

## First United Methodist Church

### Office Hours

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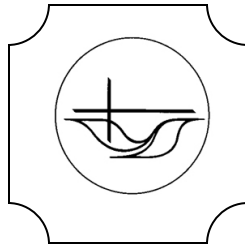
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### OUR MISSION

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.

## THE CONNECTION

*First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC*

*October 1, 2012*

### Pastor's Reflection

#### We Are Led by God's Vision

Several years ago, November of 2009 to be exact, the Administrative Board adopted "Vision 2015," a strategic plan which was already guiding the church before it was made official. Vision 2015 has us to focus on ministries with children, youth and young adults. In that light, one of the action goals was to hire our first fulltime youth and children's director. Another was to improve the programs we offer young people. Another was to create a young adult council.

Through the years we have modified Vision 2015. ***But it remains our vi-***

***sion.*** It guided the Church Council recently in the Council's vote to keep funding in the budget for a replacement for Brandon Buchanan.

God wants us to stretch out our ministries, to change with changing times, and to carry the gospel to new generations. It is a joy for me to see that vision unfold in our midst! And I appreciate the members of First United Methodist who are so determined to bring Vision 2015 into full fruition.

*Paul Wood*

### Job Opening Authorized

First United Methodist Church has begun to search for a fulltime (35-hour-per-week) Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. Funding for the position was authorized at a meeting of the Church Council on September 16. Ads will begin to run in early October.

This is a significant commitment of funds, especially considering the

church's 2012 operating budget which is out-of-balance by several thousand dollars. This is a crucial time for members of the congregation to do all that they can to help achieve our vision. If you are in doubt about the status of your Estimate of Giving, call the church office at 537-7002. Angie Smith will be glad to update you.

### **McArn Community Ministry Report**

The shelves at McArn Community Ministry need to be re-filled with our contributions of non-perishable food. Containers are conveniently located outside the church office. On Sunday, September 30 as you bring your covered dish, please bring a can or two of food for the McArn Community Ministry. The

McArn Board of Directors is ably served by two representatives of First United Methodist Church. They are Theodore Burns and Walter Crosby.

Last minute reminder  
Charge Conference is set for 4:00pm  
Sunday, September 30  
in the fellowship hall.

### **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



### **First Annual FUMC Fall Festival**

Sunday, October 14, 3-6 pm. This new event on the church calendar will have appeal for all ages with numerous games of skill (cornhole toss, basketball free throw, golf putting, etc.), face painting, a cake walk, a baked goods sale and many other activities. This event is sponsored by the Youth Council and the Chil-

dren's Council with all proceeds supporting FUMC youth activities. Those who can provide the use of a tailgate tent, donations of bags of individually wrapped candy or donations of juice boxes or bottled water are asked to call Angie at 537-7002 or bring your donations by the church office.

**You are cordially invited  
to a service welcoming  
Bishop Jonathan Holston**

**October 7, 2012**

**4:00 P.M.**

**Union United Methodist Church  
7582 Woodrow Street  
Irmo, SC**

### **New Pictorial Directory**

Our Pictorial Directory is moving forward thanks to the many congregational members who recently had their portraits made. The directory

will be available later this year. Mary Louise Long is coordinator for this project.

### **Flower Fund**

The flower fund given by the Walters family is almost depleted. The Altar Guild would welcome contributions to this fund so that we can provide

flowers when no one signs up for a Sunday.



### October Birthdays

Oct. 4 Sharon McKinnon	Oct. 20 Curtis Jones
Oct. 7 Amber Nichole Morgan	Oct. 22 Zack, Joel & Seth Keefe
Oct. 8 Mary Burr, Shannon Johnson	Oct. 23 Doug Carabo
Oct. 9 Brantley Butler	Oct. 27 Betty Hurst, Andrew Lewis
Oct. 10 Pal Moore	Oct. 28 Alex Lewis
Oct. 12 William Lee, Andrew Orr	Oct. 29 David Bersinger
Oct. 13 Edith Quick	Oct. 30 Sara Sanderson
Oct. 14 J. Clyde Goodwin	Oct. 31 Tony Harris, III
Oct. 15 Rhett Butler, II, Kay Wood	



