

## ***First United Methodist Church***

### **Office Hours**

Mon.—Thurs.  
8:00am—3:30pm  
Friday—8:00am—12:00pm  
Lunch 1:00—1:30pm

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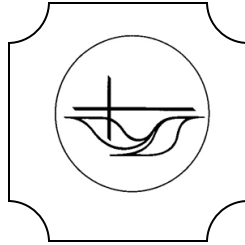
***December 1, 2012***

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### **FUMC STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wood, Jr., Pastor (woodtz1955@gmail.com)  
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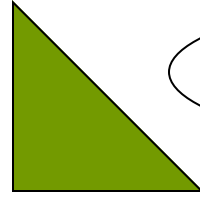
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### **OUR MISSION**

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***  
***December 1, 2012***

### ***Pastor's Reflection***

#### **Cleaning Buckets, Health Kits and Offerings United Methodists Respond to Superstorm Sandy**

Cleaning buckets and health kits are practical gifts we can provide to the victims of the October storm. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) distributes cleaning buckets and health kits mainly to flood victims. Since the storm, UMCOR has given away almost all of the 19,000 buckets it had on hand, and many more are needed.

Churches around the Hartsville District are assembling cleaning buckets and health kits. The lists of contents are available in the church office or

by going to [www.umcor.org/](http://www.umcor.org/) UMCOR/Relief-Supplies. Please bring your buckets and cleaning kits to the church office. They will be taken to the SC United Methodist Center in Columbia as soon as possible.

You may also wish to support UMCOR's response to the victims of the storm. Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering (taken each year in March) provides for the administrative and staff expenses of UMCOR. Therefore, every dollar we give to disaster relief goes to.... disaster relief! Please be generous. Simply designate part of your offering today to UMCOR Hurricane 2012. This coming week your gift will be conveyed to UMCOR. Thank you!

### ***Church Advertises for Job Opening***

We are seeking to hire a fulltime Director of Youth and Children. First United Methodist hopes to find that special someone who will work alongside us and help the young people of Cheraw to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Duties include managing all children's and youth pro-

grams and also include responsibilities with Genesis, our monthly contemporary Sunday service. You may email your résumé to [sprc@fumccheraw.net](mailto:sprc@fumccheraw.net) or mail it to First UMC, Attn: Mrs. Lib Norton, 117 Third St., Cheraw, SC 29520. (Taken from our Facebook page)

### ***Special Offering for Mercy In Me Free Medical Clinic December 2***

The Mercy In Me Free Medical Clinic provides significant medical assistance to working people in our area who do not have medical insurance. Dr. Gabe Simpson (director) and his staff (all volunteers) serve in Christ's name. First United Methodist has

provided valuable support to the Free Medical Clinic. Sunday December 2, we will have a special offering for the clinic. The Missions Ministry Team and I strongly urge you to be generous to the clinic and the people it serves.

### ***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 Wannamaker



### ***Gift to FUMC Endowment Fund Honors Pete Owens***

We are happy to announce that a gift has been presented to the First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund by the Malloy Foundation of Cheraw. Two things make this gift very significant. One, it honors our own Pete Owens. Pete has faithfully served on the Malloy Foundation Board for many years.

Second, the gift is the first contribution to be made to our Endowment Fund. The Fund was created earlier

this year by the First UMC Charge Conference.

More information about the Endowment Fund can be found in literature available in the hallway near the church office or by speaking to any member of the Endowment Fund Committee. Members are Jim Crawford (chair), Harold Lomas, Cheryl Postlewait, Rhett Butler, Robert Calhoun and Susan Marsh.

### ***Birthdays in December***

December 6 Derek Michael Motley, Jap Roddy	December 20 Tom Rollings
December 10 Donald Baker	December 22 William Keith Smith, III (Tripp)
December 14 Lynn Tweed, Pam Humphries	December 23 Allan Chapman, Sam Eubanks
December 16 Harold Lomas, Ellison Outen	December 25 Robin Bersinger, Alayna Carabo
December 18 James Tweed	December 29 Marcia Butler
December 19 Jane Rumph, Billy Wicker, Kaleb Keefe	December 30 Jacquelyn Bette Tomberlin



### ***Anniversaries in December***

December 2 M&M Ron Buffington	December 31 M&M Crawford Moore
December 23 M&M Pete Baker, M&M John Moore	

### ***Memorials and Honorariums***

#### ***In Memory of Roy Smith***

George & Martha Morgan,

#### ***In Memory of Fred Brooks***

Ida Burch,

#### ***In Memory of Oneida Chewning***

M&M Keith Smith

#### ***Gift to Scott Burr's Scholarship Fund***

Lib Traynham

### ***Our Visitors***

#### **November 11**

Ashlee Brasington, Duane Brasington, Ok Yo Chang, Susan Conley, William Eutsler, Jr.

#### **November 18**

Terry Bentley, Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Susan Conley, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Loral Edwards, Dana Walker

### ***Live Drive-Thru Nativity***

We are all invited to the Live Drive-thru Nativity to be held December 9 from 6:00 until 8:30 p.m. at Zoar United Methodist Church. There is no charge for the event, but Zoar

UMC is accepting food donations for the Chesterfield County Food Bank. The church is located at 2842 Zoar Road, Cheraw, SC 29520.

### ***Soup Kitchen***

First United Methodist Church will be hosting the soup kitchen on Tuesday, December 11. Anyone interest-

ed in helping can call John Sanderson at 287-1350.

### ***Newsletter Deadlines***

December 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Deadline December 7

January 1 Newsletter

Deadline December 14 (Due to Christmas Holiday)

### ***cherawfirstumc.org***

The First UMC web site continues to provide up-to-date information about the church, its ministries and people. Webmaster John Wagnon posts something new at least once a

week. The site is for members and friends of First UMC and also for persons who are seeking to find a church.

### ***Thank You Note***

There cannot be another church like First United Methodist with members who are so kind and thoughtful. Many, many thanks for every thought and wish sent to me even

though I've not been there for a long time. My love and prayers for God's blessings are sent today.

*Ruth "Sis" Funderburk*

### ***Genesis—Contemporary Worship***

December 2 at 8:45 in the fellowship hall. Our theme will be "CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY." Invite a friend to join you.



### *Blue Christmas: December 19*

We are proudly offering to the community a Blue Christmas Service on December 19. Like all services of worship, we will sing and praise God and hear scripture read. But the focus is on those with worries, griefs and sorrows. We will bring them before God who is a great healer and our ultimate source of hope.

Invite a friend to a meaningful service in our sanctuary December 19 at 6:30. (Our final Wednesday At The First meal of the year will begin at 5:30. Sign up for the meal by calling the church office at 843-537-7002.)

### *United Methodist Women's Christmas Party*

The United Methodist Women's Christmas Party is on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Each lady is asked to bring a finger

food for the meeting; also a cleaning item or an item for a child to be donated to the Pee Dee Coalition Home.

### *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.



First Church hosted a blood drive on Tuesday, November 20. Nineteen units were collected, which will really help during the holiday season. Thanks to all those who gave and we look forward to our next blood drive on Monday, March 11, 2013.

### *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.

December 19 NO WATF

December 26 NO WATF

#### Menus for December

December 5 Ham, sweet potatoes, collards, corn bread, dessert and tea.

December 12 Bar-b-que chicken, rice and gravy, field peas, biscuits, dessert and tea.

## ***Financial Update—Estimate of Giving Report***

Budget through October — \$259,138.00

Actual receipts through October — \$247,420.00

**Under budget — \$ 11,718.00**



### **YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS**

In order for contributions to be posted to your 2012 giving record, they must meet one of three requirements:

1. The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. The contribution is dropped into the offering plate or delivered to the church office on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Church Office will be open December 27 from 8:00am—3:30pm and December 31 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm to assist you with year-end giving matters. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

## ***Pastor's Discretionary Fund***

Friends, I appreciate your continued support of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. With it I am able to provide much-needed assistance to Cheraw-area residents. Usually, they ask for help because their power is about to be cut off. I counsel with these persons and make referrals to agencies such as McArn Community Ministry. You may know that our church now shares confidential client information with other members of CAMAN, the Chesterfield and Marlboro Assistance Network. CAMAN has made this part of my ministry much more productive.

I hold some of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in reserve so that I might assist members of our congregation. Otherwise, the fund is now depleted.

If you, your class or your fellowship group are inclined to resupplement the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, please designate a gift to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

*Paul Wood*

## ***Bank Draft Service Offered***

First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that effective in January 2013 we will offer bank draft service for monthly giving. Drafts must be established on a monthly basis. Drafts on your account will occur on the 10th of each month or the next business day. Angie Smith, our Administrative Assistant, will handle the bank draft

so it will remain entirely confidential.

If you are interested in this process please contact Angie Smith in the church office at 537-7002. First United Methodist Church is pleased to offer this convenient manner of systematic giving at no cost to the church member.

## ***Mission Ministry Team Breakfast Fundraiser***

The Mission Ministry Team is selling \$5.00 tickets for a fundraiser breakfast at Fatz Cafe (pancakes, bacon, and drink) on Saturday, December 1 from 8:00 - 10:00am. Please purchase your tickets from a member of the Mission Ministry Team or at the church office.



## *Serving in December*

### Hostess

Marsha Butler

### Altar Guild

Kim Williamson and Susan Marsh

### Acolyte

Austin Sanderson

### Cross Bearer

Greer Eddins

### Head Usher

Robert Calhoun

### Greeters

Dec. 2 M&M Ellison Outen

Dec. 9 Edyce Brasington

Dec. 16 Dr. & Mrs. David Bersinger

Dec. 23 M&M Jay Leach

Dec. 30 M&M Anthony Harris

### Lobby Door Greeters

Dec. 2 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Dec. 9 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

Dec. 16 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Dec. 23 Jerry Therrell and Jerry Carter

Dec. 30 Jerry Therrell and Jerry Carter

### Nursery

Dec. 2 Eleni Chapman

Dec. 9 Stephanie Rogers

Dec. 16 Becky Thompson

Dec. 23 Henrietta Kollitz

Dec. 30 Sally Smith

### Children's Church

Dec. 2 Eric Dusa

Dec. 9 Christy Ruffner

Dec. 16 Children's Pageant

Dec. 23 Christmas

Dec. 30 OPEN

### Lay Readers

Dec. 2 Ray Crouse

Dec. 9 Jenny Keefe

Dec. 16 Jim Bennett

Dec. 23 Sammy Quick

Dec. 30 Lib Norton

### Flowers

Dec. 2 Goodwin Family

Dec. 9—Dec. 30 Church will place  
poinsettias each Sunday.

### Counters

December 2 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew,  
Lanny Rayfield

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

December 9 Jim Crawford, Sammy

Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rush-  
ing

December 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,  
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

December 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert

Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

December 30 Rhett Butler, Shelton  
Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

### McArn Items

December 2 Canned vegetables

December 9 Dry goods

December 16 Canned meats

December 23 Baby items

December 30 Personal items and  
toiletries

## *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

## *Staff Christmas Gift*

As in past years, donations are  
being accepted for a monetary  
Christmas gift for members of the  
church staff. Contributions may  
be dropped off at the church of-  
fice, mailed, or placed in the offer-  
ing plate. (Please clearly desig-  
nate "Staff Christmas Gift" on your  
check or on the envelope if mak-  
ing a cash donation.) The Staff-

Parish Relations Committee will  
present the monetary gift to staff  
members in December. The dead-  
line for contributions is Friday,  
December 14. This is a good way  
to express our appreciation to the  
staff for the work that they do!

*Staff-Parish Relations  
Committee*

## *December 2012*

### **Saturday, December 1, 2012**

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Mission Ministry Team, FATZ, 8-10am

Kinsey Mulloy/Fred Harris Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall, 6:00pm

Bus Reserved

### **Sunday, December 2, 2012**

Genesis, Fellowship Hall, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

### **Monday, December 3, 2012**

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

### **Tuesday, December 4, 2012**

United Methodist Women's Christmas Party, Parlor, 6:30pm

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

### **Wednesday, December 5, 2012**

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

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

WATF Children's Ministries (K—5th Grade), 6:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30pm  
Bulletin Deadline

### **Friday, December 7, 2012**

United Methodist Men's Bible Class Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

December 15 Digital Version Newsletter Deadline

### **Sunday, December 9, 2012**

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, 8:30am

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9:00am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

UMYF, Youth Hut, 5:00pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

Bus Reserved

### **Monday, December 10, 2012**

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

### **Tuesday, December 11, 2012**

United Methodist Women Circle #1, Parlor, 10:00am

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

### **Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

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

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

WATF Children's Ministries (K—5th Grade), 6:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

### **Thursday, December 13, 2012**

Pre-School Christmas Program, Sanctuary, 6:00pm

### **Friday, December 14, 2012**

January 1 Newsletter Deadline

### **Sunday, December 16, 2012**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9:00am

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, December 17, 2012**

Community Greeters Meeting, Choir Room, 3:30pm

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm

### **Tuesday, December 18, 2012**

Praise Band Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

### **Wednesday, December 19, 2012**

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

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

WATF Children's Ministries (K—5th Grade), 6:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 7:30pm

December 23 Bulletin Deadline

### **Thursday, December 20, 2012**

December 30 Bulletin Deadline

### **Sunday, December 23, 2012**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9:00am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

### **Monday, December 24, 2012**

Office Closed — Christmas Holiday

### **Tuesday, December 25, 2012**

Office Closed — Christmas Holiday

### **Wednesday, December 26, 2012**

Office Closed — Christmas Holiday

### **Thursday, December 27, 2012**

Office Closed

### **Sunday, December 30, 2012**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 9:00am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship Service, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm

### **Monday, December 31, 2012**

Boy Scout Meeting, Scout Hut, 6:00pm