

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

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) (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, August 26, 2013

Deadline for September 1 Newsletter

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

- 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00pm Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

September 1 Bulletin Deadline at 12 noon

Sunday, September 1, 2013

- 8:30am Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 4:00pm Youth Council Meeting (Youth Hut)
- 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Youth Hut)
- 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

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| <b>Greeters:</b> M&M Robert Calhoun                             | <b>Head Usher:</b> Rhett Butler             |
| <b>Lobby Door Greeters:</b> Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter        | <b>Hostess:</b> JoAnne Morgan               |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b> Kay VanDeman and Julia Tucker               | <b>Acolyte:</b> Caroline Crouse             |
| <b>Nursery:</b> Caroline Berry and Alayna Carabo                | <b>Cross Bearer:</b> Jayson Lewis           |
| <b>Flowers Next Sunday:</b> Communion                           | <b>McArn Item:</b> Paper good               |
| <b>Children's Church:</b> Doug Carabo, Greer Eddins             | <b>Next Week's Lay Reader:</b> Chuck Barber |
| <b>Counters:</b> Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield |   |
| <b>Alternate Counters:</b> Doug Marsh                           |   |

Genesis Sunday, August 18—60; Worship Attendance, Sunday, August 18 — 121; Total 181  
Attendance the same Sunday last year—105

FUMC STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson., Pastor ([pastor@fumccheraw.net](mailto:pastor@fumccheraw.net))
- Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant ([angiesmith@fumccheraw.net](mailto: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 25, 2013

14th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McPherson

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

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. McPherson

Holy Wisdom is with us.  
**We praise you, Christ Crucified.**  
 Holy Spirit breathes in us.  
**Spirit of Power, Spirit of Life!**  
 Holy Source of all draws near.  
**In You alone we boast!**

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

\*HYMN NO. 64 IN THE HYMNAL "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Nicaea

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. McPherson

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Dr. McPherson

HYMN NO. 361 IN THE HYMNAL "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Toplady

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885 IN THE HYMNAL A Modern Affirmation

Ray Crouse, Lay Reader

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 71: 1—6

Ray Crouse, Lay Reader

**REFLECTIONS ON THE EMMAUS EXPERIENCE**

Sammy Quick

**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**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 13: 10 — 17**

Dr. McPherson

**SERMON**

**“All Bent Out of Shape”**

Dr. McPherson

**\*HYMN NO. 706 IN THE HYMNAL**

**“Soon and Very Soon”**

Very Soon

**\*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 Marie Beckman Martinka and John Clifford Martinka by Amy, Harrison, Tyler and Megan Goodwin.*

*The flowers in the narthex are placed in honor of Doug Wilson’s birthday by his 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, Ed Bowers (Debbie Adam’s uncle), Amy Smith & baby Taylor Gunner (Sally Smith’s daughter-in-law and grandson), Tray Watson (Young man from Chesterfield that was badly burned), Catrenna Buffington. **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.

**J.O.Y. CLUB** — J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 12 noon in the fellowship hall.

**COMPUTER HACKED** — My email was hacked a week ago and almost all of my email and cell phone information that I was storing in my contact list was deleted. 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). 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.

**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 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, 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.