

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Todd Becker
Altar Guild: Marianne Crawford & Janice Moore
Hostess: Jackie McGee
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Greer Eddins
Children's Church: Eric Dusa
Caring Callers: Jim Crawford, Jackie McGee, Kay VanDeman
Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker
Alternate Counters: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing
Flowers Next Sunday: M&M Thomas McKinnon

Greeter: Jackie McGee
Acolyte: Mason Tomberlin
Cross Bearer: Jensen Tomberlin
McArn Item: Toiletries
Next Week's Lay Reader: Chuck Barber

Last Week's Worship Service — 116; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday 127

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.

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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 9, 2012

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Work Day Offering for Epworth Children's Home

Prelude

Greeting

Greeting by Ms. Jessica Conner, editor, SC United Methodist Advocate

Announcements

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

***Ritual of Friendship**

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise No. 95 in the Cokesbury Worship Hymnal "Dwelling In Beulah Land"** Miles

Prayer of Confession

Pam Baker, Lay Reader

Creator God, we are your family. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we confess our unwillingness to live as one and to treat one another with the love due family members. Make us ready to forgive those who have sinned against us and broken sacred trust. Restore the bonds of unity. Guide us in our life together. May our relationships glorify our common Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

Mini Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wood, Jr.

First Lesson

Ephesians 4: 1 - 6, 11 - 16

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

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4: 25 - 32

Rev. Wood

Sermon

"Our Life Together on the Road"

Rev. Wood

Prayer

***Hymn No. 133 in the Cokesbury Worship Hymnal “Where He Leads Me”** J.S. Norris

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

Offertory “His Eye is on the Sparrow & I Know He Watches Me”

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

***The Lord’s Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Litany of Blessing for Educators (See Bulletin Insert)

The Blessing of the Hands of Educators (See Bulletin Insert)

***Hymn No. 233 in the Cokesbury Worship Hymnal “Love Lifted Me”** Howard E. Smith

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

FLOWERS — The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Leverne Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. Jack VanDeman, Sr., by Jack, Kay and John VanDeman.

ROSE—The red rose is placed on the altar today in honor of the birth of Connor Thornton Ruffner on September 3. Connor is the son of Heath and Christy Ruffner and the baby brother of Charlie Ruffner.

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), Shirley Pierce Taylor (Mary Burr’s friend), John Ervin Chapman (Katie Chapman’s son), Marvin Reynolds (Laura Harris’ father). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

EDUCATORS BLESSED — Today in worship we are honoring and blessing all educators. Teachers, administrators and all other educators who are currently employed in education are asked to sit together in the front of the sanctuary and to come forward near the close of the service for the Blessing of the Hands of the Educators.

SPECIAL GUEST — Today we are honored to welcome to First UMC Ms. Jessica Conner who serves as editor of the *South Carolina United Methodist Advocate*. She is here to experience our Teacher Appreciation Ministries and to share them with readers of the *Advocate*. Ms. Conner is a native of South Florida and is married to John Patrick Conner. They are the parents of a son, Cameron Davis and a daughter Avery Morgan. The family lives in Lexington. Ms. Conner has served as the *Advocate* editor since June of 2010 and has brought many improvements to the paper (which has served Methodists in South Carolina since 1837).

JON IS AWAY — Jon Kroepel is away this weekend on vacation and will return tomorrow, September 10. We welcome Sara Sanderson who will accompany the service today. Thank you, Sara!

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.

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.

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 (Wednesday At The First) — The start of Wednesday at the First has been delayed until **September 19**. This has been done to allow the Pre-School Board to prepare the fellowship hall for the Shrimp Creole Dinner and Silent Auction. Please buy your tickets and plan to be present for the dinner and auction on Thursday, September 13. And please mark your calendars for the start of Wednesday at the First on September 19. Thank you!

WHY? Making Sense of God's Will

Wednesdays, 6:30 until 7:25 in the fellowship hall, beginning September 19

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.

JR. HIGH CLASS/YOUTH — Meet at the church this afternoon 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 — For Children like Maurice! Today our church will receive the annual Work Day offering to provide care that works to transform the lives of children like Maurice. His story is found on the bulletin insert. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. 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.

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, or you may email Jonathan Kroepel, Director of Music at jkroepel@gmail.com.

Litany of Blessing

Leader: Blessed be these hands which use pen and paper, pencil and computer keyboard.

People: For these hands seek to touch the very lives of young people.

Leader: Blessed be these hands which push the mop and broom, hold the steering wheel of the bus, make the copies and wrap the tape before the athletic contest.

People: For these hands are involved in the very lives of young people.

Leader: Blessed be these hands that develop lesson plans and quizzes, which arrange and re-arrange chairs and books and posters and priorities, all in order to educate the young.

People: For the work of these hands is not offered in vain.

Leader: Blessed be these hands which embrace the hurt child, wipe away tears of shame and neglect and give courage to those faint with fear. Blessed be these hands which join together in prayer for wounded souls. Blessed be these hands which lift up to God the needs of young people.

People: For these hands share the passionate love of God.

Leader: Blessed be these hands which write and sketch, add and multiply, on chalkboard and whiteboard, paper and screen, for they are drawing out the God-given abilities of young people who will serve humanity and live abundant lives.

People: Blessed be these hands.

Leader: Blessed be these hands which demonstrate the stewardship of one's health, one's body, one's mind and one's spirit!

People: For a good and healthy life awaits those who have seen wholeness modeled in the lives of others.

Leader: Blessed be these hands which labor on the schoolyard, the courts and the athletic fields to ensure safety and fair play, to teach discipline and teamwork, to lead and to coach, and to develop strong minds and bodies.

People: For these hands are molding young lives.

Leader: Blessed be these hands which show young people how to play trombone and trumpet; cheer on the team; work with brush and color; and repair a truck or car.

People: For lives will blossom with richness and joy in the years to come.

Leader: For the privilege of laboring in the field of education we thank our loving God.

People: And offer our very selves for service in God's name. Amen.

Blessing of the Hands of Educators – with Water

As you begin a year of service in your school, may you experience the love and power of Almighty God!

May the blessings of God Almighty pour down upon you!

May God shower upon you the strength and fortitude needed to lift up the lives of the young people who will be in your care! Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, September 9, 2012

8:45am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

9:00am Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (Parlor)

10:00am Sunday School (Promotion Sunday, pre-school—12th grade; light breakfast in the fellowship hall)

11:00am Worship Service

4:00pm Youth Council & Children's Council Meeting (Youth Hut)

4:00pm Youth Event Bible School Craft (Fellowship Hall)

5:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut)

6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Choir Room)

Monday, September 10, 2012

11:00am Caring Callers Meeting

2:15-7:15pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

7:00pm Nominations Committee Meeting (Choir Room)

Parlor Reserved

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

10:00am Circle #1 (Parlor)

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Circle #3 (Patricia Turner's Home)

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, September 13, 2012

6:30pm Dinner and Auction (Fellowship Hall)

Fellowship hall open for bidding on auction items at 6:00pm.

Sunday, September 16, 2012

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

3:00pm Ed Kilbourne Concert (Sanctuary)

5:00pm UMYF (State Park)

6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Pairs and Spares Classroom)

7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)