

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 5, 2014

9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5-7:00pm UMYF Meeting (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)
 7:00pm Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 6, 2014

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

5:30pm WATF Meal
 6:00pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
January 12 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm

Sunday, January 12, 2014

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Betty Thrailkill	Head Usher: Anthony Harris
Lobby Door Greeters: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns	Hostess: Kelly Dusa
Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell and Shirley Walton	Acolyte: Lydia Lee
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Katie Tarleton	Cross Bearer: Alex Lee
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN	McArn Item: Canned vegetables and meats
Children's Church: Communion	Next Week's Lay Reader: Lib Norton
Counters: Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore	
Alternate Counter: Mary Burr	

Worship Attendance, December 22 — 200; Attendance the same Sunday last year — 141
 Attendance at Christmas Eve Service — 245; Attendance last year at Christmas Eve Service — 224
 Worship Attendance, December 29 — 102; Attendance the same Sunday last year — 130

FUMC STAFF

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Epiphany Day

PRELUDE	“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”	Paul Manz
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. McPherson
	<i>Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.</i>	
CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 147:12	Dr. McPherson
	Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!	
OPENING PRAYER		Dr. McPherson
*HYMN NO. 254 IN THE HYMNAL	“We Three Kings”	Kings of Orient
UNISON PRAYER		Dr. McPherson
	God of Advent, of waiting and hoping, keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us. God of Christmas, of celebration and rejoicing, make our hearts glad with the joy nothing can take from us. God of Epiphany, of hiding and making known, fill our hearts with wonder at the revelation of your glory that we have seen in Christ, our Lord. Amen.	
SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE		Dr. McPherson
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Isaiah 60: 1—6	Eric Dusa, Lay Reader
EPISTLE READING	Ephesians 3: 1—12	Lay Reader
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 IN THE HYMNAL	A Modern Affirmation	Lay Reader
PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER		Dr. McPherson
*HYMN (See Insert)	“Love, Mercy and Grace”	C. Austin Miles

OFFERTORY PRAYER		Dr. McPherson
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	“Echo Noel”	C. D’aquin
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95 IN THE HYMNAL	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Old 100th
*GOSPEL READING	Matthew 2: 1—12	Dr. McPherson
SERMON	“Perfect Gifts”	Dr. McPherson
OBERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 15 IN THE HYMNAL		
*HYMN NO. 369 IN THE HYMNAL	“Blessed Assurance”	Assurance
	<i>During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.</i>	
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Prelude in D Major”	Buxtehude
	*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.	

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), Billy Wallace Family (Jean McLean’s Father).

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.

JOY CLUB — The J.O.Y. Club will meet on Thursday, January 16 at noon. To make reservations please call Mary Burr (537-3920) or sign up with your caller by Monday, January 3 at 4:00pm.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS — The fumcheraw 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. A new email address has been set up for Angie and Jon; Kurt will have a new email address set up soon. Angie’s email is now fumcangiesmith@gmail.com, Jon’s email is jkroepel@gmail.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.