

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, August 12, 2012

- 8:30am UMM Breakfast
- 9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Trustees Meeting (Pairs and Spares Classroom)

Monday, August 13, 2012

- 11:00am Caring Callers Meeting
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Court of Honor (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Pairs & Spares Classroom)
- 7:00pm Nominations & Leadership Development Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

- 6:00pm Christian Education Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

- 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Bulletin Deadline*

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Bus Reserved

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Paul Vacation

Sunday, August 19, 2012

- 9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 - 10:00am Sunday School
 - 11:00am Worship Service
 - 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- Paul Vacation*



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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.

August 12, 2012

*11th Sunday after Pentecost
Aldersgate Special Needs Sunday*

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.

*Ritual of Friendship

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise No. 263 in the Hymnal "When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"** Healer

Unison Prayer

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

Lord of all nations, you hold this fragile world securely in your hands; at the same time you are so personal as to live within each believer through your Spirit. Meet with us this day. Help us to see you in the faces of our sisters and brothers, to hear you in the words of Holy Scripture and to be nourished by you at your table. Convince us of your presence as we worship so that we may be inspired to live our lives for your glory and offer your love to all. Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen. *(Constance Cherry)*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Mini Sermon

Rev. Paul A. Wood, Jr.

First Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 6: 8 — 14

Lay Reader

*Psalter Lesson No. 834 in the Hymnal

Psalm 113

Lay Reader

Second Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 6: 15 — 23

Rev. Wood

Sermon

**"The Prophet Opens Our Eyes to New Realities"
(Final Sermon in a Series on Elijah & Elisha)**

Rev. Wood

FUMC STAFF

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Pastoral Prayer Rev. Wood

***Hymn No. 474 in the Hymnal** **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”** Precious Lord

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

Offertory Anthem **“I Sought the Lord”**

***Doxology No. 95** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***The Lord’s Prayer Sung (See Card in Pew)**

***Hymn No. 369 in the Hymnal** **“Blessed Assurance”** Assurance

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

FLOWERS — The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of McCuen Elmore and in memory of Gretchen McCuen and Gretchen Snyder on their birthdays, by Mike and Debbie Elmore.

WELCOME VISITORS — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact information. If you wish to join the church by Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership, please notify the pastor at 843-537-3635.

OUR PRAYER LIST Bob Lockey, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries’ parents), Larry Spears, Frankie Webster (Allan & Dawn Chapman’s friend), Percy Walters (Charlotte Crosby’s Brother in Law). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION — Today we are happy to present the Religious Life Bronze Award to Venture Scout Michael Wagon. Additionally, we again congratulate four young men who became Eagle Scouts in a ceremony held at First United Methodist Church on August 5. They are Michael Wagon, Joseph Harsey, Jensen Tomberlin and Jake Crouse.

ALDERSGATE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY — Today you will find information on the Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry. If you would like to give a donation to this special need, an envelope has been provided and may be placed in the offering plate or brought by the church office during the week.

PORTRAITS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY — Sign up for your portrait session for our new church directory. It’s easy to go online to the church’s web site.... cherawfirstumc.org. You will find a link to the site of Lifetouch. Or call the church office at 537-7002, and Angie will be glad to help you sign up for photography. We have partnered with Lifetouch to collect non-perishable food for McArn Community Ministry. If you will bring a food item, you will receive a \$5.00 discount on any portrait purchase which you might make.

GENESIS: CHANGE IN SCHEDULE — The planning team for Genesis, our contemporary worship service, wishes to announce a change in schedule. Genesis continues on a monthly basis but as of August 26 will begin at 8:45 instead of 8:30. Mr. Sean Crews of Lexington, SC, will bring the message August 26. Many of FUMC members know Sean through Salkehatchie Summer Service. Invite a friend to join you!

UMYF POOL PARTY CANCELLED — The pool party that was scheduled for the UMYF on Wednesday, August 15 has been cancelled due to our trip to the Wet ‘n Wild waterpark on August 18.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INVITES YOU TO BECOME A LAY READER — Our Lay Readers are an inspirational part of our worship service. We are thankful for all of those who participate in our worship in this way. The Worship Ministry Team encourages others of you in our congregation to volunteer to join the rotation of the lay readers. To do this you may contact Angie or Pastor Paul. Once your name has been placed in the rotation, you will be asked to read the scripture for the morning worship service.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION — Shrimp Creole dinner and silent auction will be on Thursday, September 13; bidding will begin at 6:00pm with dinner at 6:30pm.

GENESIS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — 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).

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETINGS — Why is it that we pray? What benefits are there to prayer? You are invited to attend prayer meeting, where we will discuss the nature of prayer in our lives, sing old gospel songs, and share prayer concerns. It will be held at 7:00pm on August 15 in the fellowship hall and last about 30 to 40 minutes. Jon Kroepel will be leading the session. Invite a friend.

SCOUTING MEMORABILIA — The church is proud to have the Scout flag hanging in the gathering area by the fellowship hall. Directly across the hall from the flag, is a shadowbox with Scouting memorabilia and the documentation that the flag was flown over the State Capitol to celebrate 50 years of Scouting at First United Methodist Church. We are all proud of the Scouting program and the strong support the church has given over the years. We pray that will continue to always influence the youth of Cheraw.

YOUTH OUTING TO WET’N WILD WATERPARK, GREENSBORO — **Saturday, August 18, for rising 6th graders through seniors** — Interested students should contact Shannon Johnson at (704) 851-3302 or the church office at 537-7002. A deposit of \$27 must be turned in to the church office by Sunday, Aug. 12. There will be additional costs for gas and food of about \$30 to \$40. Meet at 7:30 a.m. (Notice the time change.) Wear a bathing suit and bring a beach towel and a change of clothes.

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Rhett Butler

Altar Guild: Kay VanDeman & Julia Tucker

Hostess: JoAnne Morgan

Nursery: Sally Smith

Children’s Church: Sarah Lee

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Rhett Butler

Caring Callers: Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee, Kay VanDeman

Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternate Counter: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Last Week’s Worship Service — 139; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 145

Greeters: M&M John Wagon

Acolyte: Caroline Crouse

Cross Bearer: Alex Lee

McArn Item: Toiletries