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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

When I was out dining with my family in Florence during Annual Conference, a pastor of one of the largest United Methodist churches in the state approached us and told us how much we would like FUMC and Cheraw. He could not have been more correct.

My family is very excited to be living in Cheraw and becoming a member of this faith community. What has made the biggest difference in our move has been the generous hospitality you have displayed. You have warmly welcomed us and made us feel at home. You have told us over and over again how glad you are that we are here, and that is so very comforting to hear.

Lillie, Sophie, PJ and I want to thank you for providing us with all the wonderful cakes, pies, barbecue, bread, vegetables, etc. We also want to thank the UMW for the "pounding" which supplied our refrigerator and kitchen shelves.

Your extended welcome to me and my family has been amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

In Christ,
Kurt

Newsletter Deadlines

August 1 Newsletter

Thursday, July 18, 2013

August 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Missing

The radio/CD player from the church nursery is missing, along with a children's Christian CD. If you have borrowed this player would you please return it to the church nursery. Thanks.



Our Visitors

June 23

Kaitlin Berry, Ok Yo Chang, Taylor Clark, Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Lucille Gray, Crystal Huntley, Jonette Minton, Naomi Moore, Missy Morgan, Bre Powers, Vilma Rohde, Jim Wolfe.

June 30

Jessica Clinkscales, Timothy Clinkscales, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Marla Eddins, Lucille Gray, Johnnie Johnson, Tracy Koontz, Davidson McMurray, Jay McMurray, Jennie Margaret McMurray, Marnie McMurray, Wiggins McMurray, Rain Rivers, Bob Tietze

July 7

Cindy Champion, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Marla Eddins, Laural Edwards, Michael Hammer, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Thomas Karca, Fran Lewis, Katie Phillips, Bre Powers, Nonie Turner.

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Harley Jackson Rushing, Jr.

Jenny Outen

In Memory of Michael Pearce

M&M Anthony Harris

Worship Perfect Attendance for June

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Robert Calhoun, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Judy Dixon, Cameron Eddins, Gini Eddins, Greer Eddins, Scott Eddins, Tony Harris, Laura Harris, Betty Hurst, Ruth Ann Jones, Jenny Keefe, Dawn Leach, Jay Leach, Amy Lewis, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Paul Miles, John Moore, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Linda Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Druie Walker, Sara Wicker, Billy Wicker, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.



Sunday School Perfect Attendance for June

Jane Campbell, Jackie McGee, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Linda Smith, Sarah M. Therrell, Patricia Turner, Shirley Walton, Brenda Rayfield, Druie Walker, Hollis Dusa, Leighton Becker, Kelly Dusa, Eric Dusa, Allison Becker, Todd Becker, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, Pete Owens, Jerry Therrell, Hubert Watts, Robert Calhoun, Jon Kroepel, Rhett Butler, Manfred Kollitz, Dallas Keefe, Jenny Keefe, Margaret Wolfe, Judy Dixon, John Moore, Pal Moore, Paul Miles

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

Thank You

Thank you does not begin to convey our appreciation for all you have done to support our Salkehatchie missions this summer. The spaghetti lunches, pancake breakfasts and car wash were all well attended by you. There were over 60 individuals/ classes/organizations who made monetary donations to the cause. Then there were all the gifts of tools, water and Gatorade which were all used during two weeks of service for our Lord. Certainly the prayers were felt by us all. Please continue to pray for our church and its members as we all continue to grow in our relationships with God and His people. Thank you again, FUMC!!

We would also like to thank Dr. McPherson for so graciously allowing us to use his sermon time to share our experiences with the congregation on Sunday, July 7.

Debbie Adams for all the Salkehatchie campers

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

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.

From the Music Director

Oh, Love...

Love is...well...oftentimes misunderstood, corrupted, and is a subjective topic. We can turn on the radio and hear the word "love" mentioned in most songs we hear, no matter the genre (eg. Country, Pop, Rap, or Christian). Earthly love does not have true grounding unless it rooted in something eternal and not temporal. God, the source of Love, is the one that we turn to as the example. John 3:16 sums up his love for us. Abraham was spared the grievous command to kill his son; thus the pain of loss was taken from Abraham at that time. God's Love overcame all evil, hurt, and pain on that day on Calvary. God gave his son as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Turning to an older hymn known in various denominations *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*, we glean an insight into the life of a blind preacher in 19th century Scotland, George Matheson. Having had his sister to help him with daily tasks for nearly 40 years, he had become co-dependent; and, when his sister finally got married, he found himself totally alone. He wrote about the events of the night of his sister's wedding, and the "mental anguish known only to me" He was compelled to pen the words of the hymn, which he claims flowed freely and remained unaltered (www.cyberhymnal.com)

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flicker torch to thee;
My heart resumes its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Keep your eyes on the cross and
be in prayer for yourself and others,
ever remembering that God's
Love is there even when all seems
lost.

In Christ,
Jon

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.")

A Note from Pastor Paul

Dear Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church,

Kay and I are very grateful for the warm sending forth you gave to us on June 23. The pen and ink of the sanctuary by Cheryl Postlewait is splendid. It will hang on the wall of my next office and bring back fond memories. Your special gift was most generous and will be used well. But most of all, thank you for being the warm, kind and supportive people which you are. May God continue to work in you and through you!

Paul (and Kay) Wood

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 sign up on the sheet in the lobby by the office door, 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



INFORMATION ON HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the US Food and Drug Administration are currently investigating a multistate outbreak of Hepatitis A illnesses that may be linked to consumption of a contaminated food product.

"Townsend Farms Organic Anti-Oxidant Blend" frozen berry and pomegranate mix sold at Costco, and Harris Teeter Organic Antioxidant Berry Blend have been voluntarily recalled because they may be contaminated with Hepatitis A virus (HAV).

For up-to-date information about the HAV outbreak and for important health advice, consult either the CDC website or the FDA website.

If you have consumed the product involved in the recall, you should wait at least 4 months before trying to donate blood again.

If you donated blood in the last 4 months (since February 2013) and may have consumed the recalled product or developed signs or symptoms of hepatitis after blood donation, please call our Donor Client and Support Center at 1-866-236-3276.

July

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 & Sunday, August 4 Bulletin deadline

Thursday, July 25, 2013

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

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