

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, September 23, 2012

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

Monday, September 24, 2012

1:00am Caring Callers Meeting
6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

5:30pm WATF Meal
6:30pm Adult Bible Study
Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, September 30, 2012

9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
12:00pm Fellowship Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
4:00pm Charge Conference
5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)
7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)



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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 23, 2012

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

“Prelude in D Major”

Greeting and Announcements *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.*

Reading the Congregation’s Mission Statement

***Ritual of Friendship**

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise No. 369 in the Hymnal “Blessed Assurance”**

Assurance

Prayer of Confession

Sara M. Therrell, Lay Reader

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen *(Ruth Duck)*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Mini Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wood, Jr.

Old Testament Lesson Proverbs 29: 18 and Jeremiah 29: 11 — 13

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

New Testament Lesson

Romans 1: 8 — 15

Rev. Wood

Sermon

“What is YOUR Vision?”

Rev. Wood

FUMC STAFF

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Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn No. 191 in the Hymnal** **“Jesus Loves Me“** Jesus Loves Me
During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer and dedication.

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

Offertory **“Seek Ye First the Kingdom”**

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

*The Lord’s Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn No. 596 in the Hymnal** **“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”** Liebster Jesu

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

FLOWERS — The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Lanny Rayfield’s birthday by his wife, children and grandchildren: Brenda, Lanny, Jr. , Jennifer, Erin, Reese, Patrick, Jennifer, Anna and Julia.

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 family, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries’ parents), Larry Spears, Elaine Motley, Fred Brooks family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP — This year’s Red Bird Mission trip will be October 14—20. Anyone wishing to contribute to this mission trip can do so by making your check to FUMC and marking on the “For” line “RED BIRD.” Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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 the Sunday.

FIRST ANNUAL FUMC FALL FESTIVAL — The event will take place on Sunday, October 14 from 3:00—6:00pm. The 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. Anyone who can is asked to provide the use of tailgate tents or donate juice boxes or bottled water. If you can donate either of these items, please call Angie at 537-7002 or drop them off at the church office.

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE — Our Charge Conference will be held next Sunday, September 30 at 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Rev. Lillian Washington, Hartsville District Superintendent, will preside. This is our annual meeting or annual “check-up.” All Church Council members are expected to participate, and all church members are welcome to attend. It should last no more than 45 minutes.

WHERE IS THE ORGAN? — The organ console has been transported to the workshop of 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.

INVITATION — You are cordially invited to a service welcoming Bishop Jonathan Holston on Sunday, October 7, 2012, 4:00 pm at Union United Methodist Church, 7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC.

HYMNALS AND BIBLES — In looking around the sanctuary it has been noticed that some Bibles and hymnals are missing from the pews. If you have borrowed a hymnal or pew Bible, please kindly return them to the pews. Thanks, Angie.

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.

WATF MEAL — The meal begins at 5:30pm and is cooked by Carolyn Gary; the cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years old (Maximum \$21.00 for a household). Sign up on the worship attendance sheet, or call the church office (537-7002) and ask that your name be added to the list of “regulars”.
MENU— (September 26) Meatloaf, sweet peas, mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert and tea.

WHY? Making Sense of God's Will

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

Our study of Adam Hamilton’s *WHY? Making Sense of God's Will* continues each Wednesday. This week’s topic: “Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?”

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

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Todd Becker

Altar Guild: Marianne Crawford & Janice Moore

Hostess: Jackie McGee

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Dawn Chapman

Children’s Church: Jennifer Tomberlin

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

Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Reyfeild

Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Greeters: M&M Allan Chapman

Acolyte: Mason Tomberlin

Cross Bearer: Jensen Tomberlin

McArn Item: Canned goods

Next Week’s Lay Reader: Greg Sanderson

Last Week’s Worship Service —138; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 200