

First United Methodist Church  
117 Third Street  
Cheraw, South Carolina 29520  
843-537-7002  
www.cherawfirstumc.org

## 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.



### FUMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson, Pastor ([pastor@fumccheraw.net](mailto:pastor@fumccheraw.net))

Jonathan E. Kroepel, Director of Music ([jikroepel@gmail.com](mailto:jikroepel@gmail.com))

Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant ([angiesmith@fumccheraw.net](mailto:angiesmith@fumccheraw.net))

Address Service  
Requested

NON-PROFIT  
PRSRT STD.  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
CHERAW, SC

## THE CONNECTION

*First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC*

*August 15, 2013 Volume 8, Issue 16*

### Pastor's Reflection

When I worked at a large hospice house in Florida, I soon realized that the number one complaint by the residents was the food. It had nothing to do with the quality or presentation of the food. It was just too hard to please everyone's tastes. One person would think that the food wasn't salty enough and another would think that the same piece of meat was too salty. Despite the frequent criticism, the cooks did their best to please as many people as they could, and they did a remarkable job.

There are times I get the same sort of feeling from people regarding worship and worship styles in the church. There are individuals who want a time of greeting and others who do not. There are people who desire more liturgy and others who want as little as possible. Some people want to sing only well-known hymns and others want us to incorporate new songs. There are also people who like a shorter sermon and others who would prefer a 30 minute homily every week.

I recently shared my thoughts with the SPRC regarding my worship philosophy. They suggested that I share

those thoughts with you. So here it goes:

- \*I want the worship services to be meaningful, uplifting, and encouraging. Life is hard and you need support.
- \*I want to honor the worship traditions of First Cheraw but desire to try new things as well so that the worship is fresh and vibrant.
- \*I want to vary worship styles by having more liturgy some Sundays and less on others so that more people are engaged.
- \*I want you to experience the presence of God every time you worship.
- \*I want you to feel welcomed and connected to others during the worship service.
- \*I don't want you to feel bored but energized.

The number one common factor in growing churches is that they all have meaningful worship. God-centered, meaningful worship is central to the entire life of the church and especially to First Cheraw.

In Christ,

*Kurt*

## Newsletter Deadlines

### September 1 Newsletter

Monday, August 26, 2013

### September 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Monday, September 9, 2013

## Needed Item

First Methodist Pre-School and Nursery uses plastic grocery bags for putting soiled diapers and other dirty items in. As you get bags would you please save them up and bring them to the church to be used in the Pre-School and Nursery.

## Our Visitors

### July 28

Jan Bentley, Terry Bentley, Ok Yo Chang, Kevin Chapman, William Eutsler, Jr., Ashlyn Nelson.

### August 4

Ok You Chang, Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson, Margaret Jeffries, Michael Jeffries, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Sally McKenzie.

### August 11

Michele Anderson, Ok Yo Chang, Corie Roscoe, David Roscoe, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Marla Eddins, Alyssa Edwards, Johnnie Johnson, Sara Frances Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Kelsey Martin, Sally McKenzie, Missy Morgan, Beth Thrailkill, Chris Thrailkill, Jackson Thrailkill, Bryan Townsend, Andrew Truett, Austin Truett, Kim Truett, Chad Walton

## Red Bird Mission Trip

This year's Red Bird Mission Trip to Kentucky is scheduled for October 20—26. Your financial support as well as your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

## Sunday School Perfect Attendance for July

Norma Cobb, Ruth Middleton, Cheryl Postlewait, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, Martha Bentley, Henrietta Kollitz, JoAnne Morgan, Flo Outen, Lib Norton, Debbie Adams, Pat Barham, Linda Smith, Penny Quick, Margaret Wolfe, Ellison Outen, Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, Hubert Watts, Keith Stubbs, Doug Wilson, Harold Lomas, Jim Bennett, Jerry Turner, Dallas Keefe, Roger Wolfe, Jon Kroepel, Scott Eddins, Greer Eddins, John Moore, Pal Moore, Amy Lewis, Nancy Wagon.



## Worship Perfect Attendance for July

Chuck Barber, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Gini Eddins, Greer Eddins, Scott Eddins, Bill Eutsler, Amy Lewis, Micki Lockey, Harold Lomas, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Ruth Middleton, John Moore, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Andrew Orr, Elliott Orr, Kristen Orr, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Greg Robinson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Anne Townsend, Jerry Turner, Nancy Wagon, Shirley Walton, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.

## 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

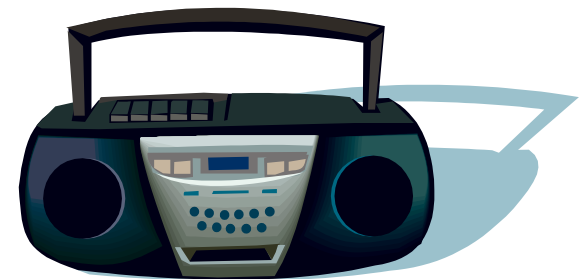
Polly Edwards

### ASSISTED LIVING

Patsy Rushing, Margie  
Wannamaker

## 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.



## "GENESIS"

Our contemporary service is held on the third Sunday of each month. Genesis will begin at 8:45am on Sunday, September 15.

## Memorials and Honorariums

### **In Memory of Margie Bennett**

Jackie McGee

### **In Memory of Buck Postlewait**

Faye & Susan Eschenfelder, Thomas and Sharon McKinnon

### **In Memory of Dannie Lee**

M&M Rhett Butler

### **In Memory of Margaret Carr**

FUMC Fred and Lorraine Harris SS Class

### **In Honor of Jim Bennett**

Jackie McGee

## The Walk to Emmaus

*While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15*

The walk to Emmaus, a ministry of The Upper Room, is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle by empowering participants to be the hands and feet of Christ. Each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying, and participating in small groups. Discussions center around talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community, and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

The Men's Walk will be held October 3—6. The Women's Walk will be held October 17—20. If you are interested in becoming a participant, please contact either Mary Lou Long at 537-7949 or Micki Lockey at 537-4612. Please act as soon as possible, as there is usually a waiting list close to each Walk.

## 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.")

## Building Use and Scheduling Meetings

If you wish to use the building or schedule meetings at the church, please contact Angie in the church office. In doing so, you are assured that the room will be set up and the AC is set for your meeting.

## Lost and Found Items

There are several items in the church office that have been found and turned in. If you are missing an item, come by the office and see if it has been turned in.

## Blood Drive Update

First United Methodist hosted a blood drive on Monday, August 12. There were 20 units of blood collected, which will save 60 lives. Wow! That is wonderful. A special thank you to all those who came and gave blood. Our next blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013.



# August

## **Sunday, August 18, 2013**

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm, Pool Party @ Moree's Country Club

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, August 20, 2013**

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, August 21, 2013**

Sunday, August 25 Bulletin Deadline

First Day of School

## **Sunday, August 25, 2013**

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, August 26, 2013**

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

September 1 Newsletter Deadline

## **Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, August 28, 2013**

Sunday, September 1 Bulletin Deadline