

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, September 8, 2013

- 8:30am United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Youth Hut)
- 5:30pm Nominations and Leadership Development Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, September 9, 2013

- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
- Deadline for September 15 Digital Version Newsletter*

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

- 10:00am United Methodist Women Circle # 1 (Parlor)
- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm United Methodist Women Circle # 3 (Patricia Turner)

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

- 5:30pm Wednesday at the First (WATF) (Fellowship Hall)
- September 15 Bulletin Deadline at 12 noon*

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)

SERVING TODAY

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| Greeter: Syble Sanderson | Head Usher: Todd Becker |
| Lobby Door Greeters: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills | Hostess: Jackie McGee |
| Altar Guild: Marianne Crawford, Janice Moore | Acolyte: Tony Harris |
| Nursery: Caroline Berry and Sarah Allen | Cross Bearer: Kathryn Johnson |
| Flowers Next Sunday: Jimmie Williamson | McArn Item: Cereals |
| Children's Church: Nancy Wagnon, Benson Stubbs | Next Week's Lay Reader: Pam Baker |
| Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker | |
| Alternate Counters: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing | |

Worship Attendance, Sunday, September 1 — 109
Attendance the same Sunday last year—118

FUMC STAFF

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



September 8, 2013
16th 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

Dr. McPherson

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 103 IN THE HYMNAL "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

St. Denio

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 889 IN THE HYMNAL**

Affirmation from 1 Timothy

Greg Sanderson, Lay Reader

***READING OF THE GOSPEL**

Luke 14: 25—33

Greg Sanderson, Lay Reader

A SERVICE OF PROMOTION

THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (SEE INSERT)

***HYMN NO. 382 IN THE HYMNAL "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"**

Adelaide

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. McPherson

Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be truly human.
Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

we have built up walls of prejudice.

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf.

Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Dr. McPherson

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4: 6—7

Dr. McPherson

SERMON

"Why Worry?"

Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 2129 IN THE FAITH WE SING "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

Assam

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

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"The Grace"

R. Shephard

***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 Ernest Meadows by his wife and daughter, Vera Meadows and Bonnie Meadows Huntley.

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, Jeff & Lauren Garton (Julia Jones' friends). **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 on Sunday, September 15**. The proceeds from this lunch will go toward the Red Bird Mission Trip. Since this will be Genesis Sunday, lunch will be served at 11:00am and at noon. We hope you will plan now to attend and financially support our members who will participate in this mission. Please begin praying for this mission trip and all of the participants: John Moore, Pal Moore, Jerry Therrell, Bill Stubbs, Wilford Goforth, Bonnie Williams, Billy Lynch, Donald Therrell, Richard Stafford, and Willie Roberts.

ADDRESS — If you would like to send a card to Catrenna while she is recovering at her daughter's house, you may do so to the address below:

Catrenna Buffington
320 Scarborough Lane
Lexington, SC 29072

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.

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.