

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 12, 2014

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 4:15pm Youth Wind Band Information Meeting (Choir Room)
 5-7:00pm UMYF Meeting (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)
 Fellowship Hall reserved 2:30—4:30pm

Monday, January 13, 2014

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

10:00am UMW Circle #1 Meeting (Parlor)
 7:00pm UMW Circle #3 Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

5:30pm WATF Meal
January 19 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm

Thursday, January 16, 2014

12:00pm J.O.Y Club (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Parlor Reserved 2:00—4:00pm

Sunday, January 19, 2014

8:45am Genesis Service (Sanctuary)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5-7:00pm UMYF Meeting (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Heath Ruffer	Head Usher: Anthony Harris
Lobby Door Greeters: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills	Hostess: Kelly Dusa
Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell and Shirley Walton	Acolyte: Lydia Lee
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Sally Smith	Cross Bearer: Alex Lee
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN	McArn Item: Non-perishable items
Children's Church: Allison Becker	Next Week's Lay Reader: Pam Baker
Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker	
Alternate Counters: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing	

Worship Attendance, January 5 — 166; Attendance the same Sunday last year — 140

FUMC STAFF

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1st Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE "When Jesus Came to Jordan" Bach/Albrecht

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. McPherson
Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29: 1—2 Dr. McPherson
 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

OPENING PRAYER Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 73 IN THE HYMNAL "O Worship the King"** Lyons

UNISON PRAYER Dr. McPherson
 We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or how poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE Dr. McPherson

INTROIT "There's a Sweet, Spirit in this Place"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42: 1—9 Lib Norton, Lay Reader

EPISTLE READING Acts 10: 34—43 Lay Reader

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #888 IN THE HYMNAL** Lay Reader

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 2051 IN THE FAITH WE SING "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"** Waterlife

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. McPherson

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **“This Is Just What Heaven Means To Me”** W. Elmo Mercer

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

***HYMN OF ILLUMINATION NO. 2272 IN THE FAITH WE SING** **“Holy Ground”** Holy Ground

***GOSPEL READING** **Matthew 3: 13—17** Dr. McPherson

SERMON **“The Importance of the Water”** Dr. McPherson

***HYMN NO. 2241 IN THE FAITH WE SING** **“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”** Land of Rest
*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

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

*The greenery in the sanctuary is placed today to the glory of God and in honor of the
youth of First Church by Cheryl Postlewait.*

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), John Cook (Emily Marsh's brother), 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.

FLOWER CALENDAR — A flower calendar for 2014 has been placed in the hallway by the Director of Music's office. If you would like to put flowers in on a particular Sunday, please sign up on this calendar.

HEARING DEVICES — If you have a hearing device that you use each Sunday, please check it in with Jon or Angie. We just need to inventory these and know who has them.

JOY CLUB — The J.O.Y. Club will meet on Thursday, January 16 at noon. This will be a covered dish meal; the cost will be \$1.00 per person.. To make reservations please call Mary Burr (537-3920) or sign up with your caller by Monday, January 13 at 4:00pm.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR STAFF — The fumccheraw server has gone down and has not been able to be restored; therefore, all emails since December 23 have not been received by the staff. New email addresses have been set up for all the staff:
Angie's email is now fumcangiesmith@gmail.com;
Jon's email is jkroepel@gmail.com;
Kurt's email is kamcpherson@umcsc.org;
Sara's email is saralsanderson@hotmail.com.

PASSION 2014 — Every year thousands of college students gather together for a conference called Passion, lead by Louie Giglio, in the name of Jesus. The conference revolves around raising up a generation of believers to go out in the name of Christ and further His Kingdom. At the end of the conference, thousands of college students' lives are changed. But the impact doesn't stop there. Passion raises money for a specific cause each year. This year, the money will go to taking God's Word to the unreached peoples in Iran. These people live in a country where speaking God's name is illegal, and they have never read the Bible in their native language (Farsi). Through the money raised at Passion, they will finally be able to hear and read the good news of our Savior. Please join us in reaching these people by donating. Not everyone can take the Gospel into a hostile land, but everyone can give graciously from what God has blessed them with in order to help reach these people. Donations should be in to the office by January 16. If you would like to learn more of what Passion is all about, visit their website: www.268generation.com. —*Laura Adams*

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 fumcangiesmith@gmail.com. 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.

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 Gary; 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—Bar-B-Que, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and tea.