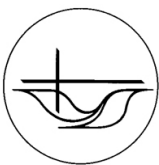


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Our Mission

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

Greetings! On behalf of my family I can say that we are all excited to be a part of First Cheraw and this community!

I wanted to tell you a little about my family. My parents were born and raised not too far away from here in Rockingham, North Carolina. They eloped and were married in Bennettsville.

I was born in Raleigh and grew up in Charlotte, a city I still consider my hometown. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Biology from Wake Forest University, a Master of Divinity degree in Counseling and Psychology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Education degree in Counseling Psychology from The University of Sarasota/Argosy University in Florida. I was raised in a Methodist family (third generation) and spent my first year of seminary at Emory. I would eventually finish my seminary education in the Baptist faith and was ordained in 1990. I have served as a hospital and hospice chaplain, a clinical psychotherapist, and a clinical director for a hospice. For the past five years I have served as the pastor of Mt. Zion UMC in Central, South Carolina.

This past Annual Conference in Florence, I became a Full Elder in the United Methodist Church. I enjoy playing golf and soccer, and watching ACC basketball (Go Deacs!).

My wife, Lillie, is originally from St. Petersburg, Florida. We met at a church there and were married in 1997. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Furman University (Go Paladins!) and a Master of Arts in Counselor Education from the University of South Florida. She will be employed as a guidance counselor at Cheraw High School. Lillie loves to cook fabulous meals, read and knit.

Our oldest child is Phillip John. We call him "PJ." He is 11 years of age and is a rising sixth grader. He loves to play video games and is a gifted soccer player. Our youngest child is Sophie. She just turned 9 years old and is a rising fourth grader. She loves to dance and is the life of the party (you will see).

Well, enough about us. I cannot wait to meet you and hear your story!

In Christ,
Kurt

Newsletter Deadlines

July 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

August 1 Newsletter

Thursday, July 18, 2013

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

Our Visitors

June 9

Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Tom Davidson, Emily Heatwole, Johnnie Johnson, Hayden Keeney, Jerry Mims, Ashlyn Nelson, Julia Scott, Alan Smith, Donna Smith, Lauren Smith, Lee Smith, Alex Stripling, Susan Stripling

June 16

Michelle Anderson, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Meredith Hammer, Sybil Ingram, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Libby Knight, Megan McKenzie, Bill Myers, Ximena Perez, C.E. Steele, Kim Truett, Jean Page Watson, Daniel Whaley, Deborah Whaley, Grace Whaley, Philip Whaley, Russ Whaley.

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Dannie Lee

M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M John Moore

In Memory of Lee Michaels

Shirley Walton

In Memory of Hubert Kimrey

Juliette Douglass and Ronnie

Birthdays in July

July 1 Choles Roddy
 July 3 Jakie Streater
 July 7 Billy Wallace, Jr.
 July 8 Herbert Foster
 July 12 Dallas Keefe
 July 13 Walker Jones
 July 16 Edyce Brasington, Flo Outen
 July 19 Jennifer Tomberlin
 July 21 Erika Kollitz, Jenny Outen
 July 25 Penny Quick
 July 26 Ruth Ann Jones, Todd Becker, Pam Baker, Bryan Crawford, III
 July 29 Christy Ruffner
 July 30 Charlotte Crosby
 July 31 Adam Humphries



Anniversaries in July

July 1 M&M Thomas McKinnon
 July 7 M&M Rhett Butler
 July 10 M&M Walter Crosby
 July 12 M&M Steve Barbour, M&M Ray Crouse
 July 13 M&M Billy Wallace, Jr.
 July 14 M&M Joey Mills
 July 22 M&M Roger Jones
 July 27 M&M Lanny Rayfield

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

Upcoming Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church will hold a blood drive on Monday, August 12 from 2:00—7:00pm in the fellowship hall. To make sure you get the appointment time you want, make your appointment early. You can call the church office at 537-7002 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE—GIVE BLOOD

F.I.S.H (Fun In Summer Heat) Activities

July 10 State Park

July 24 Movie Time

August 14 Swim Party

Times to be announced later.

"GENESIS"

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

Office Volunteers Needed

If you would like to be added to this list of volunteers, to answer the phone and sit in the office when Angie is out for appointments or vacation days, please call the church office (537-7002) and let her know.

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 designate part of our offering to "US Disaster."

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Our contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share of your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")

The Lighter Side



"...and for forty days, and forty nights, the cat was never away."

Serving in July

Hostess

Gailya Wilson

Altar Guild

Pam Humphries and Linda Smith

Head Usher

?????

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Greer Eddins (A) Hannah Leach (CB)

Greeters

July 7 Beth Barber

July 14 Martha Starling

July 21 Micki & Paige Lockey

July 28 M&M Jack VanDeman

Lobby Door Greeters

July 7 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

July 14 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

July 21 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

July 28 Herbert Watts, Allen Chapman

Nursery

July 7 Henrietta Kollitz

July 14 Charlotte Crosby

July 21 Michelle Rhode

July 28 Sally Smith

Children's Church

July 7 Jennifer Tomberlin, Mary Charlotte Dusa

July 14 Sarah Lee, Sarah Allen

July 21 Allison Becker, Lydia Lee

July 28 Christy Ruffner, Kathryn Johnson

Lay Readers

July 7 Rhett Butler

July 14 Jensen Tomberlin

July 21 Bonnie Cundiff

July 28 Micki Lockey

Counters

July 7 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

July 14 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

July 21 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

July 28 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Flower Calendar

July 7 Bill Eutsler, Sr.

July 14 Norma Cobb

July 21 Betty Hurst

July 28 OPEN

McArn Items

July 7 Toiletries

July 14 Canned fruits

July 21 Canned soups

July 28 Laundry items

July

Monday, July 1, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Bus Reserved, Salkehatchie, July 1—July 7
Bulletin Deadline for July 7.

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

Angie vacation

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Office Closed July 4 Holiday

Friday, July 5, 2013

Angie vacation

Sunday, July 7, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 8, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Deadline for July 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

F.I.S.H. State Park Activity, Time to be announced
Sunday, July 14 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Bus Reserved, 1:00—3:15pm, Preschool Swimming

Sunday, July 14, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Bus Reserved SURGE, July 14—July 19

Monday, July 15, 2013

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

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Sunday, July 21 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Deadline for August 1 Newsletter

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Genesis , 8:45am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 22, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Christian Education Team Meeting, 7:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Bus Reserved, Preschool, Discovery Place in Rockingham
Sunday, July 28 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Bus Reserved, 1:00—3:15pm, Preschool Swimming
Sunday, August 4 Bulletin deadline

Sunday, July 28, 2013

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:00am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 29, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Angie vacation

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Angie vacation

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Angie vacation