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Our Mission

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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Pastor's Reflection

I enjoy reading biographies. Quite often I can learn about the struggles and challenges people overcome to follow their dreams, and these stories can be inspiring.

Take the story of a scrawny, under-sized pre-teen in Morgantown, West Virginia. He was one of four sons growing up in the Great Depression. His job was plucking chickens, but he dreamed of becoming an entertainer. He was always too nervous to try to perform by himself. He eventually purchased a dummy which he named "Danny" and worked up a ventriloquist act (admittedly stolen from Edgar Bergen) and headed to New York to seek his fortune.

After flunking out twice on the amateur hour circuit, the young man returned to Morgantown. He attended West Virginia University as a speech major, intent on becoming a teacher. He was given a second opportunity to hone his entertaining skills while in Special Services during World War II. He continued pursuing ventriloquism until the fateful night that he threw his dummy into the ocean to get laughs. And laughs he got from both GI and civilian audiences. Never completely conquering his stage fright, he incorporated his nervousness into his act, impersonating such tremulous creatures as a novice TV weather-

man and a tongue-tied sportscaster. In New York after the war, he secured work on a local children's show before spending several years on a daytime soap opera.

In 1955, he was cast in two small roles in the Broadway play *No Time for Sergeants*, which starred another teacher-turned-actor named Andy Griffith, who would become his lifelong friend and co-worker. From 1955 through 1960, he was a regular on The Steve Allen Show, provoking uncontrollable bursts of laughter as the bug-eyed, quivering "man on the street." He made his screen debut in the 1958 film version of *No Time for Sergeants*, re-creating his stage role of the squeaky-voiced coordination therapist. In 1960, he was cast as uptight, self-important, overzealous, magnificently inept deputy Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show. This was the role that made him a star.

You may have guessed by now that man was Don Knotts, who went on to star in films such as *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*, *The Shakiest Gun in the West*, and *The Incredible Mr. Limpet*. His story inspires me because it is a reminder that God can use us just the way we are, quirks and all, if we just have a little faith to follow our dreams.

In Christ,
Kurt

Our Visitors

September 15

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Charli Gaskins, Charlie Inabinet, Judi Inabinet, Kate Reed Inabinet, Walker Jones, Thomas Jones, Missy Morgan, Anne Wallace, Cindi Wallace, David Wallace.

September 22

Ann Atkinson, Mack Atkinson, Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, John Folger, Laura Folger, Coke Goodwin, Johnnie Johnson, Jed Reid, Jean Page Watson

Newsletter Deadlines

October 15 Newsletter

Monday, October 9, 2013

November 1 Newsletter

Thursday, October 24, 2013

Thank You

The Missions Ministry Team wants to thank everyone who attended the spaghetti lunch fund raiser for Red Bird. Your contribution of \$550 toward this mission has been placed in the Red Bird account. Thank you for your support and prayers for this group!

Remember our Homebound



Frances Laney

CONVALESCENT CENTER

Laura Stubbs, Eddie Stubbs

NURSING HOME

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

RETIREMENT HOME

Polly Edwards

ASSISTED LIVING

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wannamaker

HOME

Robin Motley, Sabrina Tucker,
Gene Huckabee, Michael Motley,

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.

October Birthdays

Oct. 4 Sharon McKinnon
Oct. 7 Amber Nicole Morgan
Oct. 8 Mary Burr, Shannon Johnson
Oct. 9 Brantley Butler
Oct. 10 Pal Moore
Oct. 12 William Lee
Oct. 13 Edith Quick
Oct. 14 J. Clyde Goodwin
Oct. 15 Rhett Butler, II.
Oct. 20 Curtis Jones
Oct. 22 Zack, Joel & Seth Keefe
Oct. 23 Doug Carabo
Oct. 27 Betty Hurst, Andrew Lewis
Oct. 28 Alex Lewis
Oct. 29 David Bersinger
Oct. 30 Sara Sanderson
Oct. 31 Tony Harris, III.



October Anniversaries

Oct. 1 M&M Donald Baker
Oct. 2 M&M David McLean
Oct. 4 M&M Heath Ruffner
Oct. 6 M&M Jap Roddy
Oct. 7 M&M Manfred Kollitz
Oct. 8 M&M Jeffrey Furr
Oct. 15 M&M Phillip Shepard
Oct. 16 M&M Keith Stubbs
Oct. 24 M&M Tom Rollings
Oct. 26 M&M Ellison Outen

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Our contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share of your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")

Scouting at First Church

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

Meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Dan Stowe Scout Hut.



CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various days of the week, at various times and at various locations.

Yours in SCOUTING,

John Moore

Charter Representative, Phone number 843-537-2553

Red Cross Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church will host a blood drive on Tuesday, October 22 from 2—7pm in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment you can call the church office at 537-7002 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw. The earlier you schedule your appointment the more likely you are to get the time you want.



"GENESIS"

Our contemporary service is held on the third Sunday of each month. Genesis will begin at 8:45am on Sunday, October 20 at Laney Landing, weather permitting.

Memorials

In Memory of Brady Nichols

M&M Keith Smith

Wednesday At The First (WATF) Menus

The Wednesday At The First (WATF) 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 household). 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.

October 2—Chicken bog, beans, corn fritters, dessert and tea.

October 9 — Roast, rice & gravy, pinto beans, biscuits, dessert and tea.

October 16 — Ham, sweet potatoes, collards, corn bread, dessert and tea.

October 23 — Baked chicken, rice & gravy, string beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

October 30 — Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea.

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.

Serving in October

Hostess

Marianne Crawford

Altar Guild

Cindy Sanderson and Syble Sanderson

Head Usher

Scott Tomberlin

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Alayna Carabo (A) Austin Sanderson (CB)

Greeters

Oct. 6

Oct. 13 M&M David McLean

Oct. 20 M&M Doug Marsh

Oct. 27 M&M Todd Becker

Lobby Door Greeters

Oct. 6 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Oct. 13 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

Oct. 20 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Oct. 27 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Oct. 6 Kristina Allen

Oct. 13 Jean Assef

Oct. 20 Mason Tomberlin

Oct. 27 Erika Kollitz

Children's Church

Oct. 6 Allison Becker, Sarah Allen

Oct. 13 Christy Ruffner, Lydia Lee

Oct. 20 Kelly Dusa, Kathryn Johnson

Oct. 27 Jeff Kollitz, Megan Goodwin

Lay Readers

Oct. 6 Sara M. Therrell

Oct. 13 Shannon Johnson

Oct. 20 Susan Marsh

Oct. 27 Joey Mills

Counters

Oct. 6 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternates: Mary Burr

Oct. 13 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Oct. 20 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Oct. 27 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Flower Calendar

Oct. 6 Jim Bennett

Oct. 13, 20 & 27 OPEN

McArn Items

Oct. 6 Canned meats

Oct. 13 Canned vegetables

Oct. 20 Paper products

Oct. 27 Toiletries



POSITION OPEN FOR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

First Methodist Church is seeking a full-time Director of Children and Youth Ministries. This staff member will be responsible for planning and managing the congregation's ministries with youth and children. This position requires a person who is enthusiastic, energetic, dynamic and interested in building a program of learning, service, worship and fellowship.

Send resume to sprc@fumccheraw.net or to First United Methodist Church, Attn: Mrs. Lib Norton, 117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520.

October

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Wednesday at the First (WATF), 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 6 Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Adult Choir Practice, 8:30am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 7, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

United Methodist Women Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor

United Methodist Women Circle #3, 7:00pm

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Wednesday at the First (WATF), 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 13 Bulletin Deadline

October 15 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, October 13, 2013

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 14, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Wednesday at the First (WATF), 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 20 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Fall B-B-Q, 11am—2pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 20, 2013

Genesis, 8:45am, Laney Landing (Weather Permitting)

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Charge Conference, 12:00pm

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 21, 2013

Community Greeters Meeting, 3:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Blood Drive, 2—7pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Wednesday at the First (WATF), 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 27 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, October 24, 2013

November 1 Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Missions/Pre-School Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, 8—
10am, Fatz

Sunday, October 27, 2013

Adult Choir Practice, 8:30am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 5-7:00pm,
Youth Hut

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 28, 2013

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Wednesday at the First (WATF), 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 3 Bulletin Deadline