

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, September 15, 2013

- 8:45am Genesis Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 11:00am Missions Fundraiser Meal for Red Bird (Fellowship Hall)
- 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, September 16, 2013

- 3:30pm Community Greeters Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30pm Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

- 5:30pm Wednesday at the First (WATF) (Fellowship Hall)
- September 22 Bulletin Deadline at 12 noon*

Sunday, September 22, 2013

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Jackie McGee	Head Usher: Todd Becker
Lobby Door Greeters: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler	Hostess: Jackie McGee
Altar Guild: Marianne Crawford, Janice Moore	Acolyte: Tony Harris
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Amanda Carabo	Cross Bearer: Kathryn Johnson
Flowers Next Sunday: Edyce Brasington	McArn Item: Flour, sugar, other dry goods
Children's Church: Eric Dusa, Austin Sanderson	Next Week's Lay Reader: Sammy Quick
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell	
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Mary Burr	

Worship Attendance, Sunday, September 8 — 154
Attendance the same Sunday last year—161

FUMC STAFF

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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.

September 15, 2013
17th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. McPherson

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
The risen Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

Dr. McPherson

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 371 IN THE HYMNAL "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"**

My Savior's Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881 IN THE HYMNAL**

The Apostles' Creed

Pam Baker, Lay Reader

***READING OF THE GOSPEL**

Luke 15: 1—10

Pam Baker, Lay Reader

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 348 IN THE HYMNAL "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

Thompson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmons Ghost

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. McPherson

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of

our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Dr. McPherson

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 42

Dr. McPherson

SERMON

"A Downcast Soul"

Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 368 IN THE HYMNAL**

"My Hope Is Built"

The Solid Rock

During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.

***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 honor of Kim Williamson by Jimmie on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary. September 17, 1983, First United Methodist Church—Cheraw.

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, J.T. Cutchin, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' parents), Bailey Turner (9-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), Dick Griggs, Lynn Tweed, Mary Blanche Laney, Taylor Gunner Smith (Sally Smith's grandson), Catrenna Buffington, Gabriel Towery (Dee Dee Pickrel's nephew). **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.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH — The Missions Team will be sponsoring a **Spaghetti Lunch** today. The proceeds from this lunch will go toward the Red Bird Mission Trip. Lunch will be served at 11:00am for those attending Genesis and at noon for those attending the 11:00 worship service. Please pray for this mission trip and all of the participants: John Moore, Pal Moore, Jerry Therrell, Bill Stubbs, Wilford Goforth, Bonnie Williams, Billy Lynch, Mary Lynch, Donald Therrell, Denise Therrell, Richard Stafford, and Willie Roberts.

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 of work in the Cheraw area schools, we would ask that all retired teachers stand when prompted to do so.

J.O.Y. CLUB — J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 12 noon in the fellowship hall. This will be a catered meal by Lobie Morgan and Renee Creech at a cost of \$7.00 per person. The hostesses are Gailya Wilson, Ruth Middleton and JoAnne Morgan. 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 — 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.

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 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.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF) MEAL — The meal begins at 5:30pm and is cooked by Carolyn Gary; the cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old (Maximum \$21 for a house-hold). Sign up on the worship attendance sheet, or call the church office (537-7002) and ask that your name be added to the list of "regulars". Reservations must be in the church office no later than 3pm on Monday.

MENU—Pork loin, yellow rice, butter beans, rolls, dessert and tea.