and exchange ideas with other users. There is a supplemental resources page for each lesson as well as current events supplements that help us connect the lesson to daily life. The author goes on to suggest reading the Bible text in more than one translation. He mentions *BibleGateway.com*, *Biblos.com*, and *Biblestudytools.com* as sites that offer this possibility. *BibleGateway.com* allows you to do a Bible search by keyword. It also has a topical search using *Nave's Topical Bible* or *Torrey's New Topical Textbook*. This site also makes audio Bibles available and has access to commentaries by *InterVarsity Press*. *Biblos.com* has a huge selection of Bible study tools including Strong's Concordance; a Bible atlas with options, including a connection to Google Maps. These maps are connected with a concordance, so you can link geographic locations with

where this location is mentioned in Scripture. The site also includes several Bible dictionaries and Bible encyclopedias. These help us to learn more about the cultural context of a text, easily discover the outline of a particular book, learn more about the geography and even read about the archaeology of a geographical site. *Biblos.com* has a link to the website *VisualBibleAlive.com* where you can download hundreds of illustrations, maps, and pictures from Bible lands.

Another good Internet resource is *Biblestudytools.com*. Here you will find the Bible in over 30 translations, along with commentaries, concordances, lexicons, encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other tools. The author mentions the popularity of one of the sites titled "Sermon Illustrations" and states that the popularity of this site is revealed by the fact that their Facebook page on the day he was writing the article had been "liked" by 73,554 users.

He ends the article with comments on Sunday School and social media. We, as followers of Christ, are brothers and sisters in Christ, part of God's family. Social media can help improve the quality of our Bible study as well as enhance the quality of our support for one another. Through e-mail, the class leaders or designated individual can update class members regarding upcoming events or let members know when someone is ill. He mentions Facebook has the most popular form of social media and offers suggestions for its use, including setting up a "group" for Sunday School members.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sammy Quick*

## The Lighter Side



# August 2012

## Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Bulletin Deadline

Brandon Vacation

## Thursday, August 2, 2012

Bus Reserved

Brandon Vacation

## Friday, August 3, 2012

Brandon Vacation

## Sunday, August 5, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Eagle Court of Honor, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary, 3:00pm

UMYF, Buchanan's Home, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Monday, August 6, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Wednesday, August 8, 2012

F.I.S.H Event, Discovery Place, 9:00am

Bus Reserved

Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, August 9, 2012

Red Bird Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

Bus Reserved

August 15 Digital Version Newsletter Deadline

## Sunday, August 12, 2012

UMM Breakfast, 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

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Monday, August 13, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Wednesday, August 15, 2012

UMYF Pool Party, 4:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, August 16, 2012

Bus Reserved

## Friday, August 17, 2012

Bus Reserved

## Saturday, August 18

Bus Reserved

Paul Vacation

## Sunday, August 19, 2012

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

Bus Reserved

Paul Vacation

## Monday, August 20, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Paul Vacation

## Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Paul Vacation

## Wednesday, August 22, 2012

First Day of School

Bulletin Deadline

Paul Vacation

## Thursday, August 23, 2012

Paul Vacation

## Friday, August 24, 2012

September 1 Newsletter Deadline

Paul Vacation

## Saturday, August 25, 2012

Paul Vacation

## Sunday, August 26, 2012

Genesis, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Fellowship Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, 12:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Paul on Vacation

## Monday, August 27, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Community Greeters Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 3:30pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Paul Vacation

## Tuesday, August 28, 2012

Pictorial Directory Pictures, Fellowship Hall & Fred Harris Classroom, 2:30—9:00pm

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Paul on Vacation

## Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Pictorial Directory Pictures, Fellowship Hall & Fred Harris Classroom, 2:30—9:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, August 30, 2012

Paul Vacation

## Friday, August 31, 2012

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