

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, November 24, 2013

8:45am Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Youth Hut)
 6:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)
 7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, November 25, 2013

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
December 1 Bulletin Deadline at 12 noon

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Office closed

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Office Closed

Friday, November 29, 2013

Office Closed
Fellowship hall reserved

Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:45am 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

Greeters: M&M Greg Sanderson	Head Usher: Eric Dusa
Lobby Door Greeters: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills	Hostess: Shep Straughn
Altar Guild: Sara Sanderson, Charlotte Crosby	Acolyte: Mary Charlotte Dusa
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Christy Ruffner	Cross Bearer: Emily Berry
Flowers Next Sunday: Poinsettias	McArn Item: Toiletries
Children's Church: Nancy Wagnon, Mason Tomberlin	Next Week's Lay Reader: Ruth Middleton
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield	
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh	

Worship Attendance, November 17 —153
 Attendance the same Sunday last year—143

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson., Pastor (pastor@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.

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Last Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. McPherson
Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP **Luke 1: 68—69** Dr. McPherson
 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of his servant David.

OPENING PRAYER Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 327 IN THE HYMNAL "Crown Him with Many Crowns"** Diademata

UNISON PRAYER Micki Lockey, Lay Reader
 When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Dr. McPherson
 Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of the Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Jeremiah 23: 1—6** Micki Lockey, Lay Reader

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 IN THE HYMNAL**
A Modern Affirmation Micki Lockey, Lay Reader

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER Dr. McPherson

*HYMN NO. 301 IN THE HYMNAL	“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”	Near the Cross
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Dr. McPherson
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	“Being of Beings”	Madrigal
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 IN THE HYMNAL	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Old 100th
*GOSPEL READING	Luke 23: 33—43	Dr. McPherson
SERMON	“What Kind of King?”	Dr. McPherson
*HYMN NO. 370 IN THE HYMNAL	“Victory in Jesus”	Hartford
	<i>During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.</i>	
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Voluntary on Rejoice the Lord Is King”	Kreopel

***Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in honor of Pete Owen’s 92nd birthday and Eric Dusa’s birthday from Kelly, Mary-Charlotte, and Hollis Dusa.

WELCOME VISITORS — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet. 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), Lois Baker, Sarah Bailey (Robert Calhoun’s cousin), John Cook (Emily Marsh’s brother).

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 contact with the pastor, you can call the parsonage at 537-3635, the church office 537-7002 or his cell phone 864-643-9968.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT — As in past years, donations are being accepted for a monetary Christmas gift for members of the church staff. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office, mailed, or placed in the offering plate. (Please clearly designate “Staff Christmas Gift” on your check or on the envelope if making a cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is Friday, December 13. This is a good way to express our appreciation to the staff for the work that they do! *Staff-Parish Relations Committee*

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS — In order for contributions to be posted to your 2013 giving record, they must meet one of three requirements: 1) The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31, 2013. 2) The contribution is dropped into the offering plate or delivered to the church office on or before December 31, 2013. 3) The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31, 2013.

The church office will be open December 23, 2013 from 8:00am—3:30pm and December 30 and 31, 2013 from 8:00am—3:30pm to assist you with year-end giving matters. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

LAY READERS — I will be working on the new list of Lay Readers for 2014 in the near future. If you would like to be added or removed from this list, please let me know. *Angie Smith*

KINSEY MULLOY AND FRED HARRIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER — Will be on Sunday, December 1 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU — I would like to thank you for your prayers and concerns. I am now the very proud grandmother of Marine Justin Thomas Cutchin.

CHRISTMON TREE DECORATING — If you would like to help the Worship Ministry Team put up the Christmon tree and wreaths for Christmas, you can join them after the Thanksgiving Community Service on Sunday, November 24 and again on Monday, November 25 at 9:00am. Any help would greatly be appreciated.

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT REMINDER — Just a reminder that we have automatic bank draft for your pledge. If you are interested in signing up for this, please see Angie in the church office. If you are already signed up, your bank draft will continue to be taken out next year, unless Angie is contacted otherwise.

SUPPORT THE MCARN FOOD BANK — The Missions Team would like to ask for your help in supporting McArn Food Bank. The shelves are extremely low and any items or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. The cold weather is fast approaching and the need in our community is great. Sharon Hendrix does a wonderful job at the Food Bank, but needs our help. Clothing, toys, furniture, household items, blankets, as well as food, are accepted and distributed to families in need. Please do what you can to assist this worthy cause in our community. Thank you for helping God’s children!

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