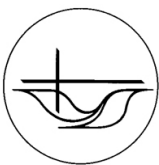


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Our Mission

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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Pastor's Reflection

The subject turned to the Death Penalty the other night at Wednesday At the First. The United Methodist Church in its Social Principles takes a firm stand against Capital Punishment. I fully support that stance and once participated in a march against the use of the Death Penalty in South Carolina.

Just because I am ordained does not mean I must support the official stance. I am free to disagree with it, as are all United Methodists. But for reasons which are moral, religious, and practical I oppose putting people to death, no matter the seriousness of their crime.

Our discussion was lively and somewhat heated, but not enough for anyone to feel disregarded. No one else spoke up in support of my opinion, so it appears that I was the lone opponent of Capital Punishment in the room.

I was proud of the group. Why? It's because our discussion was so real yet respectful. Like so many subjects, feelings were strong on this one. But no one accused me of being stupid or uncaring. There was no name-calling of those with the minority opinion.

We had real dialogue the other night in the fellowship hall. I hope that our church will continue to set an example in our community. It is possible to have honest, respectful conversation and debate on our country's most divisive issues.

I'm proud of First United Methodist Church. Let's keep it up!

See you in church next 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 or to First UMC, Attn: Mrs. Lib Norton, 117 Third St., Cheraw, SC 29520.

Dr. Harrison Goodwin to Speak May 8

Dr. Harrison Goodwin, Chesterfield County School Superintendent and member of First UMC, will speak at Wednesday At The First on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. He will speak about the school district, the challenges it faces and plans to address them. He will also address the consent decree which was approved by the School Board in 2012 and the effects which the consent decree has on the public schools in Chesterfield County.

Our Visitors

April 14

Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Missy Morgan, Gloria Williams.

April 21

Ok Yo Chang, Susan Conley, Ashlyn Nelson

Wednesday At The First (WATF)

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

Menus for May

May 1

Beef, rice, butter beans, corn bread, dessert and tea.

May 8

Chicken bog, beans, corn fritters, dessert and tea.

May 15

Chicken and dumplings, cabbage, corn bread, dessert and tea.

FUMC Highlighted in Advocate

First UMC is highlighted on page 29 of the April edition of the *South Carolina United Methodist Advocate*. It is a splendid publication and continues to win awards year after year. I recommend that you subscribe. Twelve monthly editions cost only \$15. Go on their web site at AdvocateSC.org or call 1-888-678-6272 and ask for the *Advocate* office.*Paul Wood*

Highlights of Upcoming Worship Services

May 5 Members of the Confirmation Class will assist in serving Holy Communion.

May 12 Mother's Day. Epworth Offering . Youth will lead the service.

May 19 One combined service to celebrate Pentecost. Members of the Confirmation Class will profess their faith. We will have three baptisms. The name of the new pastor will be announced today.

May 26 Scholarships will be presented today.

June 2 Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 9 Presentation of the Roy L. Smith Humanitarian Award

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Lib Traynham

M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Crawford Moore, Lib Norton, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Jerry Turner

In Memory of Buck Postlewait

Jackie McGee, M&M Crawford Moore, Betty Thraillkill, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Robert Calhoun, Lib Norton, M&M Keith Smith, Ed Davidson, FUMC Fred & Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class, M&M Lanny Rayfield, M&M Anthony Harris, M&M Jerry Turner, Rev. & Mrs. Roger M. Gramling, Shirley Walton, Pam H. Chapman

In Memory of Ruby Clark

M&M Jerry Turner

In Memory of Karlo Baker

Shirley Walton

In Memory of Fred Brooks

Shirley Walton

Remember our Homebound



Frances Laney

CONVALESCENT CENTER

Laura Stubbs, Eddie Stubbs

NURSING HOME

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

RETIREMENT HOME

Polly Edwards

ASSISTED LIVING

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wannamaker

HOME

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

Epworth Mother's Day Offering

WE MAKE THEM DIFFERENT: Across the country, residential facilities like Epworth Children's Home are struggling to meet the needs of the children they serve. Others are closing their doors and changing their mission just to survive. A great deal has changed in our country in regards to child protection and Epworth is not immune to the changes. While Epworth feels the ever changing tide rolling in, they have not had to falter from their mission to serve children, youth and families through a caring, accepting and safe Christian community, where hurts are healed; hope is nurtured; and faith in God, self and others is developed. The reason Epworth is able to stand strong, is because WE—the First United Methodist Church of Cheraw—stand with them. Through our support Epworth is able to welcome children regardless of the government's or the family's ability to pay for the child's care. The care they offer goes above and beyond the basics of food and shelter. Epworth offers tutoring, counseling, spiritual formation, quality health care and fun activities for the children. As Epworth answers the call to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame, they individualize the care they provide to each child to give him or her the best opportunity to succeed in their next life transition.

On Sunday, May 12, our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. For more information please visit Epworth on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Thank You

Cheryl Postlewait and I want to thank the many church members who helped with the historical tour on April 20. Your efforts paid off. Our guests from around the state felt warmly welcomed by the congregation of FUMC. *Paul Wood*

Newsletter Deadlines

May 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Thursday, May 9, 2013

June 1 Newsletter

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Note of Gratitude

Friends,

Kay and I are grateful for the various ways you have helped us out while she is recovering from a broken foot. She is stuck at home most of the week; and your cards, calls, visits and food mean a lot to both of us. She has many more weeks to go, but you are helping us. Thanks!

Paul

ADDRESS

Narcie McClendon Jeter will have surgery soon. Many of you have stated that you would like to send her a card. You can send Narcie a card at the address listed below.

Narcie M. Jeter
5022 NW 16th Pl
Gainesville, FL 32605-3414

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 Social Principles

The congregation is invited to come together to learn about and discuss the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Paul Wood is leading the classes in the fellowship hall on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm until 7:25pm. Come early for dinner!

Recognition of Graduates Planned for June 2

First United Methodist Church will honor its graduates in worship on June 2. If you know of a church member who will graduate from high school or who has received or soon will receive a degree from a college or university, please contact the church office. Thank you.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE ADDITION

Leighton Becker had perfect Sunday School attendance in March. The attendance sheet didn't get to me before the newsletter for April 15 was printed. Congratulations Leighton.

Birthdays in May

May 1 Mickey Sullivan
May 2 Jimmy Outen
May 3 Ron Buffington
May 4 Crawford Moore
May 5 Elliot Michael Orr
May 6 William Eutsler
May 7 Shelton Rumph
May 8 Laura Stubbs
May 11 Kathy C. Hancock, Jerry Turner, Chuck Barber
May 13 Mary Crouse, John Robert Smith
May 14 Jay Lewis
May 16 Benson Stubbs
May 17 Gail Eubanks, Ellen Eschenfelder, Michael Wagnon, Roger Wolfe
May 18 Dee Dee Pickrel, Jamie Lewis
May 19 Zenda Rushing
May 20 Amy Smith
May 21 Amy Eschenfelder
May 22 Brandon Jones, Kristian Pickrel
May 23 Sean Eubanks, Mary Charlotte Dusa
May 25 Rebecca Miles
May 26 Jean Assef, Betty Board, Henrietta Kollitz
May 28 Jean McLean, Vera Meadows, Gretchen Powell Kollitz
May 30 Cindy Sanderon

May Anniversaries

May 1 M&M Austin Carnell (Kim Starling)
May 13 M&M Ernie Hancock, M&M Justin Harpe
May 17 M&M Brant Thompson
May 22 M&M Adam Humphries
May 31 M&M Bryan Meares (Shellie Rumph)

Blood Drive

FUMC will host a blood drive on Monday, May 20 from 2—7pm. Donations are always needed but especially now with the recent events. Type O negative blood is often used during emergencies, when there is no time to determine the patient's blood type. A situation like this highlights the importance of already having enough type O negative blood on hand at a moment's notice. Because of this, O negative blood donors are encouraged to make a blood donation. The need for blood is constant and now is the time to help ensure a sufficient blood supply is available in our community this summer.

Call the church office to make an appointment or go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw to make your appointment.

The life you save could be your own!

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

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.

Genesis Service

Genesis, our contemporary worship service, is held on the third Sunday of each month. Next month, as part of our celebration of Pentecost, Genesis will be held in conjunction with our traditional service. So we will have one service on May 19 at 11:00. Our 2013 Confirmation Class will be received during the service.

From First Methodist Preschool and Nursery

We had our Easter egg hunt out on the church grounds with everyone in the school except for the infants. We had huge prize eggs hidden for each age group. The winners are as listed below:

One-year-old class – Emerson White

Two-year-old class – Gilbert Whitaker

Three-year-old class – Charlie Holter

Four-year-old class – Ella Stephens

St. Jude's awarded prizes to the children who raised \$100.00 or over and we had two winners. Cole Keefe in Ms. Mary and Ms. Caroline's class, and Drake St. Claire in Ms. Sandy's class. They were awarded a T-Shirt, a Bikewell puppet and an umbrella. There were several children that raised \$35.00 and they received a t-shirt. Those children are Tanna Adams in Ms. Mary and Ms. Caroline's class, Oakley Bryant in Ms. Sandy's room, and Lawson Shepard in Ms. Cindy and Ms. Shetoria's class.

This week we will be walking to the Theatre on the Green to see The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We welcome anyone who would like to walk with the children. The Pork Chop Ladies always put on a wonderful show for all ages.

Graduation is May 23rd at 6:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. This is always a special occasion for us. Please come and support the Pre-School as our little ones graduate.

In Christian Faith,

Catreenna Buffington



**May 3 beginning at
5:00pm**

**Chesterfield High School
Football Stadium**

From the Director of Music

Being a child of parents who came of age during the 70's, I could not escape the influences of music of the 70's and 80's. Easy listening music helps us relax and raises our spirits. Love, sex, promiscuity is nothing new to popular music; its history can be traced to the wondering minstrels of the medieval period. Those love songs found their ways into the sung liturgy of the church. L'homme Arme, or the armed man, was a controversial form that was used for several centuries in church. Since words were written and sung in Latin, and the majority of persons in this era were illiterate, no one but the priest knew what was being done. For one, I have an affinity with the music of the 70's, as personal expression seemed to be at its height in this era. One of the Carolina groups that I most enjoy is the Catalinas. It gets you right in the mood to be happy and enjoy life.

Enjoying music perplexed St. Augustine, as if it were sinful to enjoy something that intended to praise God. We can enjoy music and worship God at the same time. I joked with some friends of mine that "How Great Thou Art" should be retired with the death of George Beverly Shea. While this hymn has reached the hearts of many of persons, it is like the "Star Spangled Banner." Every person has his or her own interpretation of it, or believes that we should sing it like

Shea. Too often, we fail to realize that recordings and radio versions have been "doctored" to sound perfect. Sing and make a joyful noise, and don't care about what your neighbor thinks. Your neighbor won't be judging you when you get to heaven.

I will be teaching a series of classes this summer. One is entitled "The Voice of the Congregation", and the other will be on the Music and the Hymns of the Wesleys. I intend to start this class on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. Books for this study are approximately \$10.

Also on June 3, 2013, I intend to start a summer community choir; not to take the place of the community choir already in place, but to offer a place for those who like to sing to come together. The rehearsal will be from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

To sing in this group, an audition is required. The sole purpose of this audition is to place individuals in the correct voice section.

Blessings on you,

Jon Kroepel

Serving in May

Hostess

Shirley Walton

Altar Guild

Laura Harris and Patti Taylor

Greeters

May 5 M&M Ray Crouse

May 12 M&M Tom McKinnon

May 19 Penny Quick

May 26 M&M Jerry Tucker

Lobby Door Greeters

May 5 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

May 12 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

May 19 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

May 26 Herbert Watts, Allan Chapman

Nursery

May 5 Jean Assef

May 12 Jennifer Tomberlin

May 19 Stephanie Williams

May 26 Dee Dee Pickrel

Children's Church

May 5 Allison Becker, Lydia Lee

May 12 Christy Ruffner, Megan Goodwin

May 19 Kelly Dusa, Alayna Carabo

May 26 Jeff Kollitz, Jake Williamson

Lay Readers

May 5 Chuck Barber

May 12 Lib Norton

May 19 Pam Baker

May 26 Sammy Quick

Counters

May 5 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

May 12 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick,
Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda
Rushing

May 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry
Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

May 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts,
Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Flower Calendar

May 5 McLester

May 12 Jim Bennett

May 19 Scott Tomberlin

May 26 OPEN

McArn Items

May 6 Canned vegetables

May 12 Canned meats

May 19 Dry goods

May 26 Baby items

May

Wednesday, May 1, 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 May 5 Bulletin Deadline

Friday, May 3, 2013

Relay for Life, 7:00pm-12:00am, Chesterfield High School Football Stadium

Sunday, May 5, 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, May 6, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Worship Ministry Team Meeting, 6:00pm, Pairs and Spares classroom

Nominations and Leadership Development Meeting, 7:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Fellowship Hall in Use, 6:00-9:00pm.

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 8, 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, May 12 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Deadline for May 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Fellowship Hall in use, 3:00—5:00pm.

Sunday, May 12, 2013

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

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, May 13, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 15, 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, May 19 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 16, 2013

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

Sunday, May 19, 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, May 20, 2013

Blood Drive, 2:00—7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Community Greeters Meeting, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

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

Nominations and Leadership Development Meeting, 7:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Fellowship Hall in Use, 6:00-9:00pm.

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 26 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Pre-School Graduation, 6:00pm, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 24, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Missions Ministry Team Fundraiser Lunch, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 27, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 2 Bulletin Deadline