

**SERVING TODAY**

**Head Usher:** Todd Becker

**Altar Guild:** Marianne Crawford & Janice Moore

**Hostess:** Jackie McGee

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Caroline Crouse

**Children's Church:** Pam Humphries

**Caring Callers:** Gailya Wilson, Betty Thrailkill

**Counters:** Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, Lanny Rayfield

**Alternate Counters:** Walter Crosby, John Moore

**Flowers Next Sunday:** M&M Jack VanDeman

Last Week's Genesis — 75

Last Week's Worship Service — 105; Total of both services — 180

Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 164

**FUMC STAFF**

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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.

*September 2, 2012*

*14th 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. 377 in the Hymnal "It Is Well with My Soul"**

Ville Du Havre

**Prayer of Confession**

Lib Norton, Lay Reader

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. (Wesleyan Methodist Conference, England, 20th Cent. Alt.)

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Mini Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wood, Jr.

**Epistle Lesson**

**James 1: 17 — 27**

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 7: 1 — 8, 14 — 15, 21 — 23**

Rev. Wood

**Sermon**

**"Cleaning Up the World's Worst Superfund Site"**

Rev. Wood

## Prayer

**\*Hymn No. 405 in the Hymnal**                      **“Seek Ye First”**                      Seek Ye

## Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

**Offertory Anthem**                                      **“Bread of the World”**                      Sherpard

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

## A Service of Word and Table III, Page No. 15 in the Hymnal

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
**The Lord’s Prayer**  
**Giving the Bread and Cup**

## Reaffirmation of Faith and Reception into the United Methodist Church, No. 33 in the Hymnal

**\*Hymn No. 555 in the Hymnal**                      **“Forward Through the Ages”**                      St. Gertrude

## \*Dismissal with Blessing

## \*Postlude

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*Holy Communion is open to all. Today we are serving the sacrament by intinction. Receive a piece of bread, lightly touch it to the surface of the cup and then consume. Please come forward using the side aisles and return by going down the middle aisle.*

**FLOWERS** — The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Earnest Meadows by his wife and daughter, Vera Meadows and Bonnie Meadows Huntley.

**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** our president, our nation, Bob Lockey, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries’ parents), Larry Spears, Percy Walters (Charlotte Crosby’s Brother in Law), Trina Labberton (Mary Burr’s friend), Shirley Pierce Taylor (Mary Burr’s friend), John Ervin Chapman (Katie Chapman’s son). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**WHY AREN’T WE USING THE ORGAN THIS WEEK?** — The organ console has been transported to the workshop, Robert Coulter-Organbuilders, in Atlanta, GA, where it will undergo a complete rebuild. Mechanical and electrical parts are being replaced and updated with new computerized components. It will also undergo a face-lift. It will take 8—10 weeks for this project to be completed, so we will be using our fine grand piano for the time being. P.S. Please excuse the mess up in the chancel area as we install new flooring, which was generously donated by the United Methodist Men in memory of Jeff Allen.

**NEW DATE FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE** — FUMC’s Charge Conference has been re-scheduled for Sunday, September 30 at 4:00pm.

**UMW QUARTERLY MEETING** — The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, September 4 for their quarterly meeting at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring a salad for our salad supper. All women of the church are invited.

**GRIEF GROUP** — A grief group will begin meeting on Thursday’s at 6:30pm. It will meet on October 4, 11, 18, and 25. For more information, please contact Kay Wood at 537-3635.

**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** — In addition to next week’s Teacher Appreciation to be held in worship, Paul Wood will preach a sermon entitled “The Day Jesus Learned a Lesson.” The text will be Mark 7: 24 — 30.

**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. — Our Bible Study 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** — Don’t forget your work day offering next Sunday! Next week our congregation will collect the Annual Work Day Offering for Epworth Children’s Home. You will hear Maurice’s story — a story of transformation and hope! As a congregation, we lift up the ministry of Epworth Children’s Home, because we trust that the work being done for the children is God’s work—a work we share as disciples of Christ in the United Methodist Church. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, visit them on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

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

**GENESIS NEWS:** — The planning team for Genesis, our contemporary worship service, has announced a change in schedule. Genesis continues on a monthly basis, but it now begins at 8:45am. Our next Genesis service will be held on September 23.

**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](http://www.edkilbourne.com), or you may email Jonathan Kroepel, Director of Music at [jkroepel@gmail.com](mailto:jkroepel@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

### **Sunday, September 2, 2012**

8:45am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service

### **Monday, September 3, 2012**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
6:00pm Nominations Committee Meeting (Choir Room)  
*Office Closed Labor Day Holiday*

### **Tuesday, September 4, 2012**

11:00am Caring Callers Meeting  
6:00pm Genesis Planning Meeting (Choir Room)  
6:30pm United Methodist Women Quarterly Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
*Jon Vacation (September 4—September 10)*

### **Wednesday, September 5, 2012**

*Bulletin Deadline*

### **Thursday, September 6, 2012**

5:30pm Red Bird Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### **Friday, September 7, 2012**

2:30-9:00pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (Fellowship Hall & Fred Harris SS Classroom)  
*Deadline for September 15 Digital Version Newsletter*

### **Saturday, September 8, 2012**

2:30-5:00pm Pictorial Directory Pictures (Fellowship Hall & Fred Harris SS Classroom)

### **Sunday, September 9, 2012**

8:45am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School (Promotion Sunday, pre-school—12th grade; light breakfast in the fellowship hall)  
11:00am Worship Service  
4:00pm Youth Event Bible School Craft (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)  
6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Choir Room)

**PORTRAITS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** — If you have not had your photo taken or signed up to have it taken, there is still time to do so. Photography will take place again on Friday, September 7 and Saturday, September 8. You will find that it is very easy to go online to the church's web site ([cherawfirstumc.org](http://cherawfirstumc.org)) and sign up. On our web site 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. 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.