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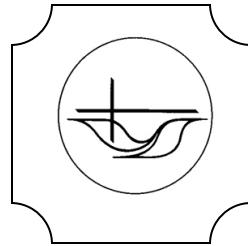
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OUR MISSION

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

August 15, 2012

Pastor's Reflection

For two days in July, Kay and I were observers at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held at Lake Junaluska, NC. Four hundred and forty clergy and lay persons from around the Southeast gathered there with the main business item being the election of five new bishops.

Kay and I felt we were unelected, self-appointed representatives for the United Methodist people of Cheraw who so fondly remember Tim McClendon's ministry here in Cheraw. (He served Pleasant Grove and Mt. Olivet at the beginning of his ministry and First UMC from 1993 until 1997.)

I had arranged in advance to write a reflection for the SC United Methodist Advocate. Here's what can be found in the August edition. ...Paul Wood

Jurisdictional conferences, like all United Methodist business meetings (or "conferences" as we have called them for almost three centuries) are political activities. I'm not using the word "political" here in a negative way. To say that they are political is to say that they are gatherings of people who are deciding how to govern themselves and who will govern them.

Our conferences are by definition political. At the same time, as Christians with a common Wesleyan heritage, our delegates make some attempts (some fairly casual and some very intensive) at discerning and following the will of God. Lately, more and more of our meetings, even some Church Councils, use "holiness conferencing" which is a focused attempt to bring God into the equation.

This year's SEJ followed a consistent pattern for 29 ballots. Listen to instructions on how to vote; be led in prayer by some pre-arranged person; open your eyes; cast your ballots. Sounds pretty good, right? But as the balloting went along I began to wonder if it was enough.

I have been a big fan of Tim McClendon's for a long time. It's not that he and I see eye-to-eye on every issue. But I have been and still am convinced that he would make an excellent bishop.

So when I joined those bishops and delegates

in prayer at Lake Junaluska, I often fervently prayed something like, "Lord, help these people to see the light. Tell them to elect Tim!"

It was bitter disappointment for me and many others when Young Jing Cho, a Korean-born Virginian, was elected to the fifth and final opening. Like some others, I shed some tears. I wanted to pound the seat in front of me. I should admit that I entertained some unfair thoughts about those misled, uninformed delegates who refused to vote for Tim.

My thoughts went something like this: "Certainly, they had not sought out God's will! Certainly, they were led by some selfish motivation!"

But now I must say: Shame on me for being so sure of myself. And shame on me for having any disappointment that a Korean-American had finally become a bishop here in the Southeast.

Most of us have faced disappointing situations and become quite certain that others have forsaken God and we are the only folk who are still faithful. Consider biblical figures such as the depressed prophet Elijah on the mountain top in First Kings 19 and the angry prophet Jonah under the bean bush in Jonah 4. Then take note that both of those men of God were proven to be wrong about God's work in the world!

I think that whenever we feel that we alone have it right, we should probably humble up and listen up. We might be right. But we might be very, very wrong.

Folks like me may never know if our fervor for Tim's election was misplaced. For the time being we should be asking what the Spirit might be up to in Tim McClendon's life and in the life of South Carolina United Methodism and the UMC as a whole. God may have other plans, and we just haven't seen them yet. God may be working slowly and silently behind the curtain to paint a totally different picture.

God may be working through our politics after all! Time will tell. Time will tell. And who knows what the Spirit might be trying to do in our own lives as well.

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 will 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, Brant Thompson, Anthony Harris, Ruth Middleton and Paul Wood. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.**

First Church will host another blood drive on Monday, September 10 from 2:00—7:00pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to give on this date.

Blood supply is at its lowest in 15 years. Giving the gift of life is so important and especially at this critical time.

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 HOME

Polly Edwards

ASSISTED LIVING

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wanner, Elaine Motley



Choir Forming for October 21 Jazz Mass

The South Carolina Jazz Festival will once again conclude with a Community Jazz Mass. The closing event of the Festival on Sunday October 21 will be a community worship service with jazz-based music and Holy Communion.

A community choir will assist in the leadership of the service, and members of First United Methodist Church are encouraged to take part.

Information regarding rehearsal times and location will be forthcoming. Stay tuned to the bulletin and future newsletter about this information.

Wesley United Methodist Church, located on Greene Street in Cheraw, will host the Jazz Mass. The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance sponsors and coordinates the service each year.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for July

Sarah Allen, Allison Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Jerry Carter, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Carole Hennessee, Jon Kroepel, Jayson Lewis, Micki Lockey, Mary Lou Long, Jackie McGee, John Moore, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Ellison

Outen, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Keith Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Becky Thompson, Brant Thompson, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker, Doug Wilson.



Worship Perfect Attendance for July

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Jerry Carter, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Jon Kroepel, Micki Lockey, Mary Lou Long, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Holly Miles, Paul

Miles, Cheryl Postlewait, Greg Robinson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Kay Wood, Paul Wood.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Betty Ann Crawford

M&M Billy Wicker, Hank & Sherri Ralston, Jim Bennett, Betty Thraill, Robbie & Lisa Baker Douglas, M&M Karlo Baker, M&M Rhett Butler, Milton Yearty, William & Olive Timberlake, Joey & Vernon White, Gordon McBride, Pam Chapman, Anna Holters, Merlin Usher, M&M Herbert Watts, M&M John Moore, M&M Keith Smith, Mary Burr, M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Scott Eddins, M&M Dick Griggs

In Memory of Jeff Allen

M&M Billy Wicker, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Harold Lomas, M&M Bob Lockey, M&M Herbert Watts, M&M Thomas McKinnon, Jim Bennett, FUMC Adult Choir, M&M Ellison Outen

In Memory of R.E. Mayhew

M&M Billy Wicker, M&M Keith Smith, Grace Blackman, M&M Ellison Outen

In Memory of Susan Jones

Mary Lou Long

In Memory of Levern Rivers

M&M Billy Wicker, Jim Bennett, Jewell Green, Pam Chapman, Timothy Boone, Gerry G. Boone, M&M Doug Marsh, Raymond Babb, Mike & Shayne Brannon, M&M Ellison Outen

In Memory of Brenda Furr

M&M Rhett Butler

In Memory of Kenneth (Hud) Smith

M&M Rhett Butler

In Memory of Tommy Harpe

Shirley Walton

Honor of Eagle Scouts (Jacob Crouse, Joseph Harsey, Jensen Tomberlin, Michael Wagnon)

Anne Bryan

In Honor of Pam Baker's Birthday

M&M Jerry Therrell

In Honor of Richard & Margaret Stafford's 50th Anniversary

M&M Jerry Therrell

Newsletter Deadlines

September 1 Newsletter

Deadline August 24

September 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline September 7

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 Gene-

sis Service 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

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Sunday, August 5, four members of Troop 655 in Cheraw were awarded scouting's highest honor at a special Eagle Court of Honor.

These young men have reached the summit of the Eagle trail, a trail that has been long and full of challenges. They have accomplished many things along the way. Listed here are a few of these accomplishments.

Each of our Eagle scouts came up through our cub scouting program and attained the highest rank in cub scouting program and the Arrow of Light. They all have been tapped into the Order of the Arrow brotherhood. In scoutcraft and outdoor skills, two of

these scouts have earned 50-miler awards for canoeing or hiking. These scouts have camped for a combined total of more than 140 nights. Among the four of them they have earned over 110 merit badges. They have volunteered more than 150 hours of community service, and each of them has served in positions of leadership and responsibility in our troop. While completing their Eagle projects, they worked nearly 500 hours.

We recognize them for their hard work, and applaud them for their service to their community and are proud of them for their achievements on their journey to the rank of Eagle Scout



Top picture: Jensen Tomberlin, Jake Crouse, Michael Wagnon, Joseph Harsey and Jimmy Duffy

Bottom picture: Joseph Harsey, Michael Wagnon, Jake Crouse and Jensen Tomberlin

Our Visitors

July 15

Anne Bryan, Rajahn Campbell, Ok Yo Chang, Chuck Clark, Jordan Clark, Nicole Clark, Taylor Clark, Carol Crouse, Rick Fisher, Cheryl Freeman, Donna Johnson, Claude Laney, Sandra Laney, Fran Lewis, Betsy McLaurin, June Morgan, Missy Morgan, Cody Newsome, Beth Newsome, Harry Newsome, Ximena Perez, Michelle Rohde, Jack Rushing, Jackson Thrailkill, Ricki Thurman, Anne Wallace.

July 22

Amy Goodwin, Harrison Goodwin, Megan Goodwin, Johnnie Johnson, H.L. Robinson, Landon Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Woody Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Alex Tapp, Rebekah Williams, Jim Wolfe.

July 29

Ok Yo Chang, Tommy Creech, William Eutsler, Jr., Harrison Goodwin, Megan Goodwin, Tyler Goodwin, Hunter Lee, Joseph Robinowitzs, Landon Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, Michelle Rohde.

August 5

Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Dee Chavis, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Amy Goodwin, Harrison Goodwin, Megan Goodwin, Tyler Goodwin, Bill Hodges, Susan Wagon Hodges, Johnnie Johnson, Paul Ludlow, Ashlyn Nelson, Ella Prevatte, Sophia Prevatte, Vincent Prevatte, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, John W. Wagon, Sr.

Genesis—Contemporary Worship

August 26 at 8:45am

In the Fellowship Hall



Charge Conference Scheduled

The Charge Conference for FUMC has been scheduled for Sunday, October 7 at 4:00pm.

