

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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## THE CONNECTION

*First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC*

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### Pastor's Reflection

Whenever I am faced with the approaching of a new calendar year, I usually ponder what has taken place in my life in the past year and consider what I want to change and improve upon in the coming one. My goals for the New Year are probably much like yours: lose some weight, spend more quality time with family and friends, and improve my walk with the Lord.

Being a part of a warm and caring fellowship makes all the difference in our daily Christian walk. The Apostle Paul even told the church in Hebrews 10:25 that we "should not forsake meeting together and encouraging one another." I was recently emailed the following story which emphasizes this point:

#### THE SILENT SERMON

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember, and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

Let us not forsake the importance of meeting together and encouraging one another. Being a part of a loving and caring fellowship like First Cheraw is so very important to one's walk with the Lord.

In Christ,  
*Kurt*

## Our Visitors

### November 24

Christel Allred, Cole Allred, Ike Allred, Michelle Bellaiche, Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Jed Reid.

### December 1

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Johnnie Johnson, Ashlyn Nelson, Kiersten Shepard, Bryan Townsend, Jim Wolfe.

### December 8

Christel Allred, Cole Allred, Ike Allred, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Tom Davidson, Hannah Laney, Kiersten Shepard, Gloria Williams.

### December 15

Christel Allred, Cole Allred, Ike Allred, Bill Caughman, Ginger Caughman, Will Caughman, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Erin Cwick, Tom Davidson, Chae Sam DeFord, Kathy DeFord, Rodney DeFord, Lucille Gray, Hampton Jones, Catherine MacCheyne, Julia Grace MacCheyne, Kiersten Shepard, Anne Wallace.

## Newsletter Deadlines

### February 1 Newsletter

*Wednesday, January 22, 2014*

## 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.

## Thank You Notes

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*

Thank you to those who contributed to the Staff Christmas gift, this gift was very appreciated.

*Connie Morton and Linda Moore*

## GENESIS COMMUNION SET

A beautiful pottery communion set has been donated to the church to be used in the Genesis services. This communion set is given in loving memory of Robert "Bob" Locky by his family.

## Memorials and Honorariums

### ***In Memory of Dick Griggs***

M&M Scott Eddins, Cameron & Greer, M&M Mickey Sullivan

### ***In Memory of Laura Stubbs***

M&M Scott Eddins, Cameron & Greer

### ***In Memory of Coyt McLean***

M&M Mickey Sullivan

### ***In Honor of Mr. Ellison Outen***

M&M Scott Eddins, Cameron & Greer, William Caughman, M&M Mickey Sullivan

### ***In Honor of Mr. Pete Owens***

M&M Scott Eddins, Cameron & Greer

### ***In Honor of Pal Moore***

Cheryl Postlewait

### ***In Honor of Flo & Ellison Outen***

Will Caughman

## 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.")

## 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.

### **January 8**

Chicken bog, string beans, corn bread fritters, dessert and tea.

### **January 15**

BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and tea.

### **January 22**

Fried chicken, cabbage, rice and gravy, corn bread fritters, dessert and tea.

### **January 29**

Meat loaf, butter beans, rice, biscuits, dessert and tea.

## Remember our Homebound



Frances Laney

### **CONVALESCENT CENTER**

Eddie Stubbs

### **NURSING HOME**

Sara Cook, Vera Meadows

### **RETIREMENT HOME**

Polly Edwards

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

Patsy Rushing, Margie Wanner

### **HOME**

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

## Sunday School Perfect Attendance for November

Benson Stubbs, Jacob Rohde, Jean Assef, Trina Mills, Kay VanDeman, Margaret Wolfe, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Carole Hennessee, Jackie McGee, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Linda Smith, Sarah M. Therrell, Sawyer Becker, Hollis Dusa, Judy Dixon, Amy Lewis, John Moore, Pal Moore, Brant Thompson, Becky Thompson, Michelle Rohde, Jimmy Duffy, Curtis Jones, Cheryl Postlewait, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, John Straughn, Shep Straughn, Mary Charlotte Dusa, Shannon Johnson, Nancy Wagnon, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Pete Owens, Jim Bennett, Jon Kroepel, Roger Wolfe, Jerry Tucker, Joey Mills, David Rhode.

## 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.

## Worship Perfect Attendance for November

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Leighton Becker, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Alayna Carabo, Amanda Carabo, Doug Carabo, Zach Carabo, Jerry Carter, Mary Crouse, Ray Crouse, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Mary Charlotte Dusa, Shannon Johnson, Amy Lewis, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Ruth Middleton, John Moore, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Cheryl Postlewait, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears, Shep Straughn, Becky Thompson, Brant Thompson, Kay VanDeman, Nancy Wagnon, Chase Watson, Lesley Watson, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.

## 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

## News From The Pre-School and Nursery

First Methodist Pre-School has had a fast December. As a matter of fact it has been a whirlwind of a year. We were closed the week of Christmas and reopened on December 30th. The three and four year old Christmas Musical was a huge success, and everything was beautiful. The children sang a song in Latin, and it was amazing. Ms. Simone teaches them foreign language and creative movement. The four year olds have delivered their canned goods. They have been so excited about this project.

I was able to take three of my ladies shopping in December, and we had a blast. I locked y keys in the car, fortunately it wasn't raining and OnStar came to our rescue.

A big thank you to the Mission Committee, the Methodist Men, Methodist Women, the church and especially our Pre-School Board. What a blessing you all have been, and we deeply appreciate all you have done!

We pray that you had a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

*In Christian Faith, Catrenna and Staff*

## Serving in January

### Hostess

Kelly Dusa

### Altar Guild

Sarah M. Therrell and Shirley Walton

### Head Usher

Anthony Harris

### Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Lydia Lee (A) Alex Lee (CB)

### Greeters

Jan. 5 Betty Thrailkill

Jan. 12 M&M Heath Ruffner

Jan. 19 Grayson Watson

Jan. 26 M&M Joey Mills

### Lobby Door Greeters

Jan. 5 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Jan. 12 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Jan. 19 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Jan. 26 Herbert Watts

### Nursery

Jan. 5 Katie Tarleton

Jan. 12 Sally Smith

Jan. 19 Caroline Crouse

Jan. 26 Jean McLean

### Children's Church

Jan. 5 Communion

Jan. 12 Allison Becker

Jan. 19 Christy Ruffner

Jan. 26 Kelly Dusa

### Lay Readers

Jan. 5 Eric Dusa

Jan. 12 Lib Norton

Jan. 19 Pam Baker

Jan. 26 Sammy Quick

### Counters

Jan. 5 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Jan. 12 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald  
Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Jan. 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Jan. 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda  
Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

### McArn Items

Jan. 5 Canned vegetables and meats

Jan. 12 Non-perishable items

Jan. 19 Baby items

Jan. 26 Toiletries

## January Birthdays

Jan. 1 Hollis Dusa

Jan. 4 Reagan Freeman

Jan. 5 Jeffery Johnson, Margaret Wolfe

Jan. 12 Jerry Carter

Jan. 13 Kurt McPherson

Jan. 14 Zachary Carabo

Jan. 15 Sara Wicker

Jan. 17 JoAnne Morgan

Jan. 20 Shellie Stanton, Kay VanDeman, Anne Townsend,  
Carolyn Wallace

Jan. 21 Kaitlyn Nicole Freeman, Abbey Pickrel

Jan. 22 Mary Kathryn Wagnon, Rhett Butler

Jan. 24 Britt Baxley, Aidan Freeman

Jan. 28 Austin Newton

Jan. 29 Sally Smith

Jan. 31 Becky Moore



## January Anniversaries

Jan. 7 M&M James Joplin

Jan. 9 M&M Harold Lomas

Jan. 26 M&M Steven Humphries

Jan. 28 M&M Tavener Threatter

# January

## Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Office Closed

## Sunday, January 5, 2014

Adult Choir Practice, 8:45am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

## Monday, January 6, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, January 8, 2014

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

Sunday, January 12 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## Sunday, January 12, 2014

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

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

*Fellowship Hall Reserved (2:30-4:30)*

## Monday, January 13, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 14, 2014

UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, January 15, 2014

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

Sunday, January 19 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## Saturday, January 18, 2014

*Parlor Reserved, 2:00-4:00pm*

## Sunday, January 19, 2014

Adult Choir Practice, 8:45am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

## Monday, January 20, 2014

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

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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

Sunday, January 26 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

February 1 Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

## Sunday, January 26, 2014

Adult Choir Practice, 8:30am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Praise Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

## Monday, January 27, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Praise Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, January 29, 2014

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

Sunday, February 2 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm