

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**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)  
*Fellowship Hall Reserved*

**Monday, April 8, 2013**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
 6:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 7:00pm Nominations & Leadership Development Meeting (Pairs & Spares Classroom)  
*April 15 Digital Newsletter Deadline*

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

10:00am United Methodist Women, Circle #1 (Parlor)  
 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00pm United Methodist Women, Circle #3 (Home of Janice Moore)

**Wednesday, April 10, 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, April 14 Bulletin Deadline*

**Saturday, April 13, 2013**

*Kevin to Strip and Wax Fellowship Hall  
 Parlor Reserved*

**Sunday, April 14, 2013**

8:30am United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 4:30pm Mission Ministry Team Meeting (Pairs and Spares Classroom)  
 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Youth Hut)  
 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Greeters:</b> M&M Jimmie Williamson	<b>Head Usher:</b> Jeff Johnson
<b>Lobby Door Greeters:</b> Pete Owens, Ellison Outen	<b>Hostess:</b> Carole Hennessee
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing	<b>Next Week's Lay Reader:</b> Ray Crouse
<b>Nursery:</b> Caroline Berry and Greer Eddins	<b>McArn Item:</b> Canned vegetables
<b>Counters:</b> Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew	<b>Flowers Next Sunday:</b> Lucille Gray
<b>Alternate Counters:</b> Walter Crosby, John Moore	<b>Children's Church:</b> Nancy Wagnon & Hannah Leach

Worship Service Attendance Last Week — 224 (Easter);  
 Worship Attendance in 2012 for the same Sunday — 185 (Was not Easter Sunday)

**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.

*April 7, 2013  
 2nd Sunday of Easter*

**Prelude** "Arioso" 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: Hushed footsteps and subdued voices approach the tomb with ointment and spices for the dead, approach with caution and dread.

**People: Christ is alive! His tomb is empty!**

Leader: Joy is unbound, only the signs of death remain, the wrappings and trappings of darkness and fear. Where have they taken the body?

**People: There is no corpse. Christ is alive! Death could not hold him!**

Leader: Christ is loose, going before us to Galilee and our town, walking on our streets and hiking up our paths.

**People: He's not far off and remote, but near at hand in our lives.**

Leader: Sprint and hobble, whisper and shout, tell the Good News to all. Christ is ALIVE!

**People: Christ is alive! Let us rejoice!**

**\*Hymn No. 155 in the hymnal "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** Diadem

**Unison Prayer for Easter No. 321 in the Hymnal** Ruth Middleton, Lay Reader

**Silent Prayer**

**Mini Sermon** Rev. Wood

**Choral Anthem "On the Lord's First Day"** Terry Kirkland

**Epistle Lesson Acts 5: 27 — 32** Lay Reader

**\*Responsive Psalter Reading, No. 862 in the Hymnal Psalm 150** Lay Reader

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

**\*Hymn No. 2026 in *The Faith We Sing*** “Halle, Halle, Halleuja” Halle, Halle

**\*Gospel Lesson** John 20: 19 — 31 Rev. Wood

**Sermon** “Take the Leap...the Leap of Faith” Rev. Wood

**Pastoral Prayer**

**\*Hymn No. 2282 in *The Faith We Sing*** “I’ll Fly Away” I’ll Fly Away

**Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings**

**Offertory** “The Fifers” Francois Dandruieu’

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

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn No. 580 in the Hymnal** “Lead On, O King Eternal” Lancashire

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

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

**The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and as a Happy Birthday wish to Jim Bennett from the Sanderson family.**

**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, Sue McManus, Levi Perry, Hubert Kimrey, Michelle Rohde, Narcie McClendon Jeter (Brain surgery in May). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**J.O.Y CLUB** — will meet on Thursday, April 18 at noon in the fellowship hall. The meal will be a salad plate, dessert and drink catered by Renee and Lobie. Please sign up with your callers or Mary Burr (537-3920) by Monday afternoon, April 15; the cost is \$7.00 per person. We welcome all seniors to join us.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE EMPHASIS** — has come to an end. On Sunday, April 14 the class with the highest attendance gain will be announced. That class will have the privilege of choosing which agency or ministry will receive this year’s Lenten Offering.

**LENTEN OFFERING BOXES** — Please bring your Lenten offering box by the church office or put it on the altar rail this Sunday morning.

**LISTENING SESSION FOR LAY PEOPLE & CLERGY** — Bishop Jonathan Holston will hold a “listening session” for lay people and clergy of the Hartsville District this Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem UMC in Bishopville. If you are interested in going, please speak to Paul or Kay Wood, or call Paul at 843-222-5257.

**ATTENTION SALKEHATCHIE PARTICIPANTS** — All Salkehatchie participants should meet with Debbie Adams immediately after worship **today** 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.

**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 begin this Wednesday. – *Paul Wood*

**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.

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

**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 at [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org). Then click on Ministries, Youth, Spirit Singers brochure and application. Scholarships are available.

**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 the church office no later than 3:00pm on Monday, (Meal—5:30pm ; Children’s Ministries K-5th grade—6:30pm; Adult Bible Study—6:30pm; No youth activities on Wednesday.

**MENU, APRIL 10**—Fried chicken, rice & gravy, pinto beans, biscuits, dessert and tea.