UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, October 13, 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, October 14, 2013 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

5:30pm Wednesday at the First (WATF) (Fellowship Hall) October 20 Bulletin Deadline at 12 noon

Thursday, October 17, 2013 12:00pm J.O.Y Club Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, October 19, 2013 11am-2pm Fall BBQ

Sunday, October 20, 2013

8:45am Genesis (Laney Landing, weather permitting) 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 12:00pm Charge Conference 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Youth Hut) 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Scott Tomberlin

Hostess: Marianne Crawford

Cross Bearer: Austin Sanderson

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Next Week's Lay Reader: Shannon Johnson

Acolyte: Alayna Carabo

Greeters: M&M David McLean Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick Altar Guild: Cindy Sanderson, Syble Sanderson Nursery: Caroline Berry and Jean Assef Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN Children's Church: Christy Ruffner, Lydia Lee **Counters:** Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker Alternate Counters: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Worship Attendance, October 6 —134 Attendance the same Sunday last year—139

FUMC STAFF

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October 13, 2013 21st 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 Make a joyful noise to God, all the Sing the glory of his name; give	-	Dr. McPherson	
OPENING PRAYER		Dr. McPherson	
*HYMN NO. 89 IN THE HYMNAL "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"		Hymn of Joy	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 880	Susan Marsh, Lay Reader		
*GOSPEL READING	Luke 17: 11— 19	Susan Marsh, Lay Reader	

COMMISSIONING OF RED BIRD MISSIONARIES

Pastor: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these members of our community begin their work among the people of the Red Bird Conference, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

The People: We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the people of the Red Bird Conference and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

Pastor: Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

Missionaries: We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts. We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
*HYMN NO. 140 IN THE HYMNAL
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Faithfulness

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience, nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin.

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER		Dr. McPherson
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Deuteronomy 28: 12 — 14	Dr. McPherson
SERMON "Putti	ng God First: Money, Work, and Debt"	Dr. McPherson
 *HYMN NO. 2146 IN THE FAITH WE SING "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Sparrow 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.

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, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bailey Turner (9-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), Dick Griggs, Lynn Tweed, Mary Blanche Laney, Taylor Gunner Smith (Sally Smith's grandson), Jimmie Williamson, Lois Baker, Lucille Carabo (Classmate of Curtis Jones), Chuck Michaux (Friend of Marsha Butler). 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.

SOUND SYSTEM — A new sound system has been ordered and installation should be completed in approximately five weeks.

THANK YOU — Thank you for the calls, cards, and prayers during my father's illness and recent passing. You are all truly a blessing. Thanks, Pam Humphries.

BLOOD DRIVE — As the season changes, the vital need for blood and platelet donations remains. The American Red Cross is especially in need of platelets and types O negative, A negative and B negative blood. The simple truth is there just aren't enough people taking time to donate. When that happens, and the donation chairs sit empty, blood storage facilities are at risk of going empty as well. Each appointment is tied to a pint of blood or platelets that we've promised to a hospital—lifesaving blood they rely on for patients in need. Your donation may be the one that helps save the life of a mother with a cancer diagnosis, a father experiencing a trauma, or a premature baby struggling to take his or her first breaths. Please donate at the blood drive that First United Methodist will host on Tuesday, October 22 from 2—7pm in the fellowship hall. You can call Angie at 537-7002 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

FOR SALE — FUMC has a digital piano for sale for \$500. If you are interested please contact the church office at 537-7002.

CHARGE CONFERENCE — Charge Conference is scheduled for next Sunday, October 20 following the 11:00am service.

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 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—Ham, sweet potatoes, collards, corn bread, dessert and tea.