

First United Methodist Church

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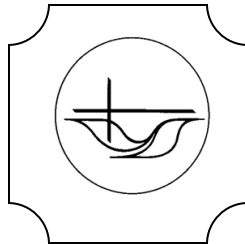
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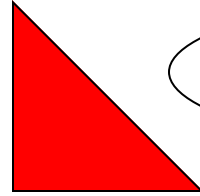
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OUR MISSION

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*** ***September 15, 2012***

Genesis—Contemporary Worship

September 23 at 8:45am

In the Fellowship Hall



Wednesday At The First (WATF)

Wednesday At The First will begin for the Fall/Winter on Wednesday September 19. The meal will begin at 5:30pm with Bible Study following at 6:30pm. Other activity information will be announced at a later time.

Menus for September

September 19

Fried chicken, rice & gravy, cabbage, corn fritters, tea and dessert.

September 26

Meat loaf, sweet peas, mashed potatoes, rolls, tea and dessert.

October 3

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

McArn Community Ministry Report

The shelves need to be re-filled at McArn Community Ministry. Please make contributions of non-perishable food. Containers are conveniently located outside the church office. The McArn Board of Directors

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

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 Children's Council with all proceeds supporting FUMC children's activities. Those who can provide the use of a tailgate tent or donate juice boxes or bottled water are asked to call Angie at 537-7002.

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 August

Sarah M. Therrell, Mary Lou Long, Caroline Crouse, Brenda Rayfield, David Townsend, Leighton Becker, Mary-Charlotte Dusa, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Keith Stubbs, Harold Lomas, Jon Kroepel, Ray Crouse, Joey Mills, Manuel Assef, Jean Assef, Allison	Becker, Nancy Wagnon, Mary Crouse, Allison Becker, Sawyer Becker, Ashton Becker, Julia Tucker, Shari Stubbs, Judy Dixon, John Moore, Pal Moore, Michelle Rohde, Susan Eschenfelder, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton
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Worship Perfect Attendance for August

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Caroline Crouse, Mary Crouse, Ray Crouse, Ed Davidson, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Mary- Charlotte Dusa, Susan Eschenfeld- er, Amy Lewis, Jayson Lewis, Har- old Lomas, Mary Lou Long, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, John	Moore, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, Cindy Sanderson, Greg Sand- erson, John Sanderson, Bobby Spears, Benson Stubbs, Keith Stubbs, Shari Stubbs, Sarah M. Therrell, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Jerry Turner, Michael Wagnon, Nancy Wagnon, Margaret Wolfe
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Memorials and Honorariums

<u>In Memory of Betty Ann Crawford</u>	Corinne & Dorothy; M&M Jeff John- son
Glenn & Emily Marsh, M&M Steven Humphries, M&M Jeff Johnson	<u>In Memory of Jim Thraikill for the Organ Restoration</u>
<u>In Memory of Jeff Allen</u>	Betty Thraikill and the children
M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Steven Humphries, M&M Jeff Johnson	
<u>In Memory of R.E. Mayhew</u>	
The Smiths: Lee, Allan, Amy,	

J.O.Y. Club

The J.O.Y. Club will meet on Thurs- day, September 20 at 12:00pm in the fellowship hall, for a catered	meal. More details will be given later.
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Newsletter Deadlines

October 1 Newsletter

Deadline September 20

October 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline October 5

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

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

"Why God's Love Prevails!" No pre-registration is needed, but please sign up if you plan to have supper. Paul Wood will lead this study.

Charge Conference Is Like An Annual Meeting

Most organizations and companies hold an "annual meeting," a time to assess progress and elect new officers. In a United Methodist Church we call it a Charge Conference, and it has another purpose – to strengthen the ties with the larger body – in our case, the United Methodist Church as a whole.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Lillian Washington, will preside at our Charge Conference which is set

for Sunday September 30, at 4:00 p.m. All Church Council members are expected to participate, and all other church members may attend as observers. If past experience is a guide, the Charge Conference will last no more than 45 minutes.

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., Billy Wallace.