### October Anniversaries

Oct. 1 M&M Donald Baker	Oct. 8 M&M Jeffrey Furr
Oct. 2 M&M David McLean	Oct. 15 M&M Phillip Shepard
Oct. 4 M&M Heath Ruffner	Oct. 16 M&M Keith Stubbs
Oct. 6 M&M Jap Roddy	Oct. 24 M&M Tom Rollings
Oct. 7 M&M Manfred Kollitz	Oct. 26 M&M Ellison Outen

### Memorials and Honorariums

#### In Memory of Betty Ann Crawford

M&M John Long

#### In Memory of Bob Lockey

M&M Ellison Outen

#### In Memory of R.E. Mayhew

W.C & Sara Stanton, M&M John Kennerly

#### In Memory of Otis Quick for the Organ Restoration

Edith Quick

### Report from the Finance Chairperson

General Fund Checkbook Balance 8/31/12 \$2,224.00

General Fund Checkbook Balance 9/25/12 \$ 626.00

Estimate of Giving Target Receipts 8/31/12 \$225,215.00

Estimate of Giving Actual Receipts 8/31/12 \$210,302.00

Estimate of Giving Deficit 8/31/12 \$ 14,913.00

Conference Apportionments Target 8/31/12 \$33,887.00

Conference Apportionments Actual 8/31/12 \$23,181.00

Conference Apportionments Deficit 8/31/12 \$10,706.00

OTHER NEWS—The Church Council on 9/16/12 approved the hiring of a 35 hour/week Director of Children and Youth for the remainder of this year and beyond. This will be to replace Brandon Buchanan who resigned the end of July.

#### CURRENT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACING FUMC AS OF 9/26/12:

1. Adequate general fund checkbook balance to pay weekly salaries and church expenses.
2. Adequate general fund checkbook balance to pay 100% of Conference Apportionments.

#### FUTURE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACING FUMC:

1. Paying salary of new Director of Children and youth that is to be hired. This in addition to current challenges mentioned in 1 and 2 above.

Most FUMC members agree on this — Our children and youth are the future of our church! We must do what we can to support this important ministry.

This report is to communicate the financial challenges we face now and as we move into the future. I am confident the membership of FUMC will do what is necessary to meet these challenges.

—Robert Calhoun

## Newsletter Deadlines

### October 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline October 5

### November 1 Newsletter

Deadline October 19

## Strong Response to Nominations Requests

My hat is off to the congregation for your positive response to the Nominations Committee. We have almost finished developing nominations for next year's church officers, and we have been heartened by how many members said "Yes" to new positions of service. We are seeing more "new blood" agree to be part of our teams, boards and committees. Some other church members who stepped away from leadership positions in years past have agreed to join teams, etc.

The Nominations Committee never convinces all of the members it wants to nominate to say "Yes." That's okay. We know we are not perfect judges of your talents and

abilities, nor do we know all of your current time restraints.

The conversations which the Nominations Committee members and I have had with church members have been very cordial. We are encouraged by the willingness of so many to serve the Lord and the church. Church leadership is a high responsibility, one to be taken seriously. Yet at the same time, one often finds great joy in serving in company with other Christians. Thanks to one and all.

—Paul Wood

## WHY? Making Sense of God's Will

**Wednesdays, 6:30 until 7:25 in the fellowship hall**

You're invited to study Adam Hamilton's *WHY? Making Sense of God's Will*. Explore with us, "Why Do the Innocent Suffer?", "Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?", "Why Can't I See God's Will for My Life?" and oth-

er timely topics. No pre-registration is needed, but please sign up if you plan to have supper. Paul Wood will lead this study.

## Wednesday At The First (WATF)

The Wednesday At The First meal will begin at 5:30pm with Bible Study following at 6:30pm each Wednesday.

### Menus for October

October 3

Baked chicken, yellow rice & gravy, butter beans, biscuits, dessert and tea.

October 10

Roast beef, rice & gravy, string beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

October 17

Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea

October 24

Chicken bog, green beans, apple salad, corn fritters, dessert and tea.

October 31

No WATF.

## Grief Support Group

A grief Support class will begin the first Thursday of October at 6:00pm in the Parlor and run each Thursday

evening the month of October. This group will be lead by Rev. Kay Wood.

## Our Visitors

### September 2

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Abigail Kulo, H.L. Robinson, Nathan Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, David Rohde, Sr.

### September 9

Emily Berry, Kaitlin Berry, Duane

Brasington, Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Johnnie Johnson, Hampton Jones, Walker Jones, Paul Ludlow, Landon Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Stephanie Rogers, Noah Williams, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Kiersten Shepard.



First Church would like to thank all those who came to give blood at our recent blood drive. Twenty-seven units were collected, which was a

great number. Thanks so much, and mark your calendars for the next blood drive on Tuesday, November 20.

## 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

## Serving in October

### Hostess

Marianne Crawford

### Altar Guild

Cindy & Syble Sanderson

### Acolyte

Sarah Allen

### Cross Bearer

Tony Harris

### Head Usher

Scott Tomberlin

### Greeters

October 7 M&M David McLean  
October 14 M&M Doug Marsh  
October 21 M&M Todd Becker  
October 28 M&M Eric Dusa

### Nursery

October 7 Dee Dee Pickrel  
October 14 Jennifer Tomberlin  
October 21 Allison Becker  
October 28 Jean Assef

### Children's Church

October 7 Christy Ruffner  
October 14 (Children's Sabbath)  
October 21 Kelly Dusa  
October 28 Nancy Wagnon

### Lay Readers

October 7 Shannon Johnson  
October 14 Susan Marsh  
October 21 Joey Mills  
October 28 Rhett Butler

### Flowers

October 7 OPEN  
October 14 Jim Bennett  
October 21 OPEN  
October 28 Outen's

### Counters

October 7 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield  
Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore  
October 14 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker  
Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing  
October 21 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell  
Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr  
October 28 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield  
Alternate: Doug Marsh

### Caring Caller Teams

October 7 Gailya Wilson, Betty Thrailkill  
October 14 Kay VanDeman, Martha Bentley  
October 21 Jerry Turner, JoAnne Morgan  
October 28 Jim Bennett, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun

### McArn Items

October 7 Canned meats  
October 14 Paper products  
October 21 Toiletries  
October 28 Baby items

## Genesis—Contemporary Worship

October 28 at 8:45am

In the Fellowship Hall



# October 2012

## Monday, October 1, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Wednesday At The First (WATF) Meal, 5:30pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall,  
6:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, October 4, 2012

Grief Support Group, Parlor, 6:00pm

## Friday, October 5, 2012

Deadline for October 15 Digital Version News-  
letter

## Sunday, October 7, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

UMYF Meeting, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting, Choir  
Room, 5:15pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

## Monday, October 8, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Circle #1, Parlor, 10:00am

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Wednesday At The First (WATF) Meal, 5:30pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall,  
6:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, October 11, 2012

Grief Support Group, Parlor, 6:00pm

## Sunday, October 14, 2012

UMM Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Fall Festival, 3:00—6:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

Red Bird Mission Trip (October 14—21)

## Monday, October 15, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Bus Reserved

## Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Wednesday At The First (WATF) Meal, 5:30pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall,  
6:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, October 18, 2012

J.O.Y. Club, Fellowship Hall, 12:00pm

Grief Support Group, Parlor, 6:00pm

## Friday, October 19, 2012

Deadline for November 1 Newsletter

## Saturday, October 20, 2012

Fall BBQ, Fellowship Hall, 11:00am—2:00pm

## Sunday, October 21, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

## Monday, October 22, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Community Greeters Meeting, Fellowship Hall,  
3:30pm

Worship Ministry Team Meeting, Choir Room,  
6:00pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Wednesday At The First (WATF) Meal, 5:30pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall,  
6:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, October 25, 2012

Grief Support Group, Parlor, 6:00pm

## Sunday, October 28, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting,  
Choir Room, 5:30pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall,  
7:00pm

## Monday, October 29, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

## Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

## Wednesday, October 31, 2012

Wednesday At The First (WATF) Meal, 5:30pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall,  
6:30pm

Bulletin Deadline