

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, August 26, 2012

8:45am Genesis (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)
 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Paul Vacation (August 26—August 31)

Monday, August 27, 2012

11:00am Caring Callers Meeting
 3:30pm Community Greeters Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Choir Room)

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

2:30-9pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (Fellowship Hall & Fred Harris SS Classroom)
 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

2:30-9pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (Fellowship Hall & Fred Harris SS Classroom)
Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, September 2, 2012

8:45am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

FUMC Friends, Kay and I are on a two-week vacation. We are in the northern Rockies on a bus tour which ends in Denver. I look forward to seeing you in church next Sunday, September 2. Also, in case you need a pastor, the Reverend David Townsend will be happy to assist you. You may contact David through the church office or by calling him at home at 537-4186. Paul Wood

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.

WATF (Wednesday At The First) — WATF will begin for the fall/winter on Wednesday, September 12 with the meal beginning at 5:30pm followed by Bible Study at 6:30pm.

ED KILBOURNE IN CONCERT — Singer, story-teller, and folk theologian, Ed Kilbourne, will lead us in worship on Sunday, September 16 and we will host him in a concert that afternoon at 3:00 pm. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken. For more information on Ed Kilbourne 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.

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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 26, 2012

13th Sunday after Pentecost

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. 557 in the Hymnal "Bless Be the Tie That Binds"

Dennis

Unison Prayer

Sammy Quick, Lay Reader

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen. *(Attributed to Benedict of Nursia, 6th Century)*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Mini Sermon

Sammy Quick and Rev. Dr. John Holler

Hymn of Illumination No. 2152 in *The Faith We Sing* "Change My Heart, O God" Change My Heart

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 3: 9 — 18

Lay Reader

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 in the Hymnal "The Apostles' Creed"

Lay Reader

*Gloria Patri Page No. 70 in the Hymnal "Glory Be to the Father"

Meineke

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 2: 18 — 22

Rev. Holler

Sermon

"Transformation"

Rev. Holler

Prayer

***Hymn No. 347 in the Hymnal** **“Spirit Song“** Spirit Song

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

Offertory Anthem **“Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus“**

***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. 573 in the Hymnal** **“O Zion, Haste“** Tidings

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

FLOWERS — The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of all of the educators and children returning to school by Scott, Gini, Cameron and Greer Eddins.

OUR GUEST MINISTER — Today, First United Methodist Church welcomes to its pulpit the Reverend John Holler. Since 2006, he has served as President and CEO of Epworth Children’s Home in Columbia. A United Methodist Elder and member of the South Carolina Conference, Reverend Holler is licensed as a Professional Counselor, a Marital and Family Therapist, and a Supervisor of Marriage and Family Therapists. Before being appointed to serve Epworth, Rev. Holler was Executive Director of the Carolina Pastoral and Family Counseling Service, and began ministry at the Service in 1992. Prior to going into counseling fulltime and then serving Epworth, Mr. Holler was a pastor, serving Shady Grove, Trenholm Road, Latimer Memorial and Main Street United Methodist Churches and the Norway Charge. Reverend Holler is a native of Columbia and holds degrees from Wofford College, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and the University of South Carolina. For 39 years he has been married to Vicky Vassy Holler, and they have two children.

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), Trina Labberton (Mary Burr’s friend), Shirley Pierce Taylor (Mary Burr’s friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

HURRICANE GUIDES — Hurricane guides for the 2012 hurricane season have been placed on the table in the lobby. Pick up your copy today, it is full of information on how to prepare for a hurricane and has a hurricane tracker map as well.

NEXT SUNDAY’S SERMON — Paul Wood will preach on Mark 7: 1 — 23. His sermon title will be “Cleaning the World’s Worst Superfund Site.”

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) MEETING — The UMYF will begin meeting for the new school year this afternoon from 5— 7pm in the youth hut. Note also that each youth member is asked to bring \$2.00 each week: \$1.00 for supper and \$1.00 for Xue, our Holt International adopted child.

“WHY? MAKING SENSE OF GOD’S WILL” — Our Bible Study on Wednesday nights will address some of these questions: *Why do the innocent suffer? * Why do my prayers go unanswered? * Why can’t I see God’s will for my life? * Why God’s love prevails. Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, speaks on video. This will be followed by discussion led by Paul Wood. We welcome all ages. Class begins each Wednesday at 6:30 and ends at 7:35. No pre-registration is needed. (Wednesday At The First (WATF) begins September 12 with supper at 5:30pm)

TEACHER APPRECIATION — As a mean of showing our appreciation to those in our church who are active educators, the Christian Education Ministry Team will be sponsoring a Blessing of the Hands on Sunday, September 9 during Worship Service. If you are employed by any public or private school in our area, please make plans to participate in this ceremony.

JR. HIGH CLASS/YOUTH — Meet at the church on Sunday, September 9 at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making the craft from Bible School. All youth are welcome to join in this event.

EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING — Work a day! Give a day! Since before the 1940’s the conference has designated the second Sunday in September as an Epworth Sunday. The original idea was for Methodists to invest a work day’s wages in the children of Epworth. In recent years, each congregation has a challenge to give a minimum of \$6.00 per member. As a congregation, we want to meet and exceed this goal. In meeting this goal as a conference, we ensure Epworth has the financial means to invest care that transforms the lives of the children who call Epworth home regardless of the government’s or the family’s ability to pay. If you would like to know where our congregation stands in our giving, please contact Mitzie Schafer at Epworth Children’s Home at 803-256-7394. Let’s all work together on Sunday, September 9 to give generously to the children of Epworth. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER — Our next congregational fellowship dinner (covered dish) will be held on Sunday, September 30, following worship.

PORTRAITS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY — There are still appointments available for you to have your photo made. Photography begins this Tuesday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 29 and then again on September 7 and 8. You will find that it is very easy to go online to the church’s web site (cherawfirstumc.org) and sign up. On our web site you will find a link to use for sign-ups. Or call the church office at 537-7002, and Angie will be glad to help you sign up for photography. Our photography partner is Lifetouch. You will be under no obligation to purchase photos from them. Also, bring a non-perishable food item for McArn Community Ministry to your photography session, and you will receive a \$5.00 discount on any portrait purchase which you might make.

GENESIS NEWS: — The next Genesis will be held on September 23. Please note: Genesis now starts at 8:45am.

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Rhett Butler

Altar Guild: Kay VanDeman & Julia Tucker

Hostess: JoAnne Morgan

Nursery: Caroline Berry

Children’s Church: Laura Harris

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Lib Norton

Caring Callers: Jim Bennett, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Last Week’s Worship Service —105; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 145

Greeters: M&M Robert Calhoun

Acolyte: Caroline Crouse

Cross Bearer: Alex Lee

McArn Item: Canned goods