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

September 9

Emily Berry, Kaitlin Berry, Duane

Congregational Fellowship Dinner

Sunday September 30

Following worship – in the fellowship hall

Bring a covered dish

Pastor's Reflection

The Church is a Nursery

Don't you enjoy watching things grow? You follow the growth of a watermelon morning after morning. You watch a sunflower pop up and eventually grow a big head. You watch your new puppy get bigger and heavier and eat more and more until you wonder if the family budget can afford him!

It's all God's work, of course. Creation continues. God saw what God had created after six days, called it very good and took a day of rest. And then creation continued! And creation continues in faraway and nearby places. On our vacation out west, Kay and I saw amazing geologic phenomenon such as the geysers in Yellowstone and the "hoodoos" in Bryson's Canyon National Park. (Google it. Words cannot describe hoodoos.)

New steam vents and bubbling mud pots suddenly show themselves in Yellowstone. Hundreds of thousands of young trees are springing up to replace the ones destroyed in the horrific fires of a few years ago. Change and growth is all around you.

And the stars! New stars are being birthed in our galaxy and around the universe all the time!

But most of that growth is slow – hard to follow unless you live ten thousand years – and distant, too! You can't literally watch veggies and

flowers grow. They're too slow. Trees grow slowly. And we can't head over to Yellowstone for the afternoon. Nor can we visit the nebulae which are the nurseries of new stars.

But then we have young people! And what a privilege it is for adults of all ages to watch them grow and mature. Maybe you can't see a fifteen year-old grow literally overnight, but some of them sure seem to! And it's not just physical growth I'm thinking of, but the more substantial maturation of children and teens into adults who are fully alive and serving God and world as led by Christ.

Where is the greenhouse where we can observe this taking place among our young people? Well it's at church, of course! And we not only can watch them grow; we can participate in the process! The rest of us, through prayer, through teaching, through modeling of the Christian life and through financial support of staff, can keep the growth process moving along. And we also get to watch it take place!

One of the early saints said "The glory of God is a human being fully alive." That development, that growth, takes place in the incubator called "the Church." I'll see you in the nursery next Sunday!

Paul Wood

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.

Genesis Plans Announced

Genesis, our contemporary service, has moved to a new time. Genesis services now begin at 8:45, but will still include time for refreshments

following the service. The next Genesis service will be held September 23.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Heath and Chirsty Ruffner. Their baby, Connor Thornton was born on Monday, Sep-

tember 3. Connor is the baby brother to Charlie.

**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**

Welcome and Congratulations!

On September 2, First United Methodist Church welcomed into professing membership De'Anna Starling. De'Anna is married to Mike Starling, and they live at 3642 Marion Drive, Wallace, SC 29596. That day, De'An-

na and Mike, a lifelong member of First UMC, also reaffirmed their faith in Christ. It was a beautiful time for the whole congregation.

Welcome and congratulations to De'Anna and Mike!

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.

Cheraw's First Habitat House

On September 8, Habitat for Humanity held a ground-breaking for its first home in the town of Cheraw. The house is being constructed just a block from the parsonage at the corner of Huger Street and West Greene Street.

great opportunity for volunteers to lend a hand. With the leadership of a professional construction manager, you will receive the guidance you need to provide a "hand up" to the family. A schedule of work days is available at the church office.

It was a joy to be present and to see the family who will move into the house in December. This is a

– Paul Wood

Pictorial Directory Is Moving Forward

Thanks to one and all who took time and effort to have your portraits made by LifeTouch. Our pictorial directory will be available later this

year. Mary Louise Long is coordinator for this project, and we are most grateful to her. ...Paul Wood



September 2012

Sunday, September 16, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Ed Kilbourne Concert, Sanctuary, 3:00pm

UMYF Meeting, State Park, 5:00pm

Finance Committee Meeting, Pairs and Spares Classroom, 6:00pm

Church Council Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom, 7:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, September 17, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Community Greeters Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 3:30pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Pre-School Board Meeting, Choir Room, 6:00pm

Deadline for Charge Conference Reports

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting, Choir Room, 6:00pm

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

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

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

Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 20, 2012

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

October 1 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, September 23, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

UMYF Meeting, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Monday, September 24, 2012

Caring Callers, 11:00am

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

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

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

Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, September 30, 2012

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:45am

Sunday School, Promotion Sunday, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Fellowship Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, 12:00pm

Charge Conference, 4:00pm

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm