

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 22, 2013

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
Bus Reserved

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

6:00pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)  
Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26, 2013

Office Closed

Friday, December 27, 2013

Office Closed

Sunday, December 29, 2013

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service

SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** Dr. & Mrs. David Bersinger

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

**Altar Guild:** Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry and Charlotte Crosby

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Bill Eutsler

**Children's Church:** No Children's Church

**Counters:** Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

**Alternate Counter:** Doug Marsh

**Head Usher:** Robert Calhoun

**Hostess:** Marsha Butler

**Acolyte:** Mason Tomberlin

**Cross Bearer:** Jacob Rohde

**McArn Item:** Baby items

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Jenny Keefe

Genesis Attendance, December 15 — 40; Worship Attendance, December 15 — 133

Total both services — 173

Attendance the same Sunday last year—204 (children and adult program)

FUMC STAFF

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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.



December 22, 2013

4th Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. McPherson

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dee Dee, Abbey and Garrett Pickrel

Leader: Today we will light all four Advent candles. Their brightness recalls God's glory that shone around the shepherds when they heard the angel's first Christmas greeting:

"Do not be afraid." We pray that God's glory will reign on earth as it does in heaven.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus. Shine on us, and the night will be bright as day.**

Leader: For once you lived in shadow, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light, enjoying all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**People: Come, Lord Jesus. Shine on us, and the night will be bright as day.**

Leader: O holy child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tiding tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**People: Come, Lord Jesus. Shine on us, and the night will be bright as day.**

ADVENT SONG NO. 2090 IN THE FAITH WE SING (4th Verse Only)

"Advent Song"

Advent Candle Song

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

BLESSING

Dr. McPherson

CAROL NO. 250 IN THE HYMNAL "Once in Royal David's City"

Irby

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3: 8—19

Jim Bennett, Lay Reader

CAROL NO. 196 IN THE HYMNAL	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	Hyfrydol
SECOND LESSON	Genesis 22: 15 — 18	Dr. McPherson
CAROL BY CHANCEL CHOIR	“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”	Es Ist Ein Ros
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 9: 2, 6 — 7	Jim Bennett, Lay Reader
CAROL BY HANDBELL CHOIR	“He is Born”	Il Est Né
FOURTH LESSON	Isaiah 11: 1—10	Dr. McPherson
CAROL NO. 184 IN THE HYMNAL	“Of the Father's Love Begotten”	Divinum Mysterium
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 1: 26 — 38	Jim Bennett, Lay Reader
CAROL (A ORGAN MEDITATION)	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	W. Zlobie Lezy
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2: 1 — 7	Dr. McPherson
CAROL NO. 234 IN THE HYMNAL	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	Adeste Fideles
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2: 8 — 16	Jim Bennett, Lay Reader
CAROL BY THE HANDBELL CHOIR	“Stille Nacht”	
EIGHTH LESSON	Matthew 2: 1 — 11	Dr. McPherson
CAROL NO. 240 IN THE HYMNAL	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	Mendelssohn
NINTH LESSON	John 1: 1 — 14	Jim Bennett, Lay Reader
CAROL NO. 2095 IN THE FAITH WE SING	“Star-Child”	Star Child
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 IN THE HYMNAL	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Old 100th
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE BY THE HANDBELL CHOIR	“Jingle Bells”	

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

**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, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bailey Turner (9-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), Lois Baker, John Cook (Emily Marsh's brother), Linda Miller (Jane Rumph's friend), Cindy Brooks (Sally Smith's friend).

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

**THANK YOU** — Thank you to all those that gave an individual gift or contributed to the Staff Christmas gift this year. These gifts were greatly appreciated. *Serving in Christ, Angie*

**CHANGE IN NEWSLETTER DELIVERY** — Effective February 1, the newsletter will only be mailed to those who are shut-ins. The newsletter will be emailed to all those who provide email addresses to the church by sending it to [angiesmith@fumccheraw.net](mailto:angiesmith@fumccheraw.net). If you already receive the newsletter by email, you will not have to contact the church office again. If you do not have access to email or would just like to get a hard copy, copies will be available on the table in the lobby by the church office each month.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31** — Holiday traveling and the winter weather across many parts of the US has so far forced the cancellations of 115 Red Cross Blood Drives, resulting in more than 4,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations in the past week. Let's do our part to help the Red Cross make up for these uncollected donations. Please sign up to give blood on Tuesday, December 31 from 1—6pm. You can sign up on the sheet in the lobby by the office, call the church office or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** — The offering that will be received at the Christmas Eve service will go to the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault.

**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.

**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.

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