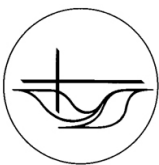


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## Our Mission

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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# THE CONNECTION

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## Pastor's Reflection

### The United Methodist Social Principles

Some subjects are difficult to talk about ***anywhere*** with ***anybody***. Try starting a genuine and respectful discussion on gun control, on abortion, on capital punishment or on prayer in the schools. It isn't easy! Tempers can flare. The ties of friendship can become frayed and torn.

But without high quality discussion, our minds can be closed to any new information and the continued witness of scripture to our changing world. Hard emotions can block any real dialogue and prohibit honest thought about what might be right and what might be wrong.

The same is true in church! We don't want to disrupt the tranquil relations and peace which church is known for providing.

But for four Wednesday nights, 6:30 until 7:25 in the fellowship hall, we are going to try to have ***respectful, thoughtful dialogue*** about some of the hot issues which assail our

country and have brought on so much division and anger.

We will look at the United Methodist Social Principles. They are found in the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*. First, I will tell what the Social Principles are, how they are changed, who changes them and whether or not we must agree with them. (Hint: We are free to disagree with them.)

Then we will practice discussing some of them. There are too many for only four weeks of classes. Shall we discuss abortion rights? How about alcohol consumption, human sexuality, human cloning, war, the rights of illegal immigrants or gambling? I am open to suggestions.

Join us for four Wednesday nights beginning April 10. There is no pre-registration.

See you in church on Sunday!

*Paul*

## Job Opening

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has renewed its efforts to locate a Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. The following ad will run in a variety of publications over the next few weeks. Members of the congregation are encouraged to speak with friends and acquaintances who might wish to apply for the staff position.

**First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC, is seeking a fulltime Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. In co-operation with active adults, this staff member will plan and manage the congregation's ministries with youth and children. Send your resume to [sprc@fumccheraw.net](mailto:sprc@fumccheraw.net) or to First UMC, Attn: Mrs. Lib Norton, 117 Third St., Cheraw, SC 29520.**

## Our Visitors

### March 10

Ok Yo Chang, Barbara Eutsler, William Eutsler, Jr., Paul Ludlow, Shane Robertson, Kim Truett.

### March 17

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tim Dillon, Joan Drescher, Susan Wagnon Hodges, Paul Ludlow, Ashlyn Nelson, Katie Phillips, Lauren Vukina, John Wagnon.

### March 24

Christel Allred, Cole Allred, Ike Allred, Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Loral Edwards, Ashlyn Nelson, Gracie Sturkey.

## Wednesday At The First (WATF)

The Wednesday At The First (WATF) meal begins at 5:30pm.

### *Menus for April*

#### **April 3**

No WATF

#### **April 10**

Fried chicken, rice and gravy, pinto beans, biscuits, dessert and tea.

#### **April 17**

Baked chicken, rice and gravy, cabbage, rolls, dessert and tea.

#### **April 24**

Meatloaf, string beans, rice and gravy, biscuits, dessert and tea.

## 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 Karlo Baker***

Freddy & Carol Riley

### ***In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas S. Evans***

Thomas DuPre'

### ***In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. S. Jervey DuPre'***

Thomas DuPre'

### ***In Memory of Allan Anderson***

Shirley Walton

### ***In Memory of Mike Hamden***

Shirley Walton

### ***In Memory of Allison Toole***

M&M William L. Kinney, Jr., M&M Daniel E. McNeil

### ***In Memory of Malcolm Covington***

M&M William L. Kinney, Jr., M&M Daniel E. McNeil

## Blood Drive Update

First United Methodist hosted a blood drive in honor of Mr. Pete Owens and Mr. Dick Griggs on Monday, March 11. This blood drive was a huge success; 29 good units were collected. The American Red Cross and First Methodist thanks each one who donated blood in honor of these two men.

Mark your calendars now for the next blood drive which will be on Monday, May 20, 2013.

## 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



## Remember our Homebound

### **HOME**

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

### **CONVALESCENT CENTER**

Laura Stubbs, Eddie Stubbs

### **NURSING HOME**

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

### **RETIREMENT HOME**

Polly Edwards

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

Patsy Rushing, Margie  
Wannamaker

## Newsletter Deadlines

### April 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Monday, April 4, 2013

### May 1 Newsletter

Monday, April 22, 2013

## SC Methodist Historical Society

The South Carolina Methodist Historical Society will meet at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 20. After a short business meeting in our fellowship hall, the public is invited to join Society members on a tour presented by Cheryl Postlewait (FUMC Historian) and Rev. Dr. Paul Wood. The tour, entitled "Church History Made Visible," will begin in the sanctuary at 10:45. Cheryl and Paul will demonstrate how First UMC has used innovative as well as traditional methods to interpret the history of the congregation and the town.

Though most of the tour will take place at First UMC, it will also include stops at Old St. David's, Laney Landing (where Francis Asbury first crossed the Great Pee Dee during his first journey into South Carolina), and Wesley United Methodist Church on Greene Street. Before the tour's conclusion (around 12:45), tour participants will be introduced to Cheraw's award-winning cellphone tour.

It is an honor for First United Methodist Church to host the Society's meeting and to conduct the tour. Cheryl and Paul invite you to join them on April 20.

## When You Need Kevin's Assistance.....

Many of us on occasion need the assistance of our custodian Kevin Chapman. He is happy and able to help locate items, move chairs and tables and much more. But interruptions to his schedule can be detrimental. When you need Kevin's help, you are asked to contact Angie Smith in the church office at 537-7002. Angie fits your request into the schedule so that Kevin can be looking for you at a pre-determined time. Feel free to continue calling upon Kevin.

## Asbury Hill's Camp

Parents, the United Methodist camp in the South Carolina mountains, Asbury Hills, has announced a full summer schedule for children and teens. Check out the camp at [www.asburyhills.org](http://www.asburyhills.org). You can also find brochures in the church office.

## Calling All Youth Who Love to Sing God's Praises!

Spirit Singers is a group of teens from South Carolina who love spreading the Gospel through song. We need more voices for the 2013-2014 choir. Youth do not need to be soloist quality or know how to read music. We audition to ensure the vocal balance of the choir. If you are interested in singing with Spirit Singers and are age 13 – 17 please check us out at [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org) ! Click on Ministries, Youth, Spirit Singers brochure and application. Scholarships are available.

Thank you!

Judy Suggs, Choir Dean, Spirit Singers  
(Contact Judy at 803-417-8010 or [suggsp@comporium.net](mailto:suggsp@comporium.net).)

## April Birthdays

April 4 Kayla Buffington Baldwin

April 5 Brant Thompson

April 6 Keith Smith, Jim Bennett

April 9 Becky Thompson

April 10 Anthony Harris, Steven Humphries

April 13 Jensen Tomberlin

April 18 Laura Harris

April 19 Lindsey Sanderson, Amanda Carabo

April 22 Sarah Miles, Mary Lomas

April 23 Michelle Kessler

April 29 Marianne Crawford

April 30 Walter Crosby, Jim Crawford, IV.

## **“GENESIS”**

Our contemporary service is held on  
the third Sunday of each month.  
Genesis will begin at 8:45am on  
Sunday, April 21.

## April Anniversaries

April 8 M&M Peter Swarr

April 13 M&M Paul Miles

April 17 M&M Todd Becker

April 23 M&M Jerry Turner

April 24 M&M John Sanderson

April 26 M&M Jim Crawford, III, M&M David Tucker

## Contemporary Worship Each Month

Contemporary worship is now in its second year at First United Methodist Church and is held in the fellowship hall. “Genesis” is held the third Sunday of each month at 8:45. The band and praise singers rehearse once or twice a week. Each month, a “curator” coordinates the service and incorporates ten to twelve other members of the congregation into the leadership of the service. Pastor Paul Wood is usually the preacher. A scripture-based theme is carried throughout each Genesis service.

