

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, August 18, 2013

- 8:45am Genesis Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Pool Party @ Moree's Cheraw Country Club) (Welcoming 6th Graders)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, August 19, 2013

- 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

August 25 Bulletin Deadline at 3:00pm

Saturday, August 24, 2013

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, August 25, 2013

- 8:30am Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

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| Greeters: M&M Robert Calhoun | Head Usher: Rhett Butler |
| Lobby Door Greeters: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas | Hostess: JoAnne Morgan |
| Altar Guild: Kay VanDeman and Julia Tucker | Acolyte: Caroline Crouse |
| Nursery: Caroline Berry and Rebekah Williams | Cross Bearer: Jayson Lewis |
| Flowers Next Sunday: Amy & Harrison Goodwin | McArn Item: Toiletries |
| Children's Church: Amy Lewis, Jake Williamson | Next Week's Lay Reader: Ray Crouse |
| Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell | |
| Alternate Counters: David McLean, Mary Burr | |

Attendance Sunday, August 11—162; Attendance the same Sunday last year—181

FUMC STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson., Pastor (pastor@fumccheraw.net)
- Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant (angiesmith@fumccheraw.net)
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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.



August 18, 2013

13th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McPherson

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP — PSALM 148: 12 — 13

Dr. McPherson

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

*HYMN NO. 347 IN THE HYMNAL

"Spirit Song"

Spirit Song

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. McPherson

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

Have mercy and change us.

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

Have mercy and deliver us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

Have mercy and forgive us.

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Dr. McPherson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881 IN THE HYMNAL The Apostles' Creed

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

HYMN SING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY NO. 95 IN THE HYMNAL “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Old 100th

PASTORAL AND LORD’S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 12: 1 — 2

Dr. McPherson

SERMON

“Running the Race”

Dr. McPherson

*HYMN NO. 710 IN THE HYMNAL

“Faith of Our Fathers”

St. Catherine

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Hendrix and Michael Walden and Elijah by Sue McManus and family.

WELCOME VISITORS — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet information. If you wish to join the church by Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership, please notify the pastor at 843-537-3635.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries’ parents), Bailey Turner (9-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), Dick Griggs, Lynn Tweed, Mary Blanche Laney. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

PASTOR’S INFORMATION — If you need to get in contact with the pastor, you can call the parsonage at 537-3635, the church office 537-7002 or his cell phone 864-643-9968.

COMPUTER HACKED — My email was hacked this past week and many of you received an email stating that I had been mugged and needed money. This was not correct, however, the person who hacked the computer also wiped out almost all of my email and cell phone information that I was storing in my contact list. If you have not sent me your email and cell phone information, please do so to my new email address angiesmith@fumccheraw.net. I am trying to reconstruct and put in this information again, on a more secure site (I hope). I pray that this has not caused any of you any problems. Thanks, Angie

NEEDED — 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 and bring them to the church to be used in the Pre-School and Nursery.

FRAMED PICTURE MISSING — An Old Testament framed map of Egypt is missing from the Kinsey Mulloy Bible Class. If you know where this map is, please notify the church office at 537-7002.

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.

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.

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 life-style 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, worshipping, 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.