

First United Methodist Church
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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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Kurt's Corner

One of the things I have enjoyed since becoming the pastor of FUMC in June has been conducting a weekly chapel service with the children of the Preschool. I share with them stories from the Bible, pray with them, and lead them in singing songs. We sing songs like "Jesus Loves Me," "This Little Light of Mine," and "Rise and Shine." They love to sing and dance around to the "arky, arky" song!

One of the great challenges of the church in today's world is educating children in the Christian faith. Church attendance has declined in the United States and many report that regular church attendance means attending only twice a month. There also seems to be a corresponding lack of knowledge about the Bible and the basics of our beliefs.

A way to address these concerns is to employ and empower individuals who have a desire to reach and minister to children and youth. That is why I am so excited about Sara Sanderson joining the staff of FUMC. Sara has a heart for children and wants them to know about Jesus, God, and the Bible. Her desire is for our youth to have a solid foundation of the faith to rely upon throughout life.

Please welcome Sara to our staff. Let's support her and keep her in our prayers.

In Christ,
Kurt

Our Visitors

December 22

Ok Yo Chang, Joe Cianciolo, Marie Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Barbara Eutsler, William Eutsler, Jr., Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Sallie McKenzie, Kiersten Shepard, Daniel Thraikill, Tony Thraikill.

December 29

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Barbar Eutsler, William Eutsler, Jr., Donna Johnson, Alex Newsom, Becky Sides, Betsy Tetsch, Christian Tetsch, Iris Tetsch, Madelene Tetsch, Ellen Thraikill, Tony Thraikill.

January 5

Ann Atkinson, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Barbara Eutsler, William Eutsler, Jr.

January 12

Ann Atkinson, Mack Atkinson, Jan Bentley, Terry Bentley, Ok Yo Chang, Johnnie Johnson, Vincent Prevatte, Chris Thraikill, Mary Margaret Thraikill.

January 19

Ann Atkinson, Mack Atkinson, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Anne Wallace

January 26

Christel Allred, Cole Allred, Ike Allred, Ann Atkinson, Mack Atkinson, Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, Tracy Koontz, Kiersten Shepard

Worship Perfect Attendance for the Year of 2013

Congratulations to Sharon McKinnon who had perfect attendance in worship for the entire year of 2013.

Note from the Director of Youth/Children

I am so excited to have this opportunity to serve the Lord as children and youth director at FUMC. However, I am still trying to GET ORGANIZED, and set other programs in motion. So, if you are not receiving emails from me and would like to, please give me your address. If you would like information about the youth or children activities, and do not have an email address, no problem, just let me know how you would like to receive information. This goes for anyone that is part of FUMC!

Youth groups are so important. Youth need a safe place to have fun, and to learn more about their Creator. They need a place that will lift them up when we fail at home, as families. All families fail in one way or another. I know mine does. But as Christians, we have a Savior to help us when we fail. We have Jesus, and He helps us overcome our failures if we allow him to. But we have to ask Him. Here at First Church, our youth will learn more about the Word and they will learn how to overcome failures with the help of the Lord, all while having a good time and enjoying themselves in the process.

But what about God's children that do not have a church family or youth group? What about families that do not know Jesus? These questions bring us to the most costly failure of families, which is families that choose not live their life for Jesus. The decision to believe and live for the Lord is the most important decision for every soul that has breath on this earth. Ones that choose not to believe make the most costly mistake of all.

Churches and youth groups are here so Christians will have a place to gather, and worship the Lord together, as one in Christ. This part is easy.... BUT, we are also commissioned by the Lord to go out and spread His Word. We are to live our life in a way so remarkable, that unbelievers are in awe, and eventually they will start asking about this Lord we serve. Does this sound like a lot of work? It is... but not as much as Jesus did on the cross for me and for you!

Once a person understands what Jesus did on the cross, how can that person not want to do anything and everything the Lord asks of him or her?

I am here to serve. Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve as children and youth director at FUMC.

In Christian Love, Sara

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Dick Griggs

Martha Ann and David Griggs, Scott, Gini, Cameron and Greer Eddins, Jeff and Toni Bulla, M&M Ray Crouse, Syble Sanderson

In Memory of Laura Stubbs

Joe Reid, Syble Sanderson

In Memory of Mack Covington

M&M George Morgan, Syble Sanderson

In Memory of Polly Edwards

M&M Ellison Outen, Syble Sanderson

In Memory of Billy Wallace

FUMC Fred & Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class, Shirley Walton, Betty Thrailkill, Syble Sanderson

In Honor of Mr. Jean McLean

M&M Ellison Outen

In Honor of Anne Townsend

M&M Ellison Outen

In Honor of Betty Thrailkill

Phil and Lori Thrailkill

In Honor of Lib Norton

FUMC Kinsey Mulloy Bible Class

In Honor of Ellison Outen on his Birthday

M&M Steven Humphries

Newsletter Deadlines

March 1 Newsletter

Friday, February 21, 2014

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.

February 5

Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and tea.

February 12

Baked chicken, rice and gravy, peas, dessert and tea.

February 19

Vegetable soup, chicken soup, corn fritters, dessert and tea.

February 26

Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, butter beans, dessert and tea.

Remember our Homebound

CONVALESCENT CENTER

1150 State Road, Cheraw, SC

Eddie Stubbs, Frances Laney, Sis Funderburk

Send to her home address a@

PO Box 10, 209 Greene Street

Cheraw, SC 29520

Margie Wannamaker

CHERAW HEALTHCARE

400 Moffatt Road, Cheraw, SC

Sara Cook

Send to her daughters address @

C/O BONNIE HUNTLEY

1402 Capel Dairy Road

Wadesboro, NC 28170

Vera Meadows

AGAPE SENIOR

1785 Lexington Commons Dr.

Rock Hill, SC 29732

Patsy Rushing

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for December

Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Harold Lomas, Jim Bennett, Rhett Butler, Jon Kroepel, Roger Wolfe, Joey Mills, David Rohde, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, Michelle Rohde, Mary Burr, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Linda Smith, Sarah M. Therrell, Lynn Tweed, Norma Cobb, Jimmy Duffy, Brenda Rayfield, Trina Mills, Cindy Sanderson, Margaret Wolfe, Mary Lou Long, Pam Humphries, Allison Becker, Sawyer Becker, Leighton Becker, Jacob Rohde, Scott Eddins.

Worship Perfect Attendance for December

Allison Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Rhett Butler, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Ok Yo Chang, Ed Davidson, Jimmy Duffy, Gini Eddins, Greer Eddins, Scott Eddins, Bill Eutlser, Pam Humphries, Ruth Ann Jones, Amy Lewis, Sharon McKinnon, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Greg Robinson, David Rohde, Linda Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Jerry Turner, Lynn Tweed, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.

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.")

Thank You Note

In life, we know that none of us will live forever. Someday our loved ones will fall. No matter how hard we may try, it is never easy to say goodbye. But I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love that has been shown to our family over the past few weeks. Through your kind words, visits, cards, phone calls, texts, the gracious amount of food and your sweet caring hugs have brought joy and smiles to us during this time. We will be forever thankful. —David and Jean McLean

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

Note from the Music Director

For those of you who were present on Christmas Eve, you were treated to a "Goodwin Family Christmas". Yes, you heard that correctly. The Goodwin's and I provided most of the music during the prelude on Christmas Eve. Tyler even arranged a piece for the family. We are grateful when individuals share their talents with the church.

Christmas can be a joyous time for many; it can be a sorrowful time for others. I pray that God was among you in either case. I am beginning to learn to accept each day as a gift from God, even though I can't spend it without loved ones. I have been at FUMC for nine Christmases but I still miss my family. Many of you have taken me in and made me part of your family at Christmas. I have been at Sue McMannus's house, Joe and Dare Marsh's house, Flo and Ellison Outen's house, Jeny and Jimmy Outen's House, and Crawford and Janice Moore's house at Christmastime.

In the season of Epiphany, we take the place of the Kings who visited Jesus during his early childhood. We greet him anew each year. Whether we encounter Jesus intending to give our life to him, or if we are moved by the Holy Spirit, we encounter Jesus anew. He loves us and saves us from our fallen state.

May God keep a song in your heart this year.

In Christ, *Jon*

Serving in February

Hostess

Flo Outen

Altar Guild

Amy Lewis

Head Usher

Keith Smith

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Jayson Lewis (A) Alayna Carabo (CB)

Greeters

Feb. 2 M&M Jim Crawford

Feb. 9 M&M Rhett Butler

Feb. 17 M&M Lanny Rayfield

Feb. 23 M&M Walter Crosby

Lobby Door Greeters

Feb. 2 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Feb. 9 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

Feb. 17 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Feb. 23 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Feb. 2 Rebekah Williams

Feb. 9 Kim Williamson

Feb. 16 Alayna Carabo

Feb. 23 Lesley Jean Watson

Children's Church

Feb. 2

Feb. 9 Communion

Feb. 16 Amy Lewis

Feb. 23 Doug Carabo

Lay Readers

Feb. 2 Sara M. Therrell

Feb. 9 Susan Marsh

Feb. 16 Greg Sanderson

Feb. 23 Shannon Johnson

Flower Calendar

Feb. 2 OPEN

Feb. 9 Communion

Feb. 16 OPEN

Feb. 23 OPEN

Counters

Feb. 2 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Feb. 9 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Feb. 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Feb. 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Feb. 2 Cereal

Feb. 9 Canned vegetables

Feb. 16 Canned meats

Feb. 23 Baby items

February Birthdays

Feb. 3 Elizabeth Calhoun Swarr

Feb. 4 John Moore

Feb. 6 Susan Allen

Feb. 7 Bryan M. Crawford, Cameron Crouse

Feb. 9 Alex Lee, Ernie Hancock

Feb. 10 Francis M. Laney

Feb. 14 Jimmy Duffy

Feb. 16 Shellie Mears

Feb. 17 Jake Williamson, Sammy Quick

Feb. 18 Keith Stubbs, John Sanderson

Feb. 23 Brianna Houser

Feb. 24 Scott Tomberlin

Feb. 25 Tavener Threatte

Feb. 28 Will Smith



February Anniversaries

Feb. 14 M&M David Hearl (Kayla Buffington)

Feb. 26 M&M Jackson Rushing

Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 10 from 2:00-7:00pm in the fellowship hall. You can make an appointment by calling the church office at 537-7002 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

February

Sunday, February 1, 2014

Adult Choir Practice, 8:45am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm,
Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Wind Band Rehearsal, 5:00pm, During Youth

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 3, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

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

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, February 9 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Fellowship Hall rented, 8:30am—3:00pm.

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Genesis, 8:45am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm,
Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Wind Band Rehearsal, 5:00pm, During Youth

Monday, February 10, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Pre-School CRP and First Aid Class, 6:00pm-9:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor

UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

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

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, February 16 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, February 13, 2014

Bus Reserved, 9:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Adult Choir Practice, 8:45am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm,
Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Wind Band Rehearsal, 5:00pm, During Youth

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 17, 2014

Pre-School Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Class-
room

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

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

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, February 23 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, February 20, 2014

J.O.Y. Club Luncheon, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Pre-school classes, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 21, 2014

Sweetheart Banquet, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

March 1 Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Adult Choir Practice, 8:45am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm,
Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut

Wind Band Rehearsal, 5:00pm, During Youth

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 24, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

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

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, March 2 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Pre-school Classes, 6:00pm—9:00pm, Fellowship Hall