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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

This is my final Pastor's Reflection for "The Connection," and I feel some real sadness as I write to you and continue my preparations to leave Cheraw. I love the United Methodist Church and know that our system of itinerancy for the clergy is an excellent and theologically sound way to deploy the clergy. But I would be less-than-honest if I claimed that moving doesn't cause me some pain.

You and I have worked side by side. We have gone through trying times together. We have celebrated many great things together these past five years. We have worshiped and prayed together.

Our camaraderie is a gift from God, but friendship and shared experiences do bring on sorrow when we have to part ways. There's no way around it!

I have a boat-load of good memories to take with me as my ministry continues in McCormick, South Carolina. You embraced me as soon as I arrived five years ago, and you have been good and faithful to me. I appreciate each of you – the people of First United Methodist Church!

As you go through your own transition and welcome a new pastor and parsonage family, you will be in my prayers. Kurt McPherson is a fortunate person! He gets to live in a great town and serve a great congregation! I wish I could be a "fly on the wall" and watch him and his family as they discover the great strengths of this town and this congregation. They are going to smile and smile at what you and Cheraw have to offer!

Blessings on each of you! And I hope to see you in church two more times – June 16 and June 23.

*Paul Wood*

## 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.



### Newsletter Deadlines

#### July 1 Newsletter

Friday, June 21, 2013

#### July 15 Digital Version Newsletter

## Our Visitors

### May 26

Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Chris Dixon, James Dixon, Frances Hardison, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Florence Little, Austin Truett, Kim Truett, Marilyn Valenzuela.

### June 2

Ok Yo Chang, Carla Dusa, Dick Dusa, Lucille Gray, Johnnie Johnson, Andrew Truett, Kim Truett.

## Thank You

My mom, Lucille Gray, appreciates everything FUMC friends did for her during her recent hospital stay and on her 88th birthday which was actually on Mother's Day.

*Betty Hurst*

## Memorials & Honorariums

### *In Memory of Dannie Lee*

Methodist Men's Bible Class, M&M Shelton Rumph, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Jeff Johnson, Pam Baker, M&M Ellison Outen

### *In Memory of Buck Postlewait*

M&M Donald Baker, M&M Jeff Johnson, Pam Baker, FUMC United Methodist Women

### *In Memory of Mike Pearce*

M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Scott Eddins, M&M Dick Griggs

### *In Memory of Brannon White*

M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Keith Smith

### *In Memory of Lib Traynham*

Bruce Byrd, Sibyl Byrd, M&M Scott Eddins, M&M Jeff Johnson

### *In Memory of Jack Rushing*

M&M Jeff Johnson, Pam Baker, FUMC United Methodist Women

### *In Memory of Ike Ammons*

M&M Jeff Johnson

### *In Honor of Dawn Leach (Excellent job with youth)*

M&M Scott Eddins

## Sunday School Perfect Attendance For May

Flo Outen, Sarah M. Therrell, Mary Burr, Martha Bentley, Henrietta Kollitz, Jackie McGee, Lib Norton, Jane Campbell, Allison Becker, Todd Becker, Pam Humphries, Jonathan Orr, Nancy Wagon, Sawyer Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Hollis Dusa, Ellison Outen, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Jerry Turner, Jerry Therrell, Robert Calhoun, Jim Bennett, Jon Kroepel, Manfred Kollitz, Susan Eschenfelder, Brant Thompson, Becky Thompson, Michelle Rohde, Ed Davidson, Jimmy Duffy, Ruth Middleton, Syble Sanderson, Druie Walker.



## Worship Service Perfect Attendance for May

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Robert Calhoun, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Caroline Crouse, Jake Crouse, Mary Crouse, Ray Crouse, Ed Davidson, Jimmy Duffy, Bill Eutsler, Pam Humphries, Henrietta Kollitz, Manfred Kollitz, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Andrew Orr, Elliott Orr, Kristen Orr, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Linda Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Becky Thompson, Brant Thompson, Jerry Turner, Michael Wagon, Nancy Wagon.

## 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 Worship Services

**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

## Boy Scout Troop 655 News

On behalf of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop 655, I wish to announce that Eagle Scouts Michael Ballard, Bradley Moore and Michael Wagnon have been awarded the Dan C. Stowe Boy Scout Troop 655 Memorial Scholarship. Also, I wish to commend them for their past accomplishments and wish for their continued success as they pursue their educational goals.



*John Moore, Charter Representative*

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

June 12 Bowling

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, June 16.

## 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.")

## 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."

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 23 through Thursday, June 27 from 6:00pm—8:00pm. A meal will be served at 6:00pm with activities beginning at 6:30pm. VBS will be for ages 3 years through 6th grade. This year's theme is EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR.

## 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.

## 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.

## New Program: UMCmarket

The General Council on Finance and Administration Office of Corporate Partnership recently announced a new program, UMCmarket, designed especially for United Methodists to shop online with popular retailers. With each purchase, a percentage of the sale can go to the church of the shopper's choice. Membership is free but you do have to create an online profile to join. According to GCFA, "The benefit of the program is that a shopper can designate his/her own local church to receive a percentage of the sales...This secure online shopping portal is an easy way for church members and their friends to support the mission and ministries of their local church." To sign up and start shopping, just go to [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org).

## Roy Lee Smith Award Presented June 9

Congratulations to Pete Owens who received the Roy Lee Smith Humanitarian Award in worship on June 9. The award is presented annually by the Missions Ministry Team.

## Missions Update

Sunday, May 26 the Missions Team sponsored a spaghetti lunch and raised \$400 for the Oklahoma Relief Fund. Angie has already sent this money off to UMCOR where 100% will go to help the victims of this natural disaster. Thank you for your donations!

The Missions Team and the 2013 Salkehatchie participants would like to thank you all for the show of support you have given over the last few months. The most recent Salkehatchie endeavors — Fatz Café pancake breakfast and car wash — raised over \$1500!!! It was a great day of fun and fellowship for us all and we hope it was for you as well. You have been so very generous with your offerings of tools and supplies from our "Needs" list, and you can be certain that all of it will be used. On June 1 several Salk youth fine-tuned their yard work skills which could quite possibly be needed at camp this summer. Thank you for that opportunity!

Your demonstration of love and support make you as much a part of Salkehatchie Summer Service as those who actually spend the week at camp. In the next couple of weeks, index cards with the names of all the Salkehatchie campers will be available for each of you to pick up. Please feel free to pick up one or more names. In doing so, you pledge to keep that camper in your prayers daily before and during their week of service. This is the MOST important thing you can do for them.

Thank you again for all you have done and all you will do!

# June

## **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, Volleyball at State Park

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall