



Kurt's Corner

After an unusually snowy winter, I am certainly ready for the coming of spring and warmer weather. Springtime in the Carolinas always seems to renew my faith in the providence of God as I begin to see new growth in the flowers and trees and hear the birds begin to sing a new song.

That excitement over the change in nature also reaffirms my faith as we begin the 40 day journey we refer to as Lent. The Lenten season in the church calendar is a period of spiritual and religious preparation observed often through the disciplines of prayer, penitence, and self-denial. This spiritual journey leads us up to Easter Sunday as we celebrate the

resurrection of Jesus Christ and reflect upon what this monumental event means to us as His followers.

Most of us will observe Lent in one of two ways. One way we do so is to give up a favorite food or activity like chocolate or a TV show. Another way is to take on an activity or practice such as reading a devotional or volunteering for charity work.

I am personally marking this Lenten season in a completely different way. After years of giving up things for Lent (sodas, sweets, etc.), I have decided to take up a habit I trust will be beneficial for me and I hope for others. During Lent, every time I look at my

watch to check the time, I have decided to say a prayer for someone. You would not believe how many times a day I check the time!

Whichever way we may choose to observe the Lenten season, it is an opportunity to focus and reflect upon our humanity, sinfulness, and the amazing grace of God. And remember, the next time you see me checking my watch, I might be praying for you.

In Christ,
Kurt

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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.



Our Staff

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COMING UP

Spring BBQ

Saturday, March 29,
11:00am—2:00pm

Eat In or Carry Out

Tickets are available at the church office and are \$7.00 per person

From the Director of Children and Youth

This might surprise some of you, but the truth is, I am not a true sports fan. I am only a sports fan of whatever sport my son, Austin, is involved in. So, I do not know much about football, because football is not one of the sports he plays. However, I can tell when someone loves a certain team.

Super Bowl Sunday our group collected \$249.00 from the congregation for the pastor's discretionary fund. I can tell most of you like the Broncos, because this was the basket with the most money in it. The Broncos basket had \$202.00, and the Seahawks basket had \$47.00. ---Thanks so



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much for contributing to the pastor's discretionary fund! --- However, most of the time I can tell what team a person pulls for by what a person has "put on", on game day. You know, by what team shirt he or she wears. This got me to thinking...can others tell who I pull for in my everyday

life? Can others tell who I love? Check out Ephesians 6:10-19. Just like some people PUT ON their favorite sport shirts, we are also to PUT ON the armor of God when we awake. What a difference this makes, and the younger we learn this the better off we are.

I challenge our youth to be aware, and to "put on" the armor of God each and every day!

In Christian Love, Sara

From FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

Our New Year is off to a sluggish start with the snow!! We have missed several days and therefore missed participating in some of our scheduled events. The week of Feb. 10 the snow closed us down for 3 1/2 days. It was so beautiful; the children were in awe of the snowflakes falling through the sky. Then the week of Feb. 17, we have had to turn on the air.

Our children participated in the Hop for Leukemia and raised over \$300.00. Some of the children earned a t-shirt and a stuffed rabbit. We allowed them to hop up and down the halls, needless to say it turned out to be running for some of them. Mr. Kary Dinkins blessed us with our music, Bunny Hop. The children are so fun to watch. Some of the babies got into the spirit also. They even got

to wear bunny ears and we took loads of pictures.

The snow cancelled our trip to the circus in Florence, but we are going to see "The Wizard of Oz" on March 3rd at the Florence Civic Center. This is sponsored by the American Theater Arts For Youth Inc., out of Philadelphia, PA. It is a live presentation and the children enjoyed going to see their production "Alice in Wonderland" a couple of years ago.

We will be selling cookie dough starting March 24th. If you would like to make a purchase, please feel free to call me at the school. Prices are from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Cookie varieties are Snickerdoodle, Kreative Kookies for Kids, Triple Fudge



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Chunk, Milk Chocolate Pecan, Oatmeal Raisin, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, White Chocolate Cranberry, Chocolate Chip, Sugar, and Candy Cookie Dough. As you can see there is something for everyone.

The four year old class made cupid floats and shared with all the teachers. They were yummy!

A belated thank you to Mr. John Wagnon and Mr. Chad Deason for getting our internet, computers, time clock and TVs up and running!!

