

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**

8:45am Genesis (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
4:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut and Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, April 28, 2014**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, April 29, 2014**

7:00pm Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)  
*Fellowship Hall reserved*

**Wednesday, April 30, 2014**

5:30pm WATF Meal  
6:30pm Children K-5th Grade Activities  
6:30pm UMYF  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study  
*May 4 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm*  
*Bus Reserved (Preschool)*

**Thursday, May 1, 2014**

*Bus Reserved (Preschool)*

**Friday, May 2, 2014**

Relay for Life (Chesterfield High School)

**Saturday, May 3, 2014**

8-10:00am FATZ Breakfast for Salkehatchie  
8-12:00pm Car Wash for Salkehatchie (FATZ)

**Sunday, May 4, 2014**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
4:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut and Fellowship Hall)

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.



**April 27, 2014**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

**“Carillon de Westminster”**

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

**Call to Worship**

Dr. Kurt McPherson

This is the good news — the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news — the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news — once we were no people, now we are God’s people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

**\*Hymn No. 368 in the Hymnal**

**“My Hope Is Built”**

The Solid Rock

**Unison Prayer**

Dr. McPherson

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Children’s Sermon**

Sara Sanderson

**Old Testament Reading**

**Psalms 16**

Jim Bennett, Lay Reader

**Epistle Reading**

**1 Peter 1: 3—9**

Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation Of Faith No. 880**

**The Nicene Creed**

Lay Reader

**\*The Gloria Patri**

## Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn No. 452 in the Hymnal      “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”      Olivet

## Offertory Prayer

Choral Anthem      “Without Seeing You”      David Haas

## \*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology No. 95      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”      Old 100th

\*Gospel Reading      John 20: 19-31      Dr. McPherson

Sermon      “Believers”      Dr. McPherson

\*Hymn No. 420 in the Hymnal      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”      Trentham  
*(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready)*

\*Choral Benediction      “Halle, Halle, Halle”      John Bell

\*Postlude      “Toccatà”      Widor

**\*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 F. Garland Streete and Elizabeth King Streete Traynham by the Traynham Estate.*

**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 843-537-7002.

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bailey Turner (10-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), Sherrie Cassidy (Angie Smith's friend), Pam Childers (Kay VanDeman's friend), Rex Stalnaker (Judy Dixon's father), Martha Rogers (Mary Burr's friend).

**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.

**SMALL VASE LINERS** — The small oblong vase liners are missing. If you have taken them home by accident, please return them to the church office. Thank you.

**BRIGHT DREAMS, NOT NIGHTMARES** — We all like to dream about the future of new and exciting possibilities. But have you ever stopped to think about what the future looks like to a hungry child whose parents lost their jobs and home? Or to the neglected child who lives in a locked bedroom of a drug-infested house? Or to a child whose only proof of parental interaction is a body covered with bruises? To these children the future is not an exciting dream—it is a nightmare. We, the United Methodist Church of South Carolina, refuse to let these tragedies define childhood for our neighbors. We stand with these children and promise to transform their future. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. Epworth goes above and beyond just food and shelter. It provides 182 children each year with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and belong. On Sunday, May 11, our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on Facebook.

**BBQ SAUCE FOR SALE** — There were several bottles of BBQ sauce left from the Spring BBQ. If you are interested in purchasing one of these bottles, they are \$2 each and are available from Angie in the church office.

**SALKEHATCHIE FUND RAISERS** — The Missions Team will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast and car wash at Fatz Cafe on Saturday, May 3. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit the Salkehatchie Mission team of our church. The breakfast will be held from 8-10 AM and the car wash will be held from 8 AM until noon. Please purchase your tickets for the breakfast in advance from any Salkehatchie participant, Missions Team member, or the church office. This will help us determine the numbers to prepare for. Tickets will also be available at the door. Thank you for your support!

**PARSONAGE PAINTING** — Gloria Turner has painted the likeness of our church's parsonage. I would like for our church to own this painting and am asking members of the congregation to contribute toward the purchase price. This original painting can be seen in the hallway at the church office. The cost is \$540 and \$325 has been given to date. Please consider making a donation. Checks can be made out to FUMC.

Thank you, *Debbie Adams*

**ONE MILLION BOOKS** — The Annual Conference is trying to collect one million NEW books for pre-school through elementary age children. These books will be collected through the churches in the conference and taken to the Annual Conference in Florence in June. These books will be given to children in poverty in our state that do not have any books of their own. There is a box in the lobby for placing your book donations. Thanks for your support of this mission.

**ATTENTION MERCILESS METHODISTS** — We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2014 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 2 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$137,000. What's your life worth? How can you help? 1) We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church office but mark **RELAY**. 2) We need slaw, chili, and chopped onions for Friday, May 2 — advise Jim Bennett if you can furnish any of these items. 3) We need you to buy lots of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love.

**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 Christian Education 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.

**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—Fried chicken, collards, rice and gravy, cornbread, dessert and tea.

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Greeters:</b> M&M Jeff Johnson	<b>Head Usher:</b> Jeff Johnson
<b>Lobby Door Greeters:</b> Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter	<b>Hostess:</b> Carole Hennessee
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing	<b>Acolyte:</b> Hannah Leach
<b>Nursery:</b> Caroline Berry and Kelly Dusa	<b>Cross Bearer:</b> Lydia Lee
<b>Flowers Next Sunday:</b> Communion	<b>McArn Item:</b> Laundry supplies
<b>Counters:</b> Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield	<b>Next Week's Lay Reader:</b> Jensen Tomberlin
<b>Alternate Counter:</b> Doug Marsh	
<b>Children's Church:</b> Kristen Tarleton, P.J. McPherson	

Worship Attendance, April 20—243 (Easter);  
Total attendance the same Sunday last year—135 (Genesis and Regular Worship Total)