

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 31, 2013

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

No other events to be held this afternoon

Monday, April 1, 2013

Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Sunday, April 7 Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

No WATF Activities

Saturday, April 6, 2013

11am-2pm Spring BBQ

Sunday, April 7, 2013

9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

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

7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Theodore Burns

Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff and Ruth Ann Jones

Nursery: Caroline Berry and Michelle Rhode

Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker

Greeters: M&M Curtis Jones

Hostess: Lib Norton

Acolyte: Sarah Allen

McArn Item: Paper products

Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN

Next Week's Lay Reader: Ruth Middleton

Worship Service Attendance Last Week — 162; Worship Attendance in 2012 for the same Sunday — 147;

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.

March 31, 2013
Easter Sunday

Prelude "Prelude in D Major" J.S. Bach

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

***Ritual of Friendship**

Responsive Call to Worship Rev. Paul A. Wood, Jr.

Leader: God is good!

People: All the time!

Leader: And all the time!

People: God is good!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Let all the people proclaim, God's steadfast love endures forever!"

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength, my song, and my salvation! Shouts of joy resound in the tents of the righteous!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

People: We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Leader: We enter the gates of the Lord and give thanks, for this is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn No. 310 in the hymnal** "He Lives" Ackley

Unison Prayer Micki Lockey, Lay Reader

Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Choral Anthem "This Joyful Easter Tide" arr. by Wood

Mini Sermon Rev. Wood

Epistle Lesson Acts 10: 34 — 43 Lay Reader

***Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 839 in the Hymnal Psalm 118: 14 — 29** Lay Reader

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

***Hymn No. 2026 in *The Faith We Sing* "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"** Halle, Halle

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 24: 1 — 14 Rev. Wood

Sermon "Easter Dreams" Rev. Wood

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn No. 308 in the Hymnal "Thine Be the Glory"** Judas Maccabeus

Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Christ has Broke the Bonds of Death" J.S. Bach

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

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

***Hymn No. 302 in the Hymnal "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"** Easter Hymn

***Responsive Benediction**

Leader: We have seen the Lord this day! Now go into the world to spread this good news. God is good!

People: **All the time!**

Leader: And all the time!

People: God is good!

Leader: May you be blessed and may you be a blessing, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People: Amen.

***Postlude** "Fugue in D Major" J.S. Bach

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

WELCOME VISITORS — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet 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, all who defend our nation, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' parents), Bailey Turner (9-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), John Moore, Shirley Walton, Eddie Stubbs, Pete Owens, Dick Griggs, Susan Allen, John Adams (child in pre-school's grandfather), Sue McManus, Levi Perry, Hubert Kimrey, Michelle Rohde. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

ATTENTION SALKEHATCHIE PARTICIPANTS — All Salkehatchie participants should meet with Debbie Adams immediately after worship on Sunday, April 7 in the Kinsey Mulloy classroom to receive Fatz pancake breakfast tickets to sell. This meeting will last 5—10 minutes only.

“CHURCH HISTORY MADE VISIBLE” TOUR AT FIRST UMC ON APRIL 20 — The SC Methodist Historical Society will meet at First UMC Saturday, April 20. The Society will hold a short business meeting in our fellowship hall. Then we will be honored to present an historical tour beginning at 10:45am in our sanctuary. Cheryl Postlewait and Paul Wood will show Society members and other tour participants how we have made church history visible at FUMC. The tour will include stops at Old St. David's, Laney Landing (where Francis Asbury crossed the Great Pee Dee during his first journey into South Carolina) and Wesley UMC on Greene Street. Before the tour's conclusion (around 12:45pm), tour participants will be introduced to Cheraw's award-winning cellphone tour. We are all welcome to participate.

YOUTH CHOIR — The Spirit Singers are the official youth choir of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. Applications are now being taken from young people ages 13 to 17. Check out Spirit Singers www.umcsc.org. Then click on Ministries, Youth, Spirit Singers brochure and application. Scholarships are available.

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.

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, abortion, capital punishment or prayer in the schools. It isn't easy! Tempers can flare, and friendship ties can become frayed and torn. Despite the challenges, we will gather for four Wednesday nights, 6:30pm until 7:25pm in the fellowship hall, and have respectful, thoughtful dialogue about some of the hot issues which assail our country. We will look at the United Methodist Social Principles and practice discussing some of them. Possible subjects include abortion rights, human sexuality, war and peace, the rights of illegal immigrants and gun control. We will start on April 10. — *Paul Wood*

LEGAL LESSONS BEING OFFERED — The SC Bar Pro Bono Program is sponsoring a once-a-week series of classes at NETC, April 9—May 21. The series “Legal Lessons: A Series for the Public,” is provided at a cost of only \$45.00. It is the aim/hope of the SC Bar Pro Bono Program, that after taking this course, the citizens of South Carolina will be able to make more informed decisions about their own particular legal issues. To learn more, contact Debbie Morris at 1-877-797-2227, Ext. 158 or by email at debbie.morris@sctbar.org.

ATTENTION MERCILESS METHODISTS — We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2013 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 3 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$175,000. What's your life worth? How can you help? 1) We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church office but mark for **RELAY**. 2) We need slaw, chili, and chopped onions for Friday, May 3 — advise Jim Bennett if you can furnish any of these items. 3) We need you to buy **lots** of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love.

COPIER AVAILBABLE — A copier has been purchased and placed in the office of the Director of Music for use on Sunday mornings by Sunday School teachers and others needing to make copies.

SPRING BBQ — The Spring BBQ will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Tickets are available at the church office or from various church members.

GENESIS SERVICE DONATIONS — When a church embarks on starting a contemporary service, many times persons are unaware of the costs it takes to make a contemporary service successful. Music Licenses need to be purchased, equipment needs to be maintained, and appropriate advertising funding is required too. The goal this year is to raise \$700.00 to help offset the cost of this service. Through the memorial funds of Elaine Motley, we were able to procure new microphones, music stands, and other supplies for our Praise and Worship Team, as well as a MediaShout program that enables us to prepare multimedia worship presentations with minimal effort. If you feel led to give, please give your gift to Angie and designate it to the Genesis Service. — *Jon Kroepel*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN — A new Women's Bible Study has been started on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Pairs and Spares 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 is 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 resumé to sprc@fumccheraw.net or to First UMC, Attn: Mrs. Lib Norton, 117 Third St., Cheraw, SC 29520.**

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!*

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