In Christian Faith,
Catrenna

From the Director of Music

Charles Wesley, the poet, and John Wesley, the theologian, both had deep beliefs in the way a Christian should live. We may not see the relevancy of the hymns that Charles wrote centuries ago, but they reveal a broken person who realized the need for a savior. That savior, Jesus Christ, raised the two brothers to newness of life.

In some of the stanzas of the lesser known hymn, "Depth of Mercy," Wesley pours out his heart, acknowledging his sinfulness:

"I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face, would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls.

I my master have denied, I afresh have crucified, oft profaned his sacred hallowed name, put him to an open shame."

As we enter Lent, Charles Wesley's words point to the human condition, a broken world, and a Savior who is waiting with open hands.

Jon Kroepel

There is hope for our broken world.

Thank You Note

We appreciate all the prayers, calls, food, visits, cards, etc. that were sent to our mom, Lucille Gray. She continues to fight the problems with her heart but has a positive attitude. It helped us all to know

we had such wonderful friends at FUMC.

*Betty Hurst and
Caroline Berry*

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Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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.")



Giving to those less fortunate

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



Become a Boy Scout

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.

March 5

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

March 12

Beef roast, rice and gravy, pinto beans, biscuits, dessert and tea.

March 19

Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread, dessert and tea.

March 26

Ziti casserole, salad, bread, dessert and tea.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old (Maximum \$21 for a household)

Remember our Homebound

CONVALESCENT CENTER

1150 State Road, Cheraw, SC

Eddie Stubbs, Frances Laney, Sis Funderburk

CHERAW HEALTHCARE

400 Moffatt Road, Cheraw, SC

Sara Cook

AGAPE SENIOR

1785 Lexington Commons Dr.

Rock Hill, SC 29732

Patsy Rushing

Margie Wannamaker

PO Box 10, 209 Greene Street

Cheraw, SC 29520

Vera Meadows

C/O BONNIE HUNTLEY

1402 Capel Dairy Road

Wadesboro, NC 28170



Serving in March

Hostess

Lib Norton

Altar Guild

Bonnie Cundiff and Ruth Ann Jones

Head Usher

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Jacob Rohde (A) Sarah Allen (CB)

Greeters

Mar. 2 M&M Jerry Therrell

Mar. 9 M&M Anthony Harris

Mar. 16 M&M Harold Lomas

Mar. 23 Linda Smith

Mar. 30 M&M Curtis Jones

Lobby Door Greeters

Mar. 2 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Mar. 9 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Mar. 16 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Mar. 23 Herbert Watts, Allen Chapman

Mar. 30 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Mar. 2 Caroline Berry and Sarah Allen

Mar. 9 Caroline Berry and Kristin Tarleton

Mar. 16 Caroline Berry and Mason
Tomberlin

Mar. 23 Caroline Berry and Amanda
Carabo

Mar. 30 Caroline Berry and Megan
Goodwin

Children's Church

Mar. 2 Doug Carabo

Mar. 9 Communion

Mar. 16 Laura Harris

Mar. 23 Mary Lou Long

Mar. 3 Michelle Rohde

Lay Readers

Mar. 2 Joey Mills

Mar. 9 Rhett Butler

Mar. 16 Chuck Barber

Mar. 23 Bonnie Cundiff

Mar. 30 Micki Lockey

Flower Calendar

Mar. 2, 9 and 16 OPEN

Mar. 23 Gini Eddins

Mar. 30 OPEN

If you would like to put flowers in the church on one of the open Sundays, please contact the church office.

Counters

Mar. 2 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Mar. 9 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Mar. 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Mar. 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Mar. 30 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

Mar. 2 Breakfast items

Mar. 9 Canned meats and milk

Mar. 16 Baby items

Mar. 23 Paper products

Mar. 30 Peanut butter and other condiments

Memorials

April 1 Newsletter Deadline

Monday, March 24, 2014

In Memory of R.E. Mayhew

Jane Mayhew

In Memory of Lynn Ellington

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Hubert Kimrey

M&M Mickey Sullivan

In Memory of Billy Wallace, Sr.

Jane Anne Feldener

In Memory of Dan Marsh

M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Pete Baker, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Manfred Kollitz, M&M Lanny Rayfield, Fred and Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class

In Memory of John Sartor, Sr.

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Lynn Armstrong

M&M Keith Smith

A Note About Passion 2014

It has been several weeks since I was at Passion 2014, and I am still in awe at what God did there. We may have only been there for a weekend, but God used the musicians and speakers to bring an awesome message to thousands

of college students. We welcomed many new brothers and sisters in Christ and rejoiced over God's grace. They set a goal of raising \$250,000, which would equal 25,000 Bibles taken to the people of Iran. I haven't heard a

final total, but last I saw we raised \$350,000! Thank you for being a part of taking God's Word to unreached people. I know God will use those people in their country.

—Laura Adams

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for January

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Todd Becker, Pam Humphries, Shannon Johnson, Jerry Turner, Jerry Carter, Jim Bennett, Rhett Butler, Jon Kroepel, Roger Wolfe, Joey Mills, David Rohde, Jimmy Duffy, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Druie Walker, Ed Davidson, Lib Norton, Sarah M. Therrell, Jackie McGee, Jane Campbell, Bonnie Cundiff, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, John Moore, Pal Moore, Michelle Rohde, Sophie McPherson, Sawyer Becker, Greer Eddins, Jacob Rohde, Scott Eddins, Benson Stubbs, Margaret Wolfe, Jean Assef, Betty Thrailkill

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Ann Atkinson, Allison Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Jay Brooks, Theodore Burns, Jane

Campbell, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Ed Davidson, Jimmy Duffy, Gini Eddins, Greer Eddins, Scott Eddins, Debbie Elmore, Michael Elmore, Gail Eubanks, Sam Eubanks, Bill Eutsler, Pam Humphries, Ruth Ann Jones, Jane Mayhew, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Sue McManus, Kurt McPherson, Lillie McPherson, P.J. McPherson, Sophie McPherson, Ruth Middleton, Joey Mills, John Moore, Pal Moore, Lib Norton, Greg Robinson, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Christy Ruffner, Syble Sanderson, Bobby Spears, Ethel Ann Streater, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Betty Thrailkill, Anne Townsend, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.



Congratulations



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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.

We're on the Web!
www.cherawfirstumc.org

Our Visitors

February 2

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Coopeland, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Ella Prevatte, Sophia Prevatte, Vincent Prevatte.

February 9

Cindy Champion, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Loral Edwards, Mary Johnson, Kiersten Shepard, Chase Thomas, Anne Wallace.

February 16

Cindy Champion, Jerry Champion, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Sydney Creech, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Johnnie Johnson, Ashlyn Nelson.

February 23

Gamble Anderson, Kelly Beck, Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Carolyn Gary, Hannah Laney, Christie McLeod, Missy Morgan, Chrisa Murray, Wendy Murray, Conner Roberts, Daphane Wallace.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Jake Crouse, Christopher Frazier

3/3 Noah Williams

3/4 Trina Mills

3/5 George Adams

3/6 Mary C. Laney

3/10 Beulah Threatte

3/14 Lois Baker, Ashton Becker

3/20 Mabel Foster, R. Walker Laney

3/21 Paul Miles

3/22 Margaret Stanton

3/23 Leighton Becker

3/24 Laura Adams

3/26 Gabriel Watson

3/27 Kathryn Johnson

3/28 John Straughn

3/29 Rob Calhoun

3/30 Sandra Barbour

ANNIVERSARIES

3/3 M&M C.C. Quick, M&M John Straughn

3/8 Dr. & Mrs. Kurt McPherson

3/10 M&M Homer Stanton

3/17 M&M George Adams, M&M Ron Cundiff

3/21 M&M Doug Carabo

3/27 M&M Jimmy Outen



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

March Calendar

Sunday, March 2, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 3, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Bus Reserved 8:00am-3:00pm, Pre-school

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

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

Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, March 9 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 9, 2014

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

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

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 10, 2014

Blood Drive, 2:00pm-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor

UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 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, March 16 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Call time for Praise Singers, 8:00am, Fellowship Hall

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

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, March 17, 2014

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

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, March 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, March 23 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Thursday, March 20, 2014

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

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 23, 2014

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

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 24, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

April 1 Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, March 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 30 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Spring BBQ, 11:00am—2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am (Youth Sunday)

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

Wind Band Rehearsal, 5:00pm, During Youth

Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal,
7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Parlor rented 1:00pm-5:00pm

Monday, March 31, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut