

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 29, 2013

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

Monday, December 30, 2013

January 5 Bulletin Deadline 3:00pm

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

1-6:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
8pm-8am UMYF Lock-in (Youth Hut and Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Office Closed

Sunday, January 5, 2014

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jay Leach
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter
Altar Guild: Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Michelle Rhode
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph
Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker

Head Usher: Robert Calhoun
Hostess: Marsha Butler
Acolyte: Mason Tomberlin
Cross Bearer: Jacob Rohde
McArn Item: Toiletries
Next Week's Lay Reader: Eric Dusa

FUMC STAFF

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



December 29, 2013

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Greg Sanderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Sanderson

OPENING PRAYER

Greg Sanderson

*HYMN NO. 251 IN THE HYMNAL "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Go Tell It On The Mountain

UNISON PRAYER

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

From our mother's womb you have known us, O God. You call us to follow you through all our days and seek us even when we wander. As we advance in years, clothe us with your love, that we may grow in grace and find favor in your sight; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Ed Davidson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63: 7—9

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5: 1 — 11

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 IN THE HYMNAL

The Apostles' Creed

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Davidson

*HYMN NO. 249 IN THE HYMNAL

"There's a Song in the Air"

Christmas Song

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Greg Sanderson

OFFERING

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

***GOSPEL READING** **John 1: 1 — 14** Rev. Davidson

SERMON **“God’s Gift—Our Response”** Rev. Davidson

***HYMN NO. 664 IN THE HYMNAL “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** The Ash Grove
*During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God,
then return to your pew when ready.*

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Davidson

*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 Ann Watson Eutsler and Jane Eutsler Smith by Bill Eutsler and Greg Robinson.*

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.

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 and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

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. 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.

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.