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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 Second Most Important Sunday in the Year

Throughout the Christian world, Pentecost is regarded as the second-most important Sunday in the Christian calendar. It is second only to Easter. You wouldn't know that, though, would you? Only in recent years have United Methodists and other Protestants here in the United States begun to catch the "spirit" of the annual Pentecost celebration.

Many years before Jesus' birth his people, the Jews, had a major festival fifty days following the Passover. The name "Pentecost" comes from the Latin for fifty.

The events in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter, recorded in Acts 2, constitute the heart of our Christian understanding of Pentecost. It is the day the spirit of God fell upon the disciples "as of tongues of fire." They spoke in foreign languages. Jews from foreign nations heard the good news about Jesus Christ in their own languages. Peter preached a powerful sermon, and many people were converted. They all received Baptism.

And last but not least, the Church was born.

That's some of what we will celebrate on Sunday May 19. It will be a great day for baptisms and for eight young people to affirm their faith in Christ and become Professing Members of the United Methodist Church.

See you there! *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

### April 28

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Johnnie Johnson, Ellen Thrailkill

### May 5

Tom Davidson, William Eutsler, Jr., Denzel Feely, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Kiersten Shepard, Becky Sides, Kim Truett

## SALKEHATCHIE EVENTS ON MAY 18

The Salkehatchie participants are having 2 fundraisers on Saturday, May 18. The first is a pancake breakfast at Fatz between 8—10. You may purchase your tickets from any participant or the church office (\$5). The second event is a car wash at Advance Auto from 9—3. Donations of your choosing will be accepted.

Eat breakfast and then get your car washed before returning home!! What more could you ask for on a Saturday?

We have been so pleased and blessed with the support you have shown us in the past years, and you are continuing to show your love for others this year. The donations (offerings) that you have seen in the lobby of the church are so much appreciated! These tools, water, and Gatorade will be put to great use this summer as 24 campers attend 2 weeks of Salkehatchie Summer Service in the upstate of South Carolina. We promise to represent you well.

Thank you!

Debbie Adams

Missions Ministry Team Chairperson

## Memorials & Honorariums

### *In Memory of Lib Traynham*

FUMC Kinsey Mulloy Bible Class, Martha Bentley, M&M John Moore, Wannamaker Drug, Lib Norton, Donald Lineberry, M&M Doug Wilson, Jackie McGee, M&M Manfred Kollitz

### *In Memory of Buck Postlewait*

The Wagnon Family, M&M Curtis Jones, Martha Bentley, M&M Mickey Sullivan, M&M John Moore, M&M Tom Brewer, Lib Norton, Col. & Mrs. H.C. Jones, M&M Doug Wilson, Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend, M&M Doug Marsh, Micki Lockey, Mary Burr, Bill Eutsler, Jane Mayhew, Jim Bennett, M&M Manfred Kollitz

### *In Memory of Jack Rushing*

Lib Norton, M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Mickey Sullivan, M&M John Moore, M&M Doug Wilson, M&M Doug Marsh, Micki Lockey, M&M Keith Smith, Jim Bennett, M&M Manfred Kollitz

### *In Memory of Hubert Kimrey*

FUMC Kinsey Mulloy Bible Class, Lib Norton, Charles & Thelma Mathis, Millie Boan, Bill Eutsler, M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Curtis Jones, Cheraw IGA, Sarah Tolson, Marline Tolson, Tim Boan, M&M John Moore, W. Lee Flowers Co., Inc., James Jasmin, M&M Doug Wilson, M&M Doug Marsh, Micki Lockey, Mary Burr, Jane Mayhew, Jim Bennett, M&M Manfred Kollitz

### *In Memory of Ann Eutsler*

Walter Parsons

## 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,

## Highlights of Upcoming Worship Services

**May 19** One combined service to celebrate Pentecost. Members of the Confirmation Class will profess their faith. We will have three baptisms. The Worship Ministry Team encourages everyone to wear red for Pentecost. The name of the new pastor will be announced.

**May 26** Scholarships will be presented today.

**June 2** Graduate Recognition Sunday

**June 9** Presentation of the Roy L. Smith Humanitarian Award

**June 16** Father's Day and Service of Baptism

**June 23** Paul and Kay Wood's final Sunday at First UMC

**June 30** The first Sunday for the new pastor and his family

## Newsletter Deadlines

### June 1 Newsletter

Thursday, May 23, 2013

### June 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Friday, June 7, 2013

## Spaghetti Lunch

The Missions Ministry Team will host a spaghetti lunch after worship on Sunday, May 26. Please make plans to attend and enjoy the great food and fellowship. Donations will be accepted.

Thank you, Missions Ministry Team

## 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 the Director of Music

Greetings to you in the name of the Risen Christ!

We have come to end of the Easter Season and we look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit. But before Pentecost, we must remember the Great Commission that Christ gave to his disciples: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 19-20, NIV). We are called to make disciples for Christ. You must decide how you can personally do this task. There are many different ways to do so...

We thank Billy Wicker for the work that he has done in repairing the dry erase board in the choir room. After repainting the surface of the board, a new frame needed to be made. We appreciate the work that Billy has done. With Buck Postlewait's sudden passing, we as a

church will have to look for new servants to do various tasks around the church. We appreciate the work that Buck and Cheryl have done for us over the past 30 years.

Finally, we are entering the final phase of the organ project. Robert Coulter and his men will be removing several ranks of pipes to be cleaned and voiced in his shop in Atlanta during that latter part of May and the month of June. This does not mean that we will be without an organ, but we will be without certain ranks for a month. I will travel to Atlanta for a few days to his shop during this process.

We praise God for all his bountiful gifts he has showered upon our church. We mourn the deaths of loved ones, but remember that God is not a God of the dead, but a God of the Living. We are made new in Christ. May we be blessed with the seven-fold gifts of the spirit this Pentecost.

In Christ, *Jon Kroepel*

## Sunday School Perfect Attendance for April

Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, Greer Bennett, Michelle Rohde, John Moore, Amy Lewis, Susan Eschenfelder, Paul Miles, Holly Miles, Martha Bentley, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Sarah M. Therrell, Jackie McGee, Jane Campbell, Debbie Adams, Nancy Wagnon, Julia Tucker, Jean Assef, Trina Mills, Kay Wood, Betty Thrailkill, Jenny Keefe, Ellison Outen, Jerry Carter, Pete Owens, Dallas Keefe, Jerry Therrell, Jerry Turner, Jim Bennett, Joey Mills, Hubert Watts, Jon Kreopel, John Sanderson



## Worship Perfect Attendance for April

Debbie Adams, Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Martha Bentley, Jane Campbell, Ronnie Cundiff, Greer Eddins, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Pam Humphries, Shannon Johnson, Dallas Keefe, Jake Keefe, Seth Keefe, Amy Lewis, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, John Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Greg Robinson, Kim Roddy, Michelle Rohde, Syble Sanderson, Bobby Spears, Ethel Ann Streater, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Becky Thompson, Brant Thompson, Betty Thrailkill, Jerry Turner, Nancy Wagnon, Gailya Wilson

## Blood Drive

FUMC will host a blood drive on Monday, May 20 from 2—7pm. 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. If you would like to donate in honor of a friend or loved one, the Red Cross will supply Thinking of You Cards which you can fill out and send.

Call the church office to make an appointment or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw to make your appointment.

The life you save could be your own!

## Let's Pray in a Time of Change

A Note from the Pastor

Friends, we are all in a time of transition. Kay and I will be moving in late June. A new pastor and his family will arrive the day we leave. The new pastor's name will be announced in the Pentecost worship service – May 19. Lib Norton and I have had to be “hush-hush” about his name only because Bishop Holston and his Cabinet set a time table which we must follow. Most of you know where Kay and I will be going, but I am not allowed to say that publicly until the same day Lib makes her announcement.

In the meantime – as Kay and I pack, as we all prepare for goodbyes, and as you prepare to welcome newcomers – let's pray. I mean let's really pray. Let's pray for everyone involved – the pastors and their families, as well as all the people of First United Methodist Church.

We are doing things the ol' fashioned Methodist way. We practice an itinerant ministry – with the clergy being moved by the Bishop from one assignment to another. At work here are not just human beings but the Spirit of God. Let's join in the Spirit's work with our prayers. Thanks! *Paul*

# May

## 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, 3:30pm  
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 26, 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