

First United Methodist Church
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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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Pastor's Reflection

A New Twist to Lenten Discipline

Have you ever thought about how accustomed you are to *MOVING* and *DOING*? Many of us, and most definitely Yours Truly, stay on the go all day long. If our feet aren't moving, we're still doing something with our hands. If we aren't talking to someone or communicating through some electronic device, then we are still in motion, working, playing, listening or checking out our surroundings.

We may be quite still...almost motionless as we watch something or read something. Our need to be doing something may lead us to FIDGET until we can find SOMETHING to keep us busy.

We are creatures of movement and action. It's hard to JUST SIT STILL.

This Lent I want to issue a challenge. For five or ten minutes a day, preferably in the morning, just sit still, stay quiet and listen to God.

You might keep your Bible and

your devotional book on the table so that you will not be tempted to read. In quiet and stillness, listen for the movement of God's Spirit. Watch for the arrival of God.

A few minutes of quiet stillness like this will be very hard for many of us, but I promise it will bring results. It will put you into the presence of God.

So I am suggesting a unique Lenten discipline. In place of giving up sweets, or caffeine; in place of skipping a meal once a week; in place of fasting twenty-four hours once a week; I invite you to take on this most challenging discipline.

JUST SIT STILL...AND LISTEN FOR GOD.

See you in church next Sunday!

Paul Wood



J.O.Y Club

The J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, February 21 at noon in the fellowship hall. The meal will be catered at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Hostesses for this month are Renee Creech, Lobie Hammond and Ida Mae Burch. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr (537-3920) by Monday, February 18 at 4:00pm. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

"GENESIS"

Contemporary Worship

February 17 at 8:45am

Our Visitors

January 27

Gloria Chapman, Kevin Chapman, Tom Davidson, Laural Edwards, Johnnie Johnson, Abby Jones, Mark Jones, Collin McManus, Robert Stewart.

February 3

Christel Allred, Cole Allred, Ike Allred, Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Joanna Gentry, Johnnie Johnson, Paul Ludlow, Kirsten Shepard.

The Organ is Back!

The church's organ returned on January 21st. Jon Kroepel led us at the organ the following Sunday – January 27th. If you haven't heard it yet, you are missing out! The long wait is over, and it sounds beautiful.

Hearty thanks go out to Jon Kroepel and Harold Lomas who led us through the long, arduous process. Thanks to everyone who made a contribution, small or large, to the fund.

This marvelous instrument helps us to praise God and to worship in Spirit and in truth. Let us thank God for it and for all of life's blessings!

The Security of the Building

Friends, the Board of Trustees, the church staff and I have become concerned about the security of the church. On several occasions we have found exterior doors to be unlocked. We have a fine, well-functioning security system to guard against intruders. However, we should not take for granted the safety of the children and staff of our pre-school as well as the security of everyone else in the building. We ask all church members to be conscious of the doors and their locks.

Thank you

Paul Wood

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Allison Toole

FUMC Methodist Men's Bible Class, Martha Bentley, David & Anne Townsend, Jim Bennett,

In Memory of Mack Covington

Jim Bennett,

In Memory of Elaine Motley

FUMC Ezer Sunday School Class,

In Memory of Karlo Baker

Harry Mims, Jr.,

Perfect Attendance for the Year

Susan Eschenfelder's name was erroneously missed from the list of members who had perfect attendance for Sunday School and Worship in the year of 2012. Congratulations Susan, and sorry your name was missed.

Lenten Lunches at First Baptist Church

The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring Lenten luncheons at noon each Wednesday. Each luncheon will include a devotional message by an area pastor and conclude no later than 1:00.

First Baptist will host each luncheon, and they will continue each Wednesday through March 20. Bringing the meditation on February 13 will be Rev. Kyle Henderson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Lenten Activities

Lent is the Christian season of preparation for Easter. It is forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter morning. This year, Lent will begin on February 13. First Baptist Church will host a series of devotional services (including a soup and sandwiches lunch) in their fellowship building each Wednesday at noon. The series begins on Ash Wednesday.

Later that day – at 6:30 – we will hold a service of Ash Wednesday worship in our sanctuary. Bring a friend! Lent is a very special time of the year!



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

Newsletter Deadlines

March 1 Newsletter

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

March 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Friday, March 8, 2013

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 February

February 20

Chicken bog, beans, corn fritters, fat back, dessert and tea.

February 27

Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea.

January Sunday School Perfect Attendance

Sammy Quick, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Harold Lomas, Jim Bennett, Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills, Jerry Turner, Michael Wagnon, Benson Stubbs, Scott Eddins, Norma Cobb, Ed Davidson, Jimmy Duffy, Bill Eutsler, Cheryl Postlewait, Edith Quick, Brenda Rayfield, Anne Townsend, Marianne Crawford, Trina Mills, Cindy Sanderson, Jean Assef, Kay Wood, Emily Marsh, Mary Burr, Henrietta Kollitz, Jackie McGee, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Sarah M. Therrell, Allison Becker, Todd Becker, Pam Humphries, Nancy Wagnon, Caroline Berry, Bonnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Brant Thompson, Becky Thompson, Amy Lewis, Susan Eschenfelder, Michelle Rohde, Sawyer Becker, Ashton Becker.

Worship Perfect Attendance for January

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Theodore Burns, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Norma Cobb, Marianne Crawford, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Ed Davidson, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Pam Humphries, Ruth Ann Jones, Amy Lewis, Jayson Lewis, Harold Lomas, Mary Lomas, Jackie McGee, Sharon McKinnon, Ruth Middleton, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Cheryl Postlewait, Edith Quick, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Cindy Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Sarah M. Therrell, Becky Thompson, Brant Thompson, Anne Townsend, Jerry Turner, Michael Wagnon, Nancy Wagnon.

Salkehatchie Summer Service

Approximately 20-25 youth and adults will be participating in Salkehatchie Summer Service over a two week period this summer. We are planning several events to help raise awareness and money for these missions.

*To start we would like to ask for water donations to begin now. You may leave your donations in the church office and we will arrange them into a nice display. (We are not taking Gatorade drinks for now. We will let you know when the decision on that is made.)

*There will probably be a Sunday lunch after worship—at least once!

*A car wash is being planned for April/May.

*A pancake breakfast at **FATZ's** will be held **May 18** with all proceeds going to Salkehatchie.

Some of the money raised will be used to purchase power tools that the camp will need this year. (We will bring them home with us.) Some of the folks who usually go to Pendleton will not be going this year. They will be helping to get a camp started in Wyoming. They are the ones who always bring the power tools. If you have extra power tools that you are not using or no longer need, we would love to help you clean out your tool shed!! Just give us a call and we will gladly pick them up.

Most of all, please begin praying now for the camps, the participants, and the home owners who will be served.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Debbie Adams at 623-4153 or Jake Keefe at 843-601-2870.

Financial Report to FUMC Members

1. 2012 Year — Ended year with a surplus of \$19,264. Apportionments were paid at 100%. Surplus will be applied to church Contingency Fund. The Contingency Fund is for church emergency use only.
2. 2013 Budget was approved by the Finance Committee and then the Church Council on January 27, 2013.
3. Projected 2013 church expenses are \$372,881. Projected 2013 church income is \$356,642. This is a deficit of \$16,239 as we begin the year.
4. Projected church expenses represent a \$30 reduction from 2012 budget. Projected church income represents a reduction of \$3,948 from 2012 budget.
5. Each church financial year stands on its own. In 2012 we started with a deficit and were blessed with a surplus at the end. We start 2013 again with a deficit. This will again be a challenge. The Finance Committee wants each church member to know where we stand as we begin 2013.
6. Thanks for your attention! Please be in prayer for First United Methodist church as we venture into year 2013.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

February

Friday, February 15, 2013

Sweetheart Banquet, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 17, 2013

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Taizè Worship Service, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Monday, February 18, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Missions Ministry Team Meeting, 5:15pm, Choir Room

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 20, 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 24 Bulletin Deadline

March 1 Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, February 21, 2013

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

Sunday, February 24, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Taizè Worship Service, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Monday, February 25, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, February 27, 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, March 3 Bulletin Deadline



Blood Drive

Time to roll up your sleeve and give the gift of life. FUMC will host a blood drive on Monday, March 11, from 2:00pm—7:00pm, in the fellowship hall.

Blood is needed in our hospitals every day, so please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by the office, go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw, or call Angie at the church office.