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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 Clergy

All Christians are ministers. From the days of the apostles up until the present, one's baptism meant a commissioning to ministry, much as Jesus' baptism was the official start of his ministry.

But some ministers are set apart for special responsibilities. "Elders are ordained to a lifetime ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service," states our *Book of Discipline*. They "are authorized to preach and teach the Word of God, to provide pastoral care and counsel, to administer the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion, and to order the life of the Church for service in mission and ministry."

There's much more to the role of ordained elders, of course, but one more sentence is worth quoting: "They offer themselves without reserve to be appointed and to serve, after consultation, as the appointive authority may determine." That phrase "appointive authority" might be clearer if it read "as one's bishop may determine." It's a critical piece of our understanding of ordination that the clergy are "appointed." In other words, elders like me don't choose where we will serve or whom we will serve. When we are ordained, we commit ourselves to a covenant which means we go where we are told to go.

With the spirit of independence and

self-determination which is so strong in our nation, that covenant of itinerancy (moving about as the bishop determines) may seem totally unreasonable and unworkable. Some may ask: Why would anyone allow others to have such authority over them for the rest of their lives?

But to put it bluntly, a lot of us do just that! We willingly commit ourselves to a lifetime representing Christ under the direction of a bishop.

I hope you will be in worship on June 2nd when I will say more about ordained ministry. But here in "The Connection" I wanted to emphasize the broad scope of the responsibilities which elders are given ("Word, Sacrament, Order and Service"). And I wanted to remind us that the clergy move from time to time under the direction of a bishop and his or her district superintendents.

I will be pushing on from Cheraw on June 26, and Rev. Kurt McPherson will moving here later that same day to take my place. My ministry will continue in McCormick County, and Kurt's will begin to unfold here. It's part of how we United Methodists do things. It's also an understanding of ministry which is biblical and very productive for the ministry of all of our churches.

See you in church on Sunday! *Paul*

SC Hunger Project Event at Annual Conference

There is still time to sign up to participate in the Hunger Project Event at Annual Conference. Go to <http://www.umcsc.org/home/stop-hunger-now-event-at-annual-conference/> for more information and to sign up.



Our Visitors

May 12

Ginger Coughman, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Dawn Creech, Jo-Linda Creech, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Jackie Honeycutt, Donna Johnson, Kelli Johnson, Hilda Kissiah, Fran Lewis, Paul Ludlow, Alice McLeod, Christie McLeod, Jack McLeod, Sallie McLeod, Bob Tietze, Andrew Truett, Austin Truett, Carolyn Turner, Hannah Watkins, Mary Lynn Watkins.

May 19

Kathlean Carabo, Tom Davidson, Lucille Gray, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Nancy Klinyard, Danny Lee, Sue Lee, Minnie McNabb, Lomar Rabon, Dennis Rohde, Vilma Rohde, Carolyn Turner, Judy Turner, Teresa Ward, Jean Page Watson, Lisa Woodley.

Thank You

Thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of God's love through your prayers, cards and condolences during my husband's recent death. We were total opposites in many ways and yet we respected and loved each other dearly. We had great synergy for brainstorming projects and helping each other to achieve goals. I miss him. The church and the whole community will miss his generous sharing of his God given talents.

Cheryl Postlewait

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Grace Freeman

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Buck Postlewait

M&M Jim Crawford

In Memory of Jack Rushing

M&M Jerry Turner

In Memory of Hubert Kimrey

M&M Frank DeMiere, M&M Jerry Turner, Dianne Rogers, Leavitt Funeral Home, M&M Keith Smith

Newsletter Deadlines

June 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Friday, June 7, 2013

July 1 Digital Version Newsletter

Friday, June 21, 2013

Blood Drive Update

Thanks to all those who came out to give blood on May 20. Our numbers were down as far as units that were received, 19; but every unit will go to great use to save a life. Again, thanks to all those who gave.

Please mark your calendars now for the next blood drive here at FUMC which will be on Monday, August 12.

Remember our Homebound



Frances Laney

CONVALESCENT CENTER

Laura Stubbs, Eddie Stubbs

NURSING HOME

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

RETIREMENT HOME

Polly Edwards

ASSISTED LIVING

HOME

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

Patsy Rushing, Margie
Wannamaker

Highlights of Upcoming Worship Services

June 2 Holy Communion and recognition of our graduates

June 9 Presentation of the Roy L. Smith Humanitarian Award

June 16 Father's Day
Genesis at 8:45. Worship at 11:00 to include the baptism of Carley Jean Watson.
Salkehatchie Missioners to be commissioned and sent forth at both services.

June 23 The final Sunday for Paul and Kay Wood

June 30 The first Sunday for Rev. Kurt McPherson and his family

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

"GENESIS"

Our contemporary service is held on the third Sunday of each month. Genesis will begin at 8:45am on Sunday, June 16.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: How It Is Used

Friends, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund of First United Methodist Church allows me to respond to the needs of some residents of our area. With an unemployment rate which is still much higher than the rest of the country, we should not be surprised that many area residents fall behind on their power bill or rent or have trouble putting food on the table.

It is a special honor and responsibility of my ministry to listen to the cares and concerns of people in poverty and respond to them. Some of my responses include prayer, counsel or a referral to another agency such as Marlboro-Chesterfield EOC or McArn Community Ministry. And sometimes, if funds allow, I will direct our Administrative Assistant Angie Smith to prepare a check – most often to a utility company.

On occasion, I use the pastor's discretionary fund to assist a family or individual in our congregation. And much of what I learn and do for non-members is shared with other churches and agencies in CAMAN – the Chesterfield and Marlboro Assistance Network.

The Fund has fallen to a low point. People are still calling the church and dropping by with requests for our assistance, but Angie and I now have to say "no." If you see it in your heart to share support with the poor in this way, please write a check to First UMC and designate it to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you.

Paul Wood

Tornadoes Special Offering

The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church. Its mission is this: "Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing." To assist UMCOR as it responds to the recent deadly tornadoes, we are encouraged to make an online donation to "US Disaster Response, Advance #901670" to call 1-800-554-8583; or to designated part of our offering to "US Disaster."

New Pastor to Arrive June 26

As was announced by Lib Norton, chairperson of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, in worship on May 18, Rev. Kurt McPherson is to be appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church during the SC Annual Conference. Moving Day is June 26, meaning that Paul and Kay Wood will move out of the parsonage that morning, and Rev. McPherson and his family will move in that afternoon. Please pray for everyone involved in this time of transition.

United Methodist Women News

The quarterly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. This is our annual "cook-out" with hamburgers and all the trimmings, entertainment and fellowship. All women of the church are invited!

Our summer mission project is to give a special donation to Epworth Children's Home to assist with their Summer Camp Program. So, please plan to make a donation at our meeting to this worthwhile project.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Congratulations to Our Graduates

High School

Michael Wagnon

Cheraw High will attend Clemson

Austin Truett

Cheraw High

Eleni Chapman

Cheraw High will attend Northeastern Technical College

College

Paige Lockey

Master's Degree in Communication Science & Disorders

University of South Carolina

Mary Milan Crawford

Clemson University

BS Biological Science

Kaleb Keefe

December Graduate Winthrop University

John F. VanDeman, III

University of South Carolina School of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine Degree (Obstetrics-Gynecology)

Rebecca Miles

University of South Carolina

**BS in Business Administration (Majors: International
Business and Economics)**



June Birthdays

June 2 Brooke Watkins Freeman
 June 3 Julia Jones
 June 5 Martha Bentley, Jerry Therrell, Mike Pittman
 June 6 Elizabeth (Beth) Barber
 June 8 Catrenna Buffington
 June 10 Susan Baker, John Wagnon
 June 14 Sarah Lee
 June 16 Susan Eschenfelder, Kelly Dusa
 June 21 Lesley Houser
 June 23 John VanDeman, III
 June 24 Homer Stanton
 June 25 Zachary Mills
 June 26 Clay Barbour, Paige Lockey
 June 26 Sheri Stubbs
 June 29 Lydia Lee



June Anniversaries

June 4 Revs. Paul and Kay Wood, M&M Jonathan Orr
 June 6 M&M John VanDeman, M&M Sammy Quick
 June 7 M&M Jerry Therrell
 June 8 M&M Herbert Foster
 June 9 M&M James Tweed
 June 10 Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend
 June 12 M&M Scott Tomberlin
 June 14 M&M John William Leary, M&M David Dixon
 June 17 M&M Shelton Rumph
 June 18 M&M Robert Calhoun
 June 20 M&M Jeffery Johnson
 June 25 M&M John Wagnon, M&M Dallas Keefe
 June 27 M&M Mickey Sullivan

Serving in June

Hostess

Henrietta Kollitz

Altar Guild

Jean McLean

Head Usher

Heath Ruffner

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Austin Sanderson (A) Mason Tomberlin (CB)

Greeters

June 2 M&M Manfred Kollitz

June 9 Shirley Walton

June 16 Edith Quick

June 23 Norma Cobb

June 30 M&M Shelton Rumph

Lobby Door Greeters

June 2 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

June 9 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

June 16 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

June 23 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

June 30 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

June 2 Allison Becker

June 9 Christy Ruffner

June 16 Kelly Dusa

June 23 Erika Smith

June 30 Eleni Chapman

Children's Church

June 2 Amy Lewis, Greer Eddins

June 9 Doug Carabo, Mason Tomberlin

June 16 Dee Dee Pickrel, Benson Stubbs

June 23 Nancy Wagnon, Austin Sanderson

June 30 Eric Dusa, Hannah Leach

Lay Readers

June 2 Sara M. Therrell

June 9 Greg Sanderson

June 16 Shannon Johnson

June 23 Susan Marsh

June 30 Joey Mills

Counters

June 2 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

June 9 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

June 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

June 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

June 30 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

Flower Calendar

June 2 Communion

June 9 OPEN

June 16 Syble Sanderson

June 23 Roger & Margaret Wolfe

June 30 OPEN

McArn Items

June 2 Sugar, flour, corn meal

June 9 Canned meats

June 16 Crackers and cookies

June 23 Kool-Aid/drink mixes

June 30 Paper products

June

Sunday, June 2, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship (Graduation Recognition), 11:00am

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

Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 3, 2013

Community Greeters Meeting, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Sunday, June 9 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Angie Vacation

Friday, June 7, 2013

June 15 Digital Newsletter Deadline

Angie Vacation

Sunday, June 9, 2013

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship (Roy Smith Award Presentation), 11:00am

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 10, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 16 Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, June 16, 2013

Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Monday, June 17, 2013

Community Greeters Meeting, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 23 Bulletin Deadline

Friday, June 21, 2013

July 1 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, June 23, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 24, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 30 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Bus Reserved June 29—July 7

Sunday, June 30, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall