

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:30am United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
6:00pm Kinsey Mulloy and Fred Harris Sunday School Class Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Parlor Reserved

Monday, December 9, 2013

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)
6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

5:30pm WATF (Wednesday at the First)
December 15 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, December 12, 2013

6:00pm Pre-School Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 14, 2013

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, December 15, 2013

8:45am Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
4:30-7pm UMYF Caroling & Chili Cook Off
7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jerry Turner
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick
Altar Guild: Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Christy Ruffner
Flowers Next Sunday: Flo Outen
Children's Church: Jennifer Tomberlin, Austin Sanderson
Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker
Alternate Counters: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing
Head Usher: Robert Calhoun
Hostess: Marsha Butler
Acolyte: Mason Tomberlin
Cross Bearer: Jacob Rohde
McArn Item: Non-perishable items
Next Week's Lay Reader: Jenny Keefe

Worship Attendance, December 1 —153
Attendance the same Sunday last year—169 (Included Genesis Service)

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson., Pastor (pastor@fumccheraw.net)
Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant (angiesmith@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.



December 8, 2013

2nd Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. McPherson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 72: 18 —19

Dr. McPherson

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

*HYMN NO. 211 IN THE HYMNAL "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Veni Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Roger & Margaret Wolfe and Drew Copeland

Leader: On the second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles to show that the church joyfully waits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and scatters the shadows of fear and doubt. We pray that God will bless our lighting of these candles so that we may reflect the splendor of Christ, our Light.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.

Leader: If we walk in the light as God is in the light we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.

Leader: Come down to us like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in your path to birth. Before you on the mountains, shall peace the herald go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.

ADVENT SONG NO. 2090 IN THE FAITH WE SING (2nd Verse Only)

"Advent Song"

Advent Candle Song

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. McPherson

God of hope, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of resurrection; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dr. McPherson

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11: 1—10

Ray Crouse, Lay Reader

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 15: 4—13

Ray Crouse, Lay Reader

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880 IN THE HYMNAL The Nicene Creed**

Ray Crouse, Lay Reader

PASTORAL AND LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 238 IN THE HYMNAL “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Gloria

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. McPherson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“An Advent Prayer”

Allen Pote

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

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 3: 1—12

Dr. McPherson

SERMON

“Preparing the Way for Peace”

Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 246 IN THE HYMNAL**

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

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**

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***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 and appreciation to the Altar Guild and Worship Ministry Team.

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), Doug Wilson, Bill Eutsler.

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.

POINSETTIAS — Poinsettias that are placed in the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas have been purchased by the flower fund. If you would like to contribute to the flower fund in memory or honor of someone during this season, you can do so by calling or bringing your information to the church office.

GAL FRIDAY BAND CONCERT FUNDRAISER, DECEMBER 14 AT 8:00 AT THE THEATER ON THE GREEN

— This concert features the band of three sisters from Charlotte, NC. Gal Friday has been featured on the X-factor and most recently will have been featured at the Billy Graham Library. The concert will feature your favorite hymns and Christmas songs. Tickets are only \$10, and the money will be split between the McArn Food Bank and the FUMC Youth. If you would like to purchase tickets, please see a youth member.

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 this afternoon at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF) MEAL — The meal begins at 5:30pm and is cooked by Carolyn Gray; 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—Zeta, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea.