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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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## Wednesday At the First News

- \* The story of the suffering and death of Jesus is at the heart of the gospel message. It concludes all four of the gospels. Each Wednesday in March, Paul Wood is walking the class through one of the four gospels' accounts of the passion of Jesus. The lesson for March 20 is on Luke 22 and 23. The lesson for March 27, the Wednesday of Holy Week, is on John 12 through 19.
- \* Because of spring break in the Chesterfield County Schools, we will not hold Wednesday At The First on April 3.
- \* For a hundred years, Methodists have spoken to the world about the issues of the times through what we call "The Social Principles." We apply our understandings of scripture, tradition, experience and reason to issues such as war and peace, unionized labor, family life, abortion, euthanasia and homosexuality. Beginning April 10, in the fellowship hall, Paul Wood will lead a study of the Social Principles. There is no pre-registration. We begin at 6:30 and conclude by 7:25.
- \* A new Women's Bible Study has begun on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Classroom. If you are interested in being a part of this study you will need to purchase your own book, "Choose Joy" by Kay Warren. This will be a twelve-week study.

## 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 cooperation 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

### February 24

Christel Allred, Cole Allred, Ike Allred, Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz.

### March 3

Drew Copeland, Margaret Jeffries, Michael Jeffries.

## Wednesday At The First (WATF)

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

### *Menus for March*

#### **March 20**

Chicken and dumplings, cabbage, fat back, corn bead, dessert and tea.

#### **March 27**

Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, butter beans, fat back, rolls, 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 Elaine Motley***

The Wagnon Family

### ***In Memory of Ruby Clark***

Bobby Spears, M&M Pete Baker, M&M Steven Humphries, M&M Jeff Johnson, Kristina & Sarah Allen, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Jerry Therrell, Jim Bennett, M&M John Wagnon

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

M&M Pete Baker, M&M Jeff Johnson, Kristina & Sarah Allen, M&M Jerry Therrell, Syble Sanderson

### ***In Memory of Marvin Reynolds***

M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Keith Smith

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

M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Jerry Therrell, Syble Sanderson

### ***In Memory of Steve Snipes***

M&M Keith Smith

### ***In Memory of Alan Anderson***

M&M Keith Smith

### ***In Memory of Mike Hamden, Jr.***

M&M Keith Smith

### ***In Memory of Karlo Baker***

Syble Sanderson

### ***In Honor of Dick Griggs***

M&M Jeff Johnson

### ***In Honor of Pete Owens***

M&M Jeff Johnson

### ***In Honor of Sara Cook***

Janice Moore

## Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th grade on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00am. If you would like to donate items for this event please drop them off at the church office; items needed are candy, drink boxes, and lots of plastic eggs.

## J.O.Y. Club

The J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, March 21 at 12:00pm in the fellowship hall. This will be a catered meal and will cost \$7.00 per person. To make a reservation please let your caller or Mary Burr (537-3920) know by Monday, March 18.



## 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 1 Newsletter

Friday, March 22, 2013

### April 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Monday, April 4, 2013

## Sunday School Perfect Attendance for February

Jimmy Duffy, Bill Eutsler, Julia Jones, Curtis Jones, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, David Townsend, Druie Walker, Keith Smith, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, John Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Doug Wilson, Harold Lomas, Jim Bennett, Jon Kroepel, Jerry Tucker, Judy Dixon, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, Susan Marsh, Brant Thompson, Martha Bentley, Jackie McGee, Flo Outen, Lib Norton, Linda Smith, Ruth Ann Jones, Allison Becker, Mary Crouse, Pam Humphries, Nancy Wagnon, Sawyer Becker, Leighton Becker, Julia Tucker, Kay Wood, Marcia Butler, Margaret Wolfe, Jenny Keefe.

## Sunday School Rocks!

We are holding an attendance emphasis for Sunday School. If you are a regular in one of our adult classes, this is a great time to invite friends who are Sunday School drop-outs or who don't have a church home. Invite them to join you in Sunday School. Offer to pick them up and **take** them to Sunday School!

Some people think Sunday School is for kids. Tell them that at **any age** Sunday School **rocks!**

The Evangelism Ministry Team is posting the attendance numbers for each adult class. Look for signs outside of the church office.

## Worship Perfect Attendance for February

Chuck Barber, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Jerry Carter, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Pam Humphries, Ruth Ann Jones, Jenny Keefe, Amy Lewis, Harold Lomas, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Greg Robinson, Cindy Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Brant Thompson, Jerry Turner, John Wagnon, Michael Wagnon,, Nancy Wagnon, Druie Walker, Doug Wilson, Gailya Wilson, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.

## 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.)

\*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.

## Lenten Lunches at First Baptist Church

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

First Baptist is hosting the luncheons, March 20 will be the final luncheon.

### Speakers:

The speaker will be Rev. Paul Wood.

### “GENESIS”

Contemporary Worship is held the third Sunday of each month. Invite a friend to join you in the fellowship hall for Genesis on March 17 at 8:45am

## 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 Fundraiser, March 17

The Salkehatchie Summer Service servants will be offering a delicious **spaghetti lunch** after worship **Sunday, March 17**. The meal will include homemade spaghetti, salad, bread, drink and homemade desserts. Since Genesis will also be held, we will offer lunch at 11:00 for those who do not wish to stay for the traditional worship service at 11:00. Lunch will be served again at noon for those who do attend the 11:00 worship service. All donations for your meal will be used to support the two Salkehatchie summer missions groups representing our church this summer. Please make your plans now to attend and show your support. We look forward to serving you on March 17!

## 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.

## Thank You

We would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, food and love shown to my family during the death of my mother, Ruby Clark.

*Manuel & Jean Assef*

## Lenten Offering Boxes

Lenten Offering Boxes are available now in Sunday School rooms and the church office. You are encouraged to take a box home and use it as a bank for your spare change. Then on Easter morning take the box back to the church. The proceeds will be used for missions.

## March

### Friday, March 15, 2013

Winter Jam Concert, 1:00pm, Columbia

### Sunday, March 17, 2013

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Salkehatchie Fund-Raiser Lunch,  
12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Class, 4:00pm, Kinsey  
Mulloy Classroom

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

Taizè Worship Service, 7:00pm,  
Sanctuary

### Monday, March 18, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

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

### Wednesday, March 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, March 23 Bulletin Deadline

Bus Reserved

### Thursday, March 21, 2013

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

April 1 Newsletter Deadline

### Sunday, March 24, 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

Taizè Worship Service, 7:00pm,  
Sanctuary

### Monday, March 25, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

### Wednesday, March 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 31 Bulletin Deadline

### Sunday, March 31, 2013

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir  
Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

## Pre-School News

I am pleased to announce that enrollment is the highest it has been since 2009. As of today we have 79 children and have two spots open in the nursery, which will be filled by April. God is so good!!

The school has been buzzing and busy with lot of activities. We had a successful fundraiser with our Cookie Dough. We had 20 families participate and they sold over \$3000.00. We were awarded 10 free tubs of chocolate chip cookie dough that will be distributed to the top sellers.

The threes and fours went to the Theatre on the Green to see *The Country Mouse and The City Mouse*. They will attend *The Story of the Three Little Pigs* on April 24. Pork Chop Productions produced both of these plays.

The four year olds went to the Recreation Department and participated in an art class. Their work can be seen in the Mary Burr Art Gallery for the month of March. They also went to Ringling Brothers Circus in Florence in February. The children were so excited and just full of themselves when they got back.

In April the four year olds will be going to McLeod Farms to pick strawberries and in May we will be going to Florence to see *Cinderella*. They will also be going to Discovery Place in Rockingham, N.C. on March 20, and will be attending a specialty class while they are there.

We will be holding our Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude's on March 21. This is always a special time for all

the children. Not only do the children raise money for a wonderful cause, but also they get to bring a riding toy to school and ride in the halls. Most of the time Phyllis Johnson and I push the little ones on their toys up and down the halls. They all have a blast watching from their class.

Graduation has been set for May 23 at 6:00pm in the church Sanctuary. We have 10 children graduating this year. There will be a hot dog supper afterwards. If you would like to attend please call the school and let us know how many will be staying for supper.

Ms. Sadie Murvin retired after 31 years of service. She will be missed and we wish her the best!!

Our photographer will be here the week of March 25. Ms. Elaine Bannette has been taking our pictures for about 5 years. Elaine has won many awards in the photography world and attends many conventions all over the US. If you would like to have your picture taken please do not hesitate to call the school and set up an appointment. Elaine will be taking pictures after school hours also, but you do need an appointment. So just give me a call and I will set up one for you (537-2212).

We are always in need of chaperones to walk with us to the Theatre on the Green, please feel free to walk with the children. Just give me a call at the school.

In Christian Faith,

*Catrenna Buffington*

## From the Music Director

For this month's article, I have chosen to provide an article on "Worship in Fifth-Century Jerusalem" This provides insights to how early Christians worshiped and the role of women in the church.

Egeria, a Spanish nun, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem at the beginning of the 5 century (remember that the Roman Catholic Church would have been only about 100 years old at this time), and subsequently described her experience. This rare account is vivid and fascinating. Here she describes Sunday morning worship, perhaps at Easter.

First of all she observed the large crowd collecting in front of the church doors-they arrived early to be sure of getting in (she calls this a vigil)

*Before the cockcrow the whole crowd collects, as many as the place will hold. For, as they are afraid that they may not be there at cockcrow, they come beforehand and sit there. And hymns and antiphons are sung; and after each antiphon a prayer is offered. For the priest and deacons are always there for vigils on account...*

*(What Egeria meant by the priests being present could indicate that they acted as a sort of crowd control.)*

She then describes the service of Matins, the first of the day: (Matins is one of the Offices (prayer services of the convent and monastery)

But when the first cock has crowed, the bishop descends and enters... All the doors are opened and the whole crowd streams into the sanctuary. Here innumerable lights are shining; and when the people have entered, one of the priests recites a psalm, and they all respond; then prayer is offered.

[Two more psalms and prayers follow, then]...censers are brought into the sanctuary, so that the whole basilica is filled with odours. Then where the bishop stands inside the rails, he takes the Gospel and advances to the door and himself reads of the Lord's resurrection.

And when he has begun to read this, there is such a moaning and groaning of all the people, and such weeping...for that the Lord endured such grievous things for us. Then the Gospel having been read, the bishop comes forth and is led to the Cross with hymns, and all the people with him. There again one psalm is recited and prayer offered. Again he blesses the faithful, and the dismissal is given.

As the bishop comes forth they all approach to kiss his hand; and presently the bishop betakes himself to his own house. From that hour all the monks return to the sanctuary and psalms and antiphons are sung till daylight...

If any of the laity, either men or women, wish it, they stay there till it is light; but if they do not wish to do so, they return to their houses and go to sleep again.

At dawn Egeria moves to the Great Church of Constantine, built on Golgotha, where first of all she hears many sermons from a number of priests during a service lasting till about ten in the morning. After this: **the monks escort the bishop with hymns from the Great Church to the sanctuary and when the bishop arrives with hymns, all the doors of the sanctuary basilica are opened; and all the people enter ( that is, the faithful; for the catechumens (converts under instruction but not yet baptized) enter not).**

Then the baptized Christians all take Communion together. Finally she adds:

**Among these details this is very plain, that psalms or antiphons are always sung; those at night, those in the morning, and those through the day, whether at the sixth hour (mid-day) or ninth hour (mid-afternoon) or vespers [early evening], being always suitable and intelligible as pertaining to the matter at hand.**

These final comments suggest that the traditional round of services (the Daily or Divine Office) was already established by the fifth century and a compari-

son of Egeria's experience with comparison the fuller details of the liturgy...

Egeria stresses the importance of music, particularly the thread of psalm-singing, which runs through all she describes. There are plenty of opportunities for the congregation to participate in the music; 'everyone responds' in the psalms. This suggests one of the tradition Jewish practices, that of cantor and congregation singing alternate verses. The reference to hymns here may mean a distinct type of music somewhat different from psalms-such as the hymns of Ambrose of Milan. An antiphon is a short sentence in song.

In Egeria's time the two parts of the Eucharist - the Liturgy of Word and the Communion-were geographically separated by being held in different buildings (the Christians returned to the basilica for the Communion where they had earlier heard Matins) and only baptized Christians were permitted to enter.

These two sections of the service are still identifiable in many denominations today. The liturgy was clearly ceremonial, but this did not preclude emotional involvement on the people's part, particularly at the reading of the Gospel. The women, too, seem to have been given equal rights amongst the congregation, a state of affairs which was to change in harsher times to come.

Wilson-Dickson, Andrew, *The Story of Christian Music* (pg. 30). Fortress Press 1992.

I will expound on the importance of these events in later editions.

Have a Blessed Easter.

*Jon Kroepel*