

First United Methodist Church  
117 Third Street  
Cheraw, South Carolina 29520

## 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.



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## THE CONNECTION

*First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC*

*January 1, 2013*

### Pastor's Reflections

#### Did You Know?

- \* Ten percent of all America's homeless are veterans.
- \* More than 400,000 children spent a week or more without a home last year.
- \* A nationwide homeless count is done every other January. Two years ago, on a night in late January, well over 600,000 Americans were without a home.
- \* In the homeless count in 2009, there were 4,473 homeless persons in South Carolina.
- \* The National Alliance to End Homelessness (which provided all these figures) estimates that there are 50,000 street homeless youth, that is, young people who live on the streets, in abandoned buildings, in the woods, in cars and not in some sort of shelter.

The next national Point-in-Time Homeless Count will be held the last week of January. To properly assist homeless persons, accurate numbers are needed. Volunteers are needed all over the country, including in Chesterfield County. A two-

hour training session for volunteers will be held at 2:00 on Thursday January 10 in the DSS Commons Room in Chesterfield. For more information, call the First United Methodist Church office at 537-7002 or the Chesterfield County United Way at 623-5274.

On a personal note, I have been asked to play a leadership role in the January homeless count in our county. Though Chesterfield County does not have a homeless shelter, the county always has homeless persons. Two years ago I spoke with a couple who lived in a trailer less than a mile from the Cheraw CVS. They had lived for many months without electricity or running water. They fit the definition of homelessness because of the inadequacy of their living quarters. Other homeless people in our area are more visible. You and I see them walking up and down our main thoroughfares or coasting along on old bicycles. I hope you will join me for the national Point-in-Time Homeless Count and receive training on January 10.

*Paul Wood*

## “Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices”

### New Adult Bible Study Starts January 9

**The means of grace:** Christians have practiced them for centuries. They have special meaning for Wesleyan Christians like United Methodists. They are actions we take to make ourselves open to God's grace.

Some of the means of grace **are acts of worship or devotion.** (John Wesley called them “works of piety.”) They include private and family prayer, searching the scriptures, participating in worship and receiving Holy Communion. The other means of grace are **works of mercy.** In many different ways we serve our neighbor. We seek to do no harm, avoid evil and do all the good that we can.

The means of grace are found in the words found in Mark 12:

“you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength...You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

The adult Bible study at First United Methodist Church begins a New Year with a six-week study entitled “Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices.” Paul Wood will teach the course.

It is a class for all students and adults, and it starts at 6:30 each Wednesday in the fellowship hall. If you wish to enjoy a scrumptious supper at 5:30, call the church office.

Participants will study two passages of scripture each evening, so everyone is asked to bring a Bible. On January 9, the passages to be studied are Mark 12: 28 – 34 and John 13: 34 – 35; 14:15 – 17; and 15: 14 – 17.



## “GENESIS”

Contemporary Worship

January 20 at 8:45am

## News from FUMC Pre-School & Nursery

The Pre-School had their annual Christmas Musical on December 13. The three and four year olds did a wonderful job. We also went to the Theatre on the Green to see Holly and the Kerchuffle, such a delightful time with the children. They are busy preparing for Christmas, making gifts for Mom and Dad. They are reminded every morning during prayer time that this season is all about our Savior's birth. We talk about the fact that when Jesus was born it was quieter than it is today, and that we all need a little quiet time with Jesus. Hope you had a wonderful Holiday and don't forget to spend a little quiet time.

## Our Visitors

### December 9

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Lucille Gray, Shae Lomas, Paul Ludlow.

### December 16

Angela Bridges, Barry Bridges, Emily Carabo, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Paul Ludlow, Patsy Orr, Clifton Pickrel, Virginia Pickrel, Kiersten Shepard, Carolyn Turner.

## Memorials & Honorariums

### *In Memory of Virginia Moore*

M&M Doug Wilson, M&M Scott Laney

### *In Memory of Jeff Allen*

M&M Doug Wilson

### *In Memory of Bob Lockey*

M&M Doug Wilson, FUMC United Methodist Women, M&M Scott Laney

### *In Memory of R.E. Mayhew*

M&M Doug Wilson, FUMC United Methodist Women

### *In Memory of Elaine Motley*

M&M Doug Wilson, M&M Jakie Streater, FUMC United Methodist Women

### *In Memory of Betty Ann Crawford*

M&M Doug Wilson, M&M Scott Laney

### *In Memory of Ed Jackson*

M&M Doug Wilson, M&M Scott Laney

### *In Memory of Karlo Baker*

M&M Doug Wilson, Toookie & Bonnie Huntley, Vera Meadows, Judith Tarleton, M&M Jakie Streater, FUMC United Methodist Women

### *In Memory of Mildred Bryant*

M&M Scott Laney

### *In Honor of Paul & Kay Wood*

M&M Jakie Streater

## Wednesday At The First (WATF)

The Wednesday At The First (WATF) meal begins at 5:30pm with Bible Study following at 6:30pm each Wednesday.

### *Menus for January*

#### **January 9**

Pork tenderloin, yellow rice, butter beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

#### **January 16**

Vegetable soup, chicken and rice soup, cornbread, dessert and tea.

#### **January 23**

BBQ, sweet potatoes, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert and tea.

#### **January 30**

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

## Wednesday At The First (WATF)

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 programs 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 Street, Cheraw, SC 29520. (Taken from our Facebook page)



## Remember our Homebound

### **HOME**

Robin Motley, Sabrina Tucker, Gene Hukabee, Michael Motley, Frances Laney

### **CONVALESCENT CENTER**

Laura Stubbs

### **NURSING HOME**

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

### **RETIREMENT HOME**

Polly Edwards

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wannamaker

## Newsletter Deadlines

### January 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Thursday, January 10, 2013

### February 1 Newsletter Newsletter

Thursday, January 24, 2013

## 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.

## 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



## Flower Fund

The Walters flower fund 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.

## Serving in January

### Hostess

Kelly Dusa

### Altar Guild

Sarah M. Therrell & Shirley Walton

### Acolyte

Benson Stubbs

### Cross Bearer

Sullivan Chapman

### Head Usher

Anthony Harris

### Greeters

January 6 Betty Thrailkill

January 13 M&M Heath Ruffner

January 20 Grayson Watson

January 27 M&M Joey Mills

### Lobby Door Greeters

January 6 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

January 13 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

January 20 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

January 27 Herbert Watts, Allan Chapman

### Nursery

January 6 Dee Dee Pickrel

January 13 Jennifer Tomberlin

January 20 Stephanie Williams

January 27 Kelly Dusa

### Children's Church

January 6 Nancy Wagnon

January 13 Eric Dusa

January 20 Jennifer Tomberlin

January 27 Sarah Lee

### Lay Readers

January 6 Chuck Barber

January 13 Greg Sanderson

January 20 Shannon Johnson

January 27 Susan Marsh

### Counters

January 6 Jackie McGee, Jane May-hew

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

January 13 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

January 20 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

January 27 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

### McArn Items

January 6 Canned vegetables

January 13 Canned meats

January 20 Baby items

January 27 Paper goods

## Birthdays in January

January 2 Hollis Dusa

January 4 Reagan Freeman

January 5 Jeffery Johnson, Margaret Wolfe

January 14 Zachary Carabo

January 15 Sara Wicker

January 17 JoAnne Morgan

January 20 Shellie Stanton, Kay VanDeman, Anne Townsend, Carolyn Wallace

January 21 Kaitlyn Nicole Freeman, Abbey Pickrel

January 22 Mary Kathryn Wagnon, Rhett Butler

January 24 Britt Baxley, Aidan Freeman

January 28 Dawn Chapman, Austin Newton

January 29 Sally Smith

January 31 Becky Moore

## Anniversaries in January

January 7 M&M James Joplin

January 9 M&M Harold Lomas

January 26 M&M Steven Humphries

January 28 M&M Tavener Threatte

# January

## Wednesday, January 2, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, January 6 Bulletin Deadline

## Sunday, January 6, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Interviews for Youth/Children's Directors position,  
3:30pm

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, January 7, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 8, 2013

UMW Circle #1 Meeting, 10:00am, Parlor

Genesis Planning Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, January 9, 2013

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, January 13 Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, January 10, 2013

January 15 Digital Version Newsletter Deadline

## Sunday, January 13, 2013

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, January 14, 2013

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

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, January 16, 2013

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, January 20 Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, January 17, 2013

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

## Sunday, January 20, 2013

Genesis, 8:40am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, January 21, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, January 23, 2013

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, January 27 Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, January 24, 2013

February 1 Newsletter Deadline

## Sunday, January 27, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, January 28, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, January 30, 2013

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, February 3 Bulletin Deadline