Genesis News — New Time and Sean Crews to Speak August 26

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 Sunday, August 26, it 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!

A Note from the Worship Ministries Team

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 Ministries Team encourages others of you in the 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.



Photography Appointments Still Available

Have you signed up for photography for the new church directory? If not, it's easy. Go to the church's web site (cherawfirstumc.org) and look for a

link at the top of the screen. Or call the church office at 537-7002) and Angie Smith will be happy to assist you.

It's "Farewell" to One Bishop and "Welcome" to a New Bishop

Jonathan Holston of Atlanta was overwhelmingly elected on the first ballot at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference to service as a bishop in the United Methodist Church. The next day it was announced that he was being assigned to the South Carolina Conference as of September 1. Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor, who has served our Conference for the past eight years, has been assigned to her home area, the Holston Conference, based in Knoxville, TN.

Bishop Holston was most recently senior pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Atlanta. He holds a Master of Divinity in biblical studies from The Interdenominational Theological Center, Gammon Theological Seminar, Atlanta. He also has a bachelor's degree in religion from the University of Georgia. Prior to his appointment to St. James UMC, he served as superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District 1997-2005.

Mr. Holston's previous appointments include senior pastor of Marietta Street UMC (1983-1986); senior pastor of Clifton UMC (1986-1992); and associate director of the North Georgia Conference Council on Ministries 1992-1997. Holston

has also served as a member of the General Council on Finance and Administration, chair of General Conference Finance and Administrative Legislative Committee and as a member of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, Hinton Rural Life Center, Appalachian Development Committee and the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association for Native American Ministries.

Our new bishop has also traveled extensively as a specialist in missions to Uganda, Costa Rica, Haiti, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Kenya, India, China and Hong Kong. In his work as the conference disaster relief coordinator, he served on the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the Catastrophic Disaster Response Team and as the Church World Service Disaster Consultant in Georgia. Holston and his wife, Felecia, have two children, Karlton Maurice and Brittany Jene'.

NOTE: A conference-wide worship service, to be hosted by Mt. Horeb UMC in Lexington, will honor Bishop Taylor and her husband Rusty. It will be held Sunday August 26 at 4:00 p.m., and is open to all who wish to attend.

FUMC to Host Ed Kilbourne

First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, will host singer, story-teller, and folk theologian, Ed Kilbourne, in concert on Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 3:00 pm. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be taken. For more information on Ed Kil-

bourne and his music, you may visit his website at www.edkilbourne.com, or you may email Jonathan Kroepel, Director of Music, at jkroepel@gmail.com.

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.

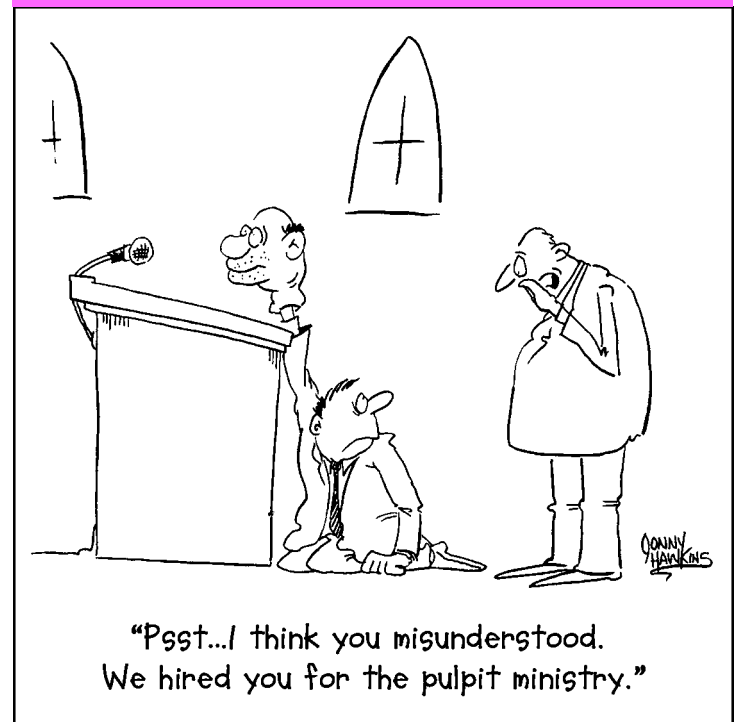
If you, your class or your fellowship group are inclined to re-supplement the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, please designate a gift to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Paul Wood

Youth Council Meeting

The Youth Council will meet on Sunday, August 19 at 5:00pm in the Youth Hut.

The Lighter Side



August 2012

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, August 16, 2012

Bus Reserved

Saturday, August 18

Paul Vacation

Sunday, August 19, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Youth Council Meeting, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

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, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Paul 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 Vacation

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

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

Bulletin Deadline

Paul Vacation

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Paul Vacation

Friday, August 31, 2012

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