

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, March 9, 2014**

- 8:30am United Methodist Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 4:30-7pm 6th and 7th grade UMYF Meeting (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)
- 5:00-7pm 8th—12th grade UMYF Meeting (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)
- 5:00pm Wind Band Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
- 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, March 10, 2014**

- 2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

- 10:00am UMW Circle # 1 Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00pm UMW Circle # 3 Meeting
- 7:00pm Praise Band and Singers (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

- 5:30pm WATF Meal
- 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- March 16 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm*

**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 (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30-7pm 6th and 7th grade UMYF Meeting (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)
- 5:00-7pm 8th—12th grade UMYF Meeting (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

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 9, 2014**  
**1st Sunday in Lent**

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. McPherson

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 32:11**

Dr. McPherson

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
**And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Dr. McPherson

**\*HYMN NO. 504 IN THE HYMNAL “The Old Rugged Cross”**

The Old Rugged Cross

**UNISON PRAYER**

Dr. McPherson

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Dr. McPherson

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Sara Sanderson

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7**

Rhett Butler, Lay Reader

**EPISTLE READING**

**Romans 5: 12-19**

Lay Reader

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 IN THE HYMNAL**

Lay Reader

**PASTORAL AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Dr. McPherson

**\*HYMN NO. 593 IN THE HYMNAL**      **“Here I Am, Lord”**      Here I Am, Lord

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**      Dr. McPherson

**OFFERING ANTHEM**      **“Lenten Proclamation”**      Chepponis

**\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**\*GOSPEL READING**      **Matthew 4: 1-11**      Dr. McPherson

**SERMON**      **“Be Ready”**      Dr. McPherson

**OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION PAGE NO. 12 IN THE HYMNAL**

**\*HYMN NO. 364 IN THE HYMNAL**      **“Because He Lives”**      Resurrection  
*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), Kayla Buffington Hearl, Lucille Gray (Betty Hurst’s mother), Beth Hinson (Friend of Connie Morton), DeAnna Starling, Velma Rohde (David Rohde’s mother), Bill West (Friend of Jimmie Williamson), Kaitlyn Freeman (Trina Mills’ granddaughter), Edyce Brasington, David Townsend, Doug Wilson. **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.

**THANK YOU** — Let me express my sincere thanks for all of the thoughts, prayers, and concerns shared following my accident. Your kindness will always be remembered and appreciated.

*David Townsend*

**MARCH NEWSLETTER** — The March Newsletter has been emailed to those on our mailing list and mailed to the shut-ins. If you did not receive your email, please contact Angie at 537-7002. Copies have been made for those not on the email list and copies are located on the table in the lobby and in the narthex.

**BLOOD DRIVE** — FUMC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 10 from 2:00—7:00pm in the fellowship hall. If you would like to make an appointment, you can do so by signing up on the sheet in the lobby by the office, by calling the office at 537-7002, or by going online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw. Please give the gift of life.

**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.

**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.

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

#### **SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** M&M Anthony Harris

**Lobby Door Greeters:** Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

**Altar Guild:** Amy Lewis

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry and Kristin Tarleton

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

**Children’s Church:** Communion

**Counters:** Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

**Alternate Counter:** John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Worship Attendance, March 2 — 138; Worship Attendance the same Sunday last year—124

**Head Usher:** Theodore Burns

**Hostess:** Lib Norton

**Acolyte:** Jacob Rohde

**Cross Bearer:** Sarah Allen

**McArn Item:** Canned meats and milk

**Next Week’s Lay Reader:** Chuck Barber