

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, March 23, 2014**

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

**Monday, March 24, 2014**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
*April Newsletter Deadline*

**Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

6:00pm Missions Ministry Team Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)  
 7:00pm Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

5:30pm WATF Meal  
 6:00pm Handbell Practice (Choir Room)  
 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
*March 30 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm*

**Thursday, March 27, 2014**

*Fellowship Hall Reserved (6:30—8:30pm)*

**Saturday, March 29, 2014**

11am-2pm Spring BBQ (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, March 30, 2014**

9:15am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service (Youth Sunday)  
 4:30-7pm UMYF Meeting  
 7:00pm Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)  
*Parlor Reserved (1:00-5:00pm)*

**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 23, 2014**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>"Sonata 2"</b>	Felix Mendelssohn
<b>GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Dr. McPherson
	<i>Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.</i>	
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	<b>Psalm 95: 1</b>	Dr. McPherson
	O come, let us sing to the Lord; <b>Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!</b>	
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>		Dr. McPherson
<b>*HYMN NO. 361 IN THE HYMNAL "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"</b>		Toplady
<b>UNISON PRAYER</b>		Dr. McPherson
	O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.	
<b>SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE</b>		Dr. McPherson
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		Sara Sanderson
<b>OLD TESTAMENT READING</b>	<b>Exodus 17: 1-7</b>	Bonnie Cundiff, Lay Reader
<b>EPISTLE READING</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-11</b>	Lay Reader
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880 IN THE HYMNAL The Nicene Creed</b>		Lay Reader
<b>PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Dr. McPherson
<b>*HYMN NO. 299 IN THE HYMNAL "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</b>		Rockingham

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Dr. McPherson

**OFFERING ANTHEM** “Lamb of God” Twila Paris

**\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 4: 3-42 Dr. McPherson

**SERMON** “Full of Surprises” Dr. McPherson

**\*HYMN NO. 127 IN THE HYMNAL “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”** CWM Rhondda  
*During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God,  
then return to your pew when ready.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** “Bless the Lord, My Soul” Taize

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Dick Griggs’ birthday which was March 20th by Gini, Scott, Cameron and Greer Eddins.*

**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), Sherrie Cassidy (Angie Smith’s friend), Randy & Debbie Butler. **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.

**STAYING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE IN COLLEGE AND THE MILITARY** — We are starting a program that will help us keep in touch with individuals in college and the military. If you have a child in college or the military, we would like to get their name, physical address, and email address; please email it to the church office at [fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com) or call the church office at 537-7002 and give Angie this information. — *The Missions Ministry Team*

**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.

**LENTEN LUNCHESES** — 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 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.

**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.

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

#### SERVING TODAY

**Greeter:** Linda Smith

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Herbert Watts

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Cundiff and Ruth Ann Jones

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry and Amanda Carabo

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

**Children’s Church:** Mary Lou Long

**Counters:** Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

**Alternate Counter:** Doug Marsh

Genesis Worship Attendance, March 16 — 55; Regular Worship Attendance, March 16—135

Total attendance, March 16—190

Genesis Worship the same Sunday last year—70; Regular Worship Attendance the same Sunday last year—111; Total attendance the same Sunday last year—181

**Head Usher:** Theodore Burns

**Hostess:** Lib Norton

**Acolyte:** Jacob Rohde

**Cross Bearer:** Sarah Allen

**McArn Item:** Paper products

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Micki Lockey