

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 27, 2013

- 9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 12:15am Staff Parish Relations Committee / DS Meeting
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Youth Hut)
- 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 28, 2013

- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
- 6:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting (Choir Room)

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

- 5:30pm WATF Meal
 - 6:30pm Adult Bible Study
 - 6:30pm Children's Ministries (K—5th Grade)
 - 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- Sunday, February 3 Bulletin Deadline*

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- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (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 house- hold). 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”. Reservations must be in to the church office no later than 3:00pm on Monday.

- 5:30— Meal
- 6:30—7:30 — Children's Ministries hour (K—5th grade)
- 6:30—7:30 — Adult Bible Study

No Youth Activities on Wednesday.

MENU— *(February 3)* , dessert and tea.

FUMC STAFF

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude “Piece d’Orgue” J.S. Bach

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

***Ritual of Friendship**

Call to Worship

***Hymn No. 368 in the Hymnal** “My Hope Is Built” The Solid Rock

Unison Prayer for January Sammy Quick, Lay Reader

Blessed creator, you are the God of the second chance, the new opportunity, the fresh start. In you your creation finds renewal and refreshment. Through Christ we your people are made into a community of forgiveness, unity and peace. Through the Holy Spirit, you send fresh winds of healing and hope. Help us, grace-filled God, to cast aside ancient hurts, old animosities, stale traditions and hurtful habits. Renew us with your life-giving Spirit. We give you thanks for your constant life-giving presence made real in this new day and this New Year. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Mini Sermon Rev. Paul Wood

Foundational Scripture Passage (in unison) Jeremiah 29: 11 — 13 Lay Reader

“I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me.”

Epistle Lesson Acts 9: 10 — 19 Lay Reader

***Affirmation No. 881 in the Hymnal** The Apostles' Creed Lay Reader

***Gloria Patri — Page No. 70 in the Hymnal** “Glory be to the Father” Meineke

***Gospel Lesson** John 21: 15 — 19 Rev. Wood

Sermon "New Purpose for a New Year" Rev. Wood
(Sermons for a New Year, Fifth in the Series)

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn No. 431 in the Hymnal** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" World Peace
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 Voluntary "Variations on Nettleton" Albert Travis

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

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

***Hymn No. 724 in the Hymnal** "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" Promised Land

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude** "Final on Nettleton" Albert Travis
*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.

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.

The natural greens are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God.

OUR PRAYER LIST our President, our nation, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' parents), Bailey Turner (9-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Betty Thrailkill (cancer—appreciates visits and phone calls), Pal & John Moore, Shirley Walton, Evelyn Middleton (Kim Williamson's friend), Karen Hunt Carpenter (Beth Barber's friend), Randy Pearson (Beth Barber's friend), Buddy McLean (Parent of child in FUMC Pre-school), Tommy English (Jim Bennett's friend), Roger & Margaret Wolfe, Drew Copeland, Ruth "Tootsie" Howle (Jane Mayhew's sister-in-law). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

LENTEN LUNCHEONS — The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring Lenten luncheons beginning at noon on February 13. First Baptist will host each luncheon. Bringing the meditation on February 13 will be Rev. Kyle Henderson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

LENT SEASON — Friends, Easter will come early this year, March 31 to be exact; so the special church season of Lent will begin soon. Let me suggest that you begin now to consider how you might make Lent a season of spiritual formation for you and your family. This may mean "giving up" something such as certain foods or "taking up" something such as a new form of service or devotion. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 13. — Paul Wood

CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL PHONE SYSTEM —The new phone system was installed this week and phone service is back to normal for both the church office and preschool.

GOLDEN CROSS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — Through the Golden Cross Offering, United Methodists in South Carolina provide assistance to other South Carolina United Methodists who cannot afford to pay medical expenses not covered by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. Golden Cross offerings also provide scholarships for students pursuing careers in the health care field and also offset some of the maintenance fees incurred by retired clergy who live in our UM retirement communities. In recent years a member of First UMC received help from Golden Cross to pay medical bills. Please be generous when we receive the Golden Cross Offering next Sunday, February 3.

FLOWER CHART — The flower chart for this year is up in the hallway by the sanctuary. If you would like to sign up for a particular Sunday, please contact Sarah M. Therrell at 537-3395 or the church office at 537-7002.

BRASS BIBLE STAND — The Worship Ministry Team is unable to locate the brass Bible stand. Anyone who might have moved it is asked to return it to the church office. Thank you.

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 soon. 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.

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 receive our Souper Bowl of Caring offering today as we leave the sanctuary. Show your support for the Forty-Niners or the Ravens. There's a soup pot for each team. Which team has the most fans here? We will see!

"OPENING OURSELVES TO GRACE: BASIC CHRISTIAN PRACTICES" — Everyone is invited to the Wednesday night Bible study, 6:30 until 7:25 each Wednesday in the fellowship hall. Paul Wood is currently presenting a six-week series on the means of grace. These are the practical ways we Christians can make ourselves open to God's grace.

NOTE 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 included the fellowship hall and kitchen.

— Robert Calhoun, Finance Committee Chairperson

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Anthony Harris	Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Joey Mills
Lobby Door Greeters: Herbert Watts, Allan Chapman	Hostess: Kelly Dusa
Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell & Shirley Walton	Acolyte: Benson Stubbs
Nursery: Caroline Berry & Kelly Dusa	Cross Bearer: Sullivan Chapman
Children's Church: Sarah Lee	McArn Item: Paper goods
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield	Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh	Next Week's Lay Reader: Sara M. Therrell

Last Week's Genesis Attendance — 53; Worship Service Attendance — 102; Total both services — 155
Worship Attendance in 2012 for the same Sunday — 147