

First United Methodist Church  
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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.



### FUMC STAFF

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## THE CONNECTION

*First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC*

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### Pastor's Reflection

As the fall season is getting closer, I wanted to keep you updated on several special events in the life of our church:

- \* Promotion Sunday is September 8. We will also have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during that service.
- \* We will have the annual "Blessing of the Hands Service" during the morning worship on September 22.
- \* I will soon begin preaching a sermon series in the 11:00 a.m. service concerning life challenges. This series will address topics such as depression, anger, anxiety, fear, and grief.
- \* During the "Genesis" service I will be continuing to preach on "Six Commitments That Can Change Our Lives." This month it will be about the commitment of giving. The next "Genesis" service will be September 15 at 8:45 a.m.
- \* Our church's Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Committee chairs should be preparing reports and scheduling any necessary meetings as we get ready for this important date.
- \* "Wednesday at the First" will begin again on September 11. Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Programming will start at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children with a maximum cap of \$21.00 for families.

I am very excited about all that is going on at First Cheraw this fall season! I hope you are as well.

In Christ,  
*Kurt*

## Our Visitors

### August 18

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Tom Davidson, Laural Edwards, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Andy Koontz, Sara Frances Koontz, Tracy Koontz

### August 25

Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, Sara Frances Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Sallie McKenzie, Rain Rivers, John Stansfield, Dana Walker.

## Newsletter Deadlines

### September 15 Digital Version Newsletter

Monday, September 9, 2013

### October 1 Newsletter

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

## J.O.Y Club

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, September 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The hostesses are Gaila Wilson, Ruth Middleton and Joanne Morgan. The meal will be catered by Lobie Morgan and Renee Creech at a cost of \$7.00 per person.

All seniors are invited to attend. Please sign up with your caller or call Mary Burr at 537-3920 by Monday, September 16.

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying fun, fellowship and good food.

## 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.

## Remember our Homebound



Frances Laney

### **CONVALESCENT CENTER**

Laura Stubbs, Eddie Stubbs

### **NURSING HOME**

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

### **RETIREMENT HOME**

Polly Edwards

### **HOME**

Robin Motley, Sabrina Tucker,  
Gene Huckabee, Michael Motley,

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wanner

## 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.

## September Birthdays

Sept. 3 John VanDeman, Connor Thornton Ruffner  
 Sept. 4 Cameron Crawford  
 Sept. 5 Greg Sanderson, Megan Goodwin  
 Sept. 6 Jeffrey Foster, Kim Williamson  
 Sept. 7 Elizabeth Wagon  
 Sept. 9 Edward Davidson  
 Sept. 10 Frances Anne Baker Watson, John Adams  
 Sept. 12 Sarah Therrell  
 Sept. 13 Sarah Jefferies Calhoun  
 Sept. 16 Garrett Pickrel  
 Sept. 17 Margaret Jean Harris, Lawton Harris  
 Sept. 18 Nancy Wagon  
 Sept. 19 Ray Crouse  
 Sept. 20 Joey Mills  
 Sept. 21 Shirley Walton  
 Sept. 22 Steve Barbour  
 Sept. 26 Shellie Buffington Leary  
 Sept. 27 Jenny Keefe  
 Sept. 28 Lauren Outen  
 Sept. 29 Katie Chapman, Lanny Rayfield  
 Sept. 30 Austin Sanderson



## September Anniversaries

Sept. 10 M&M Frank Baker  
 Sept. 15 M&M Billy Wicker  
 Sept. 17 M&M Jimmie Williamson  
 Sept. 18 M&M Sam Eubanks, M&M John Goodwin, III  
 Sept. 20 M&M Anthony Harris  
 Sept. 26 Dr. & Mrs. David Bersinger  
 Sept. 27 M&M Will Smith

## Serving in September

### Hostess

Jackie McGee

### Altar Guild

Marianne Crawford and Janice Moore

### Head Usher

Todd Becker

### Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Tony Harris (A) Kathryn Johnson (CB)

### Greeters

Sept. 1 M&M Robert Calhoun

Sept. 8 Syble Sanderson

Sept. 15 Jackie McGee

Sept. 22 M&M John Sanderson

Sept. 29 Janice Moore

### Lobby Door Greeters

Sept. 1 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Sept. 8 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Sept. 15 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Sept. 22 Herbert Watts

Sept. 29 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

### Nursery

Sept. 1 Greer Eddins

Sept. 8 Sarah Allen

Sept. 15 Amanda Carabo

Sept. 22 Megan Goodwin

Sept. 29 Kelly Dusa

### Children's Church

Sept. 1 Dee Dee Pickrel, Mason Tomberlin

Sept. 8 Nancy Wagon, Benson Stubbs

Sept. 15 Eric Dusa, Austin Sanderson

Sept. 22 Jennifer Tomberlin, Hannah Leach

Sept. 29 Sarah Lee, Mary Charlotte Dusa

### Lay Readers

Sept. 1 Chuck Barber

Sept. 8 Lib Norton

Sept. 15 Pam Baker

Sept. 22 Sammy Quick

Sept. 29 Sara M. Therrell

### Counters

Sept. 1 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew

Alternates: Walter Crosby, John Moore

Sept. 8 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Sept. 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Mary Burr

Sept. 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Sept. 29 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

### Flower Calendar

Sept. 1 Communion

Sept. 8 Vera Meadows

Sept. 15 Jimmie Williamson

Sept. 22 Edyce Brasington

Sept. 29 McKinnons

### McArn Items

Sept. 1 Canned vegetables

Sept. 8 Cereals

Sept. 15 Flour, Sugar other dry goods

Sept. 22 Canned meats

Sept. 29 Toiletries

## "GENESIS"

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

### Scouting at First Church

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

Meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Dan Stowe Scout Hut.



#### CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various days of the week, at various times and at various locations.

Yours in SCOUTING,

*John Moore*

Charter Representative, Phone number 843-537-2553

### Memorials and Honorariums

#### *In Memory of Louise Reid*

M&M John Moore

#### *In Honor of Catrenna Buffington*

M&M Steve Barbour

### Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during the 11:00 service on Sunday, September 8. Students should bring their backpacks to the service.

### Blessing of the Hands

As a means of showing our appreciation to those in our church who are active educators, the Christian Education Ministry Team will be sponsoring a Blessing of the Hands on Sunday, September 22 during the 11:00 service. If you are employed by any public or private school in Cheraw, please make plans to participate in this ceremony by sitting together at the front of the church.

To show our appreciation of many years working in the Cheraw area schools, we would also like retired teachers in our congregation to sit together at the front of the church.

### The Walk to Emmaus

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

The Men's Walk to Emmaus 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.

## 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.

## Address

If you would like to send a card or note to Catrenna while she recovers at her daughter's home. You should use the address below.

Catrenna Buffington  
320 Scarborough Lane  
Lexington, SC 29072

## 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.



## POSITION OPEN FOR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

First Methodist Church is seeking a full-time Director of Children and Youth Ministries. This staff member will be responsible for planning and managing the congregation's ministries with youth and children. This position requires a person who is enthusiastic, energetic, dynamic and interested in building a program of learning, service, worship and fellowship.

Send resume to [sprc@fumccheraw.net](mailto:sprc@fumccheraw.net) or to First United Methodist Church, Attn: Mrs. Lib Norton, 117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520.

# September

## **Sunday, September 1, 2013**

Adult Choir Practice, 8:30am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,  
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, September 2, 2013**

Office Closed Labor Day Holiday

## **Tuesday, September 3, 2013**

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, September 4, 2013**

Sunday, September 8 Bulletin Deadline

## **Sunday, September 8, 2013**

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, September 9, 2013**

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

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## **Tuesday, September 10, 2013**

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, September 11, 2013**

Sunday, September 15 Bulletin Deadline

## **Sunday, September 15, 2013**

Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Missions Fundraiser Meal for Red Bird, 11am-1pm, Fellow-  
ship Hall

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,  
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, September 16, 2013**

Community Greeters Meeting, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Pre-School Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Class-  
room

## **Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, September 18, 2013**

Sunday, September 22 Bulletin Deadline

## **Thursday, September 19, 2013**

J.O.Y. Club, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, September 22, 2013**

Adult Choir Practice, 8:30am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,  
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, September 23, 2013**

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, September 24, 2013**

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

October 1 Newsletter Deadline

## **Wednesday, September 25, 2013**

Sunday, September 29 Bulletin Deadline

## **Sunday, September 29, 2013**

Adult Choir Practice, 8:30am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,  
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, September 30, 2013**

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut