

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, February 3, 2013

- 9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Youth Hut)
- 5:00pm United Methodist Women Circle #4 (Parlor)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday, February 4, 2013

- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, February 6, 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 10 Bulletin Deadline*

Friday, February 8, 2013

February 15 Digital Version Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, February 10, 2013

- 8:30am United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00pm Confirmation Class (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 3:30pm Youth/Children's Director Interview
- 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Choir Room)

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.

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 6 — *Meatloaf, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, fat back, biscuits, dessert and tea.*

FUMC STAFF

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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.

February 3, 2013

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Golden Cross Sunday**

Prelude

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

*Ritual of Friendship

Call to Worship

***Hymn No. 139 in the Hymnal “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** Lobe Den Herren

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Sara M. Therrell, Lay Reader

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, Holy One. Cleanse us from the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance

Mini Sermon Rev. Paul Wood

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 1 : 1 — 4 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 1: 43 — 51 Rev. Wood

Sermon “The Son” Rev. Wood

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn No. 2213 in *The Faith We Sing* “Healer of Our Every Ill”** Healer of Our Every Ill
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 “Word Made Flesh”

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

A Service of Word and Table III, Musical Setting A on Page No. 17 in the Hymnal
The Lord’s Prayer
Giving of the Bread and Cup

***Hymn No. 361 in the Hymnal** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Toplady

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude**

***Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

Holy Communion is open to all. Today we are serving the sacrament by intinction. Receive a piece of bread, lightly touch it to the surface of the cup and then consume. Please come forward using the side aisles and return by the middle aisle.

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Spencer James Swarr who was born on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. Spencer is the son of Peter and Elizabeth Swarr of Brentwood, Tennessee and the grandson of Robert and Sarah Jefferies Calhoun.

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.

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, Tommy English (Jim Bennett’s friend), Roger & Margaret Wolfe, Drew Copeland, Ruth “Tootsie” Howle (Jane Mayhew’s sister-in-law), Henry Brasington (Debbie Adams’ father), Allison Gainey (Debbie Adam’s friend). **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. 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.

DOORS — From time to time in recent weeks staff members have found an exterior door to be unlocked. Let us not take for granted the safety of the children and staff of our pre-school as well as everyone’s security. Seven days a week, all church members are asked to be conscious of the doors and their locks.

LENT SEASON — Friends, Easter will come early this year, March 31 to be exact. So the special church season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 13. 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. – Paul

UNITED METHODIST MEN’S (UMM) ANNUAL SWEETHEART BANQUET — The UMM’s Annual Sweet-heart banquet will be held on Friday, February 15 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please call the church office by Wednesday, February 13 to make reservations.

SOUPER BOWL REPORT — First UMC Youth received the Souper Bowl of Caring offering last Sunday. The total given was \$408.88. All the proceeds will be presented to McArn Community Ministry. (Church members gave the victory to the Baltimore Ravens.)

FLOWERS PLANTED — The youth have planted all the pansies at the side door entrance and in front of the sanctuary. There was a great turnout even though it was a cool day. Thanks very much. As you watch the pansies grow and flourish with the warm weather, think of our youth, growing and flourishing in the youth programs of the church.

GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY— Today we are receiving the Golden Cross Offering. Through Golden Cross 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. The offerings also provide scholarships for students pursuing careers in the health care field and 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 generous as we receive the Golden Cross Offering.

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 pictorial directories have arrived. You may pick your copy up today after service in the Narthex. If you had your picture taken for the directory, you will receive a free copy; if not, you can purchase a copy for \$10.00. You can also pick up your copy from the church office during the week.

“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*

**Ash Wednesday Worship at First United Methodist Church
February 13 at 6:30**

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP — February 13 at 6:30 — We will begin the Season of Lent in our sanctuary with Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 on February 13. The service will include the imposition of ashes. This is an ancient ritual in which ashes are placed on each person's forehead as a sign that we are mortals and that we repent from our sins.

TAIZÈ WORSHIP SET FOR SUNDAY'S IN LENT — Taizè Worship is coming to First United Methodist Church. Taizè is a small village in France. More than fifty years ago a small ecumenical Christian community formed there and developed a style of worship which has spread around the globe.

Taizè worship is easy. It includes simple songs sung repetitively, short prayers and scripture readings and periods of silence.

The Worship Ministry Team invites the congregation and community to attend Taizè services each Sunday evening at 6:30pm, February 17 through March 17 in the sanctuary. (HINT: Taizè is pronounced tuh-zày.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE EMPHASIS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY — Our Lenten Sunday School Attendance Emphasis begins next Sunday and runs through Easter. Our adult classes will be competing with one another to increase attendance "to the max." Are you a Sunday School "newby"? No problem! You will be greeted with open arms. Just show up at 10:00 next Sunday morning, and you will be given directions to our six adult classes. Try them out from week to week. There's no pressure to make a quick selection between the options.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR — Friends and members of First UMC, the time has come for a much-needed break. Kay and I will leave town this afternoon and not return until Saturday, February 9. Then following a meeting the afternoon of Sunday, February 10, we will leave again for three more days. We need this time away. Rev. David Townsend will provide pastoral care during my absence. I am grateful to him, and I know you are, as well. Blessings on each of you!

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Keith Smith

Lobby Door Greeters: Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Altar Guild: Amy Lewis

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Allison Becker

Children's Church: Allison Becker

Counters: Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew

Alternate Counters: Walter Crosby, John Moore

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Rhett Butler

Hostess: Flo Outen

Acolyte: Hannah Leach

Cross Bearer: Jayson Lewis

McArn Item: Dry goods

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Next Week's Lay Reader: Greg Sanderson

Last Week's Worship Attendance — 159;

Worship Attendance in 2012 for the same Sunday — 202 (Included Genesis Service)