## Salkehatchie Needs

Skill saw	5 gal Gatorade cooler	Ratchets and sockets
Drills	Water	55 gal trash cans
Hand sanders	Powder Gatorade	Magnetic nail picker
Electric sanders	Razor knives	Bottle jacks
Jig saw	Screw drivers	Caulking guns
Drill bits	Nut drives	Scrapers
Screws	Hedge trimmers	Mud knives
Bits	Nail aprons	Air compressors
Chop saws	Screw guns	Tarps (for covering roofs)
Levels	Hammers	55 gal trash bags
Squares	Water hose	
Ladders	Table saw	Paul Bennett at The
Tape measures	Extension cords	Paperhouse knows how
Chalk lines	Post hole diggers	much and which of the
Roof shovels	Nail punch	following we need:
Pry bars	Saw zall	Plates, bowls, cups, des-
Crow bars	Ax	sert plates, forks, knives,
Paint brushes	Shovels	spoons, napkins, paper
Rakes	Wrenches	towels.



Members of First UMC participated in the Community Palm Sunday Service at Fisher Hill Community Baptist Church on March 24. Those in the photo include Susan Eschenfelder, Michael Wagon, Jayson Lewis, Paul Wood and former FUMC custodian Luther Jones.

## Thank You

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the spaghetti lunch fundraiser for Salkehatchie Summer Service. A grand total of \$838.00 was donated toward this worthy cause and will be used to show God's love to others as we serve them this summer. Please continue to pray for the camps, those whose homes will be worked on, and for the campers.

Thank you so very much,  
*Salkehatchie Participants*

## Serving in April

### Hostess

Carole Hennessee

### Altar Guild

Susan Eschenfeler & Zenda Rushing

### Head Usher

Jeff Johnson

### Greeters

April 7 M&M Jimmie Williamson

April 14 M&M Manuel Assef

April 21 Chuck Barber

April 28 M&M Jeff Johnson

### Lobby Door Greeters

April 7 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

April 14 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

April 21 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

April 28 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

### Nursery

April 7 Greer Eddins

April 14 Mason Tomberlin

April 21 Kristina Allen

April 28 Kelly Dusa

### Children's Church

April 7 Nancy Wagnon, Hannah Leach

April 14 Eric Dusa, Sarah Allen

April 21 Jennifer Tomberlin, Mary Charlotte Dusa

April 28 Sarah Lee, Kathryn Johnson

### Lay Readers

April 7 Ruth Middleton

April 14 Ray Crouse

April 21 Jenny Keefe

April 28 Jim Bennett

### Counters

April 7 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

April 14 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick,

Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

April 21 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

April 28 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

### Flower Calendar

April 7 OPEN

April 14 OPEN

April 21 Cheryl Postlewait

April 28 Cheryl Postlewait

### McArn Items

April 7 Canned vegetables

April 14 Peanut butter

April 21 Corn meal, flour, sugar

April 28 Baby food and items

## The Lighter Side



"Pastor, what do you do when you experience sermon block?"

# April

## Monday, April 1, 2013

Community Greeters Meeting, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Sunday, April 7 Bulletin Deadline

## Saturday, April 6, 2013

Spring BBQ, 11:00am—2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, April 7, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, 4:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, April 8, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Worship Ministry Team Meeting, 6:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Nominations & Leadership Development Meeting, 7:00pm, Pairs & Spares Classroom

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## Tuesday, April 9, 2013

United Methodist Women, Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 10, 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, April 14 Bulletin Deadline

## Saturday, April 13, 2013

Parlor in use

## Sunday, April 14, 2013

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

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, 4:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Missions Ministry Team Meeting, 4:30pm, Pairs and Spares Classroom

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, April 15, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Pre-School Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

## Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 17, 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, April 21 Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, April 18, 2013

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

## Saturday, April 20, 2013

FATZ Missions Breakfast Fundraiser, 8:00am, FATZ Café

SC Conference Historical Society, 9:00am—2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Church and Bus Reserved

## Sunday, April 21, 2013

Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, 4:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, April 22, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 24, 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, April 28 Bulletin Deadline

## Saturday, April 27, 2013

Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet, 12:00pm—8:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, April 28, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Confirmation Class, 4:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, April 29, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall