

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, March 16, 2014**

8:00am Call Time for Praise Singers  
 8:45am Genesis Service (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 12:00pm Covered Dish Lunch  
 4:30-7pm UMYF Meeting  
*Jon Vacation*

**Monday, March 17, 2014**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
*Jon Vacation*  
*Bus out to be serviced*

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

*Jon Vacation*  
*Bus out to be serviced*

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

5:30pm WATF Meal  
*March 23 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm*  
*Bus out to be serviced*  
*Jon Vacation*

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

12:00pm J.O.Y Club  
*Bus out to be serviced*  
*Jon Vacation*

**Friday, March 21, 2014**

*Bus out to be serviced*  
*Jon Vacation*

**Sunday, March 23, 2014**

9:15am Adult Choir (Choir Room)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 4:30-7pm UMYF Meeting  
 7:00pm Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**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.

FUMC STAFF

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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.

**March 16, 2014**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.*

Dr. McPherson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 121: 1-2**

Dr. McPherson

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Dr. McPherson

**\*HYMN NO. 130 IN THE HYMNAL “God Will Take Care of You”**

Martin

**RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS JOHNSON AND FUMC PRESCHOOL STAFF**

**UNISON PRAYER**

Dr. McPherson

Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Dr. McPherson

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Sara Sanderson

**PEE DEE COALITION PRESENTATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

Chuck Barber, Lay Reader

**EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

Lay Reader

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #888 IN THE HYMNAL**

Lay Reader

**PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. McPherson

**\*HYMN NO. 369 IN THE HYMNAL**      **“Blessed Assurance”**      Assurance

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**      Dr. McPherson

**OFFERING ANTHEM**      **“Sound the Trumpet in Zion”**

**\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**\*GOSPEL READING**      **John 3: 1-17**      Dr. McPherson

**SERMON**      **“Nick at Night”**      Dr. McPherson

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**\*HYMN NO. 159 IN THE HYMNAL**      **“Lift High the Cross”**      Crucifer  
*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.**

**WELCOME VISITORS** — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact information. 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), Lucille Gray (Betty Hurst’s mother), Edyce Brasington, David Townsend, Doug Wilson, Kevin Eubanks (Sam Eubanks’ son), Tim Johnson (Phyllis Johnson’s son). **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.

**ARE YOU GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE THIS YEAR?** — If you are a student who will be graduating from High School or College this year, please let the church office know. The church would like to recognize you for your accomplishment. We need to know where you are graduating from, and if you are going to attend college, where you will be going. If you are graduating from college, please let us know what college and your degree.

**ATTENTION YOUTH** — All youth are asked to meet in the Sanctuary at 4:30pm this afternoon.

**THANK YOU** — The youth would like to thank Jim Bennett for preparing supper for them last Sunday afternoon.

**LENTEN LUNCHES** — Come be a part of the Lenten Luncheon series each Wednesday during Lent at First Baptist Church from noon until 1:00pm. The following ministers are scheduled to preach: March 19 Johnnie McLendon, Fisher Hill Baptist Church; March 26 Redonia Thomas, Wesley, Bethel and Mt. Zion United Methodist Churches; April 2 Kyle Henderson, First Presbyterian Church; April 9 Greg Batchelor, First Baptist Church.

**BLOOD DRIVE** — The blood drive this past Monday yielded 21 units of blood. Thanks for all those that came out and donated.

**JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR** — Do you enjoy singing, but are afraid of not being good enough to sing in a group? We want every person to feel welcome to join our Adult Choir. There are openings in each section. Private voice lessons are free for those who wish to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Contact Jon if you are interested.

**J.O.Y. CLUB LUNCH** — The J.O.Y. Club will meet on Thursday, March 20 at 12:00pm in the fellowship hall. This will be a catered meal by Hidden Treasurers and the cost will be \$7 per person. Please make your reservation with your caller or with Mary Burr (537-3920) by Monday, March 17.

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

#### SERVING TODAY

**Greeters:** M&M Harold Lomas

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

**Altar Guild:** Amy Lewis

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry and Mason Tomberlin

**Flowers Next Sunday:** NO FLOWERS LENT SEASON

**Children’s Church:** Laura Harris

**Counters:** Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

**Alternate Counter:** David McLean, Walter Crosby

Worship Attendance, March 9 — 151; Worship Attendance the same Sunday last year—112

**Head Usher:** Theodore Burns

**Hostess:** Lib Norton

**Acolyte:** Jacob Rohde

**Cross Bearer:** Sarah Allen

**McArn Item:** Baby items

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Bonnie Cundiff