

First United Methodist Church
117 Third Street
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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.



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Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an offering taken up in places of worship around the country at the time of the Super Bowl. Proceeds are distributed to the local charities chosen by the youth groups who receive the offering. The youth of First UMC will hold our Souper Bowl of Caring offering on Sunday, January 27, the week before the Super Bowl. Please be generous.

Apportionments

First United Methodist Church paid its 2012 apportionments in full in early January. Congratulations to one and all for your faithful service and sacrificial giving. We have once again contributed our resources one hundred percent to support the mission and ministries of the South Carolina Conference and the United Methodist Church.

Pastor's Reflections

"Who Can We Thank?"

Last June, Kay bought a small four year-old rescue dog named Trudy. She had been found as a stray on the streets of Spartanburg and was on the list at the pound to be put down. But Carolina Poodle Rescue snatched her and put her up for adoption. She had an odd hitch in her gait, and Dr. Tapp discovered that Trudy had a dislocated hip. Before long, the dear little dog (ten pounds) had recovered from surgery, had settled into life in our parsonage and even gained a pound.

Trudy is more than we hoped for. She is lively and playful. She loves to cuddle with Kay. Though she barks too much at pedestrians walking by and guests who come to our door, she is protecting us and the parsonage. That's not so bad!

At first we assumed that Trudy had been poorly treated (how else do you explain an untreated dislocated hip?) and that she had no training. Much to our surprise Trudy knew some commands. Next she showed us (yes, *showed* us) that she already knew how to play fetch. So taking advantage of the big entrance hallway in the parsonage she has a place to scamper after balls and other dog-toys. She can even catch them in mid-air.

A little online research has shown us that she may be a full-blooded Tibetan Spaniel, a small breed developed by Tibetan monks to serve as watch-dogs.

So we have a wonderful little dog. We have a lot to say grace over.

But who can we thank?

I don't know how to contact any Tibetan monks. We have no idea who trained her. So who can we thank?

I find it's the same with a lot of life's greatest gifts. The ones who gave us life itself, who educated us, who tolerated us patiently while we matured – most of them are gone or were never known to us in the first place.

How can I thank the people who more than a hundred years ago started First UMC and kept it going through difficult times? How can you thank the engineers who designed the safe roads you travel on, the doctors who saved your life when you were a kid, the Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders and Sunday School teachers whose names you have forgotten but who taught you some of life's most important lessons?

We are left almost speechless when we consider the amazing gifts of life and those who presented them to us. You could never write enough thank you notes even to the ones whose addresses you can find.

So who can you thank?

It just about takes you to your knees.

See you in church on Sunday, a place where we have a lot to say grace over.

—*Paul Wood*

Trudy



Our Visitors

December 23

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Paul Ludlow, Anna Rayfield, Erin Rayfield, Jennifer Rayfield, Julia Rayfield, Lanny Rayfield, Patrick Rayfield, Reese Rayfield, Chae Sam, Ellen Thrailkill

December 30

Anne Bryan, Taylor Clark, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Barbara Eutsler, Katie Goodale, Laurie Goodale, Johnnie Johnson, Collin McManus, Ricki Thurman, David Townsend, Chad Walton

January 6

Anne Bryan, Drew Copeland, Tom Davidson, William Eutsler, Jr., George Furr, Joyce Jansen, Johnnie Johnson.

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Virginia Moore

Ruth Middleton

In Memory of Jeff Allen

M&M John Wagon & Michael.

In Memory of Bob Lockey

M&M Jerry Turner

In Memory of Arthur Caulder, Jr.

Diane Caulder Jordan

In Memory of Elaine Motley

Ruth Middleton, Rockwell Goodale (Reit Management & Research LLC), M&M Thomas McKinnon, M&M Jerry Turner, M&M Doug Marsh

In Memory of Betty Ann Crawford

Ruth Middleton

In Memory of Ed Jackson

Ruth Middleton

In Memory of Karlo Baker

Juliette Pleasant, Ruth Middleton, M&M Jerry Turner, M&M Doug Marsh, Van & Anne Pate,

In Memory of Beulah & Hildreth Middleton

Ruth Middleton and the Boys

In Memory of Bill and Paulline Harrill

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In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. William D. Burch

M&M Larry Spears, Will Spears, Amy & Patrick Gavin

In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. L.L. Spears

M&M Larry Spears, Will Spears, Amy & Patrick Gavin

In Honor of Dr. Wright R. Spears

M&M Larry Spears, Will Spears, Amy & Patrick Gavin

"GENESIS"

Contemporary Worship

January 20 at 8:45am

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.



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

February 1 Newsletter Newsletter

Thursday, January 24, 2013

February 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Friday, February 8, 2013

Pictorial Directory

The final copy of the FUMC pictorial directory has been edited and sent back to the publisher. We hope to receive bound copies by the end of January. Those who had portraits taken will receive a free directory. This applies whether or not the portraits were purchased. In addition, we have ordered a limited number of unreserved copies for anyone wanting to purchase a directory at \$10.00 each. Please contact Angie if you wish to reserve a copy to purchase.

News From First Methodist Preschool & Nursery

Things have wound down now and we are anticipating great things for the new year. We had a wonderful program at Christmas, and the children did a wonderful job as usual. The children performed a duet, and they sang Silent Night to candle light. We had at least 100 people attend if not more. The school was closed for the Christmas holidays and we had some work done while the school was closed. The ladies had to move all the furniture out of the classrooms before we closed. You should have seen these ladies work. I was worried it would take forever, but I was so wrong. I know who to call if I ever have to move. Great job ladies!!

We have planned another field trip for our 4 year olds. We will be going to the Ringling Brothers Circus on

February 14, in Florence. We are so excited! I have 35 attending this show.

We also will be having our St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon in February or March. This is an annual event for us and the donations go to help the children at St. Jude's. Every year the children are encouraged to bring their trikes or riding toys, to ride the halls in honor of the children.

The threes and fours will also be attending the Theatre on the Green for two more productions, one this month and one in February. This is always a fun show for children and adults. We encourage anyone that could volunteer to walk with a child to the Theatre. Just give us a call if you would like to go with a child.

In Christian Faith,

Catreenna

Thank You

To all of you who sent goodies, gifts, cards, and gave to the staff Christmas gift I want to say thank you. Your kindness is much appreciated and I truly thank each of you.

—Angie Smith

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for December

Ashton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Allison Becker, Hannah Leach, Gini Eddins, Ellison Outen, Billy Wicker, Jerry Turner, John Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Dallas Keefe, Pete Owens, Hubert Watts, Jon Kroepel, Joey Mills, Leighton Becker, Susan Eschenfelder, Susan Marsh, Shari Stubbs, Trina Mills, Jenny Keefe, Norma Cobb, Ed Davidson, Brenda Rayfield, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Mary Burr, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Sarah M. Therrell, Lynn Tweed, Linda Smith.

Worship Perfect Attendance for December

Mary Burr, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Ed Davidson, Hollis Dusa, Kelly Dusa, Gini Eddins, Scott Eddins, Micki Lockey, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Ruth Middleton, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Cheryl Postlewait, Greg Robinson, Cindy Sanderson, John Sanderson, Linda Smith, Keith Stubbs, Shari Stubbs, Brant Thompson, Jacquelyn Tomberlin, Jennifer Tomberlin, Anne Townsend, Jerry Turner, Patricia Turner, William Wicker, Gaila Wilson.

From the Finance Committee

What a joy it was to have so many talented musicians to bless us during the Christmas season. Tyler, Megan, and Amy Goodwin all shared their instrumental gifts, while Dr. Harrison Goodwin promises to take part in our handbell ensemble.

Vocalists, Mary-Charlotte Dusa and Caroline Crouse, sang a sweet arrangement of "Mary, Did you Know?" on Christmas Eve. I cannot thank Nancy Wagnon, Janice Moore,

Megan Goodwin, and Ruth Middleton enough for their help on making our Christmas pageant a success. We also have a great little wind ensemble that is developing quite nicely.

May the blessings of God rest upon you and your family in 2013.

In Christ,

Jon Kroepel

From the Finance Committee

The trustees have quotes for painting four Sunday School classrooms and two hallways, including the fellowship hall entrance. Funds for this project are not included in the 2013 Trustees budget nor the 2013 general church budget. The Trustees need contributions from Sunday School classes and FUMC members to move forward. With sufficient help this project could be expanded to include the fellowship hall and kitchen.

— *Robert Calhoun, Finance Committee Chairperson*

Perfect Attendance in 2012

Sunday School

Jerry Carter, Sarah Margaret Therrell

Worship

Sharon McKinnon, Thomas McKinnon, Jerry Carter, Sarah Margaret Therrell

CONGRATULATIONS!

January

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 Greade), 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, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, 3:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5:00pm, Youth Hut

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Choir Room

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 Greade), 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

Confirmation Class, 3:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5:00pm, Youth Hut

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 Greade), 6:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, February 3 Bulletin Deadline