



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

I just finished one of the most enjoyable moments of my week, conducting a chapel service for our preschool. I relish the challenge of trying to come up with a brief message that might hold their attention for even a few minutes and inspire them to a life of following God (sound familiar?). Of course, we always conclude with a prayer and sing several interactive songs.

Today's chapel moment concerned the prophet Jeremiah. The passage of scripture I shared was from the Old Testament book that bears his name. I told the kids that God knew their name even before they were born, the same message God told Jeremiah. I also said that just like the divine message to Jeremi-

ah, God has special plans for their lives and will always be with them.

At last week's preschool graduation ceremony, I looked around at the children in the sanctuary and wondered what the future might hold for these precious little ones. Would they aspire to greatness? Would any become doctors, teachers, astronauts, or even the president of the United States? How might their lives turn out?

One comforting thought was that our church's preschool staff is laying a wonderful foundation for the students' lives. Every day the kids learn about God and his love. The staff pray with the children and nurture them. Our church should be proud of a preschool and nursery that has such loving and

caring Christian teachers and workers.

If you haven't recently done so, I invite you to take a tour of the preschool and nursery. I also encourage

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you to remember our preschool and the preschool board in your prayers. It truly is a mission for our community and our children are blessed for being there.

In Christ,
Kurt

Blood Drive Update

First United Methodist Church hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 19. There were 14 units collected at this drive.

Thanks to all those who participated and gave the gift of life.



Our Staff

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COMING UP

*Annual Conference

June 1—4, Florence, SC

*FUMC Pre-School/Nursery
Yard Sale

June 14, 7am-12pm, fellowship
hall

Parsonage Painting

I would like to thank all the classes and individuals who made contributions toward the purchase of the Gloria Turner painting of our parsonage. It will now be hung in an appropriate spot as determined by the Trustees. Thank you again for your interest

in purchasing this piece for FUMC. —Debbie Adams

First Methodist Scholarship Recipients

HUBERT B. NORTON

William McLaurin

STEPHEN SCOTT BURR

Chrisa Murray

CHARLIE SCOTT LANEY, JR.

Evelyn Nobles

DR. MAXCY HOOKS

Kimberly Hill

ANNE WATSON EUTSLER

Will King

JEAN L. & C. ANTHONY HARRIS

Jensen Tomberlin

F. GARLAND STREETE

Megan Goodwin

LUCY BRASINGTON

Not Awarded—Deferred to 2015



From the Music Director

What Songs Will We Pass On To The Next Generation?

Growing up in the Midwest, an area heavily influenced by Germanic customs, I was part of a large agrarian society. Farm work, whether in the Midwest or elsewhere in this country, is backbreaking work. I was the second generation of my family who did not live on a farm, but heard stories of hardship that my family and their contemporaries endured. Attending church was not an option for my ancestors. They had been

brought up to observe the Sabbath and attended church when the snow wasn't too deep. I have heard many comments from older individuals that people would "raise the roof" when they sang. One only has to go to the Men's Bible Class to hear the songs that speak to their souls.

Sacred music complements the spoken word. It has been called by theologians the "handmaiden of theology". Therefore, it remains as an important part of the worship life of all Christians.

I would like to compile a list of sacred songs that have helped you and this church develop a Christian way of life. Our hymnals today do not contain all the "jewels" that we grew up with, but I am interested in knowing the songs of yesterday that you cherish. Tell me your story. Please send me a list of songs that you grew up with that still speak to you today. All submissions will remain anonymous.

Yours in Christ, Jon

What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Memorial Fund
Music Fund
Red Bird
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund

Wednesday at the First (WATF)
Endowment Fund
Relay for Life
Grounds Upkeep Fund
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington and Laney)

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One Million Books

The Annual Conference is trying to collect one million NEW books for preschool 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.

A box has been placed in the lobby for placing your

book donations. Thanks for your support of this mission.

These books will be given to children ...that do not have any books of their own.

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

Thank You

The Missions Team and the 2014 Salkehatchie participants would like to thank you for your support of our Fatz Café pancake breakfast and car wash held recently. Approximately \$1,900 was cleared for our Salkehatchie Summer Ser-

vice projects! This will help greatly as we show God's love to others during our weeks at Salkehatchie this summer. Please begin now to pray for our mission, the families we will be working with, and us. Thank you again for all you do

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to support us.

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

WITH FAMILY

Vera Meadows

**C/O BONNIE
HUNTLEY**

**1402 Capel
Dairy Road**

**Wadesboro, NC
28170**



From FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

Can you believe the year is almost half over? My how time flies when you are having fun!

This was a very busy month for us. The Pre-K children had graduation on May 15. The children performed with a rating of 10, yeah!! The three and all of the four year olds participated in the ceremony. It is amazing when it all comes together; the teachers and I all worry that they will freeze on stage or they will cry. This year was amazing, and no one had a melt down. They were fantastic. The Pre-K children even cited the books of the New Testament!

A huge thank you to Jon Kroepel for working so diligently with the kids. He keeps us all in pitch! Ha Ha! Thanks to Ms. Caroline, and Ms. Mary for working with the children in their classrooms. Also to Ms. Captonia and Ms. Linda for working so hard with those three year olds, wow! Thank you to Mr. Kary Dinkins and Mrs. Captonia Dinkins for the magic you performed on the special musical slide show; it was awesome. Thanks to Mrs. Sara Sanderson for running the video during our program; what an awesome lady. She gives of herself so freely to the school. Thanks to Pastor Kurt

and Mrs. Henreitta for everything you do for our school. You will never know how much we appreciate what you have done for FMPSN.

Our furniture came in and the teachers helped me get it in the classrooms, and we even loaded up the broken furniture and hauled it off. This was a chore indeed. The furniture was heavy, especially the dressing table. One of the teachers put together the caterpillar that went on the playground. His name is Gus the caterpillar and the children love him!

We lack only 4000 points to get our playground equipment. Please cut those Campbell UPC codes for us. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to look for them. You may drop them off in the church office, by the school, or place them in the can on the table in the lobby area.

We are in need of someone who could possibly help us move sand. I have contacted Mr. Furr and he will donate the sand, but I need some help spreading it. If you have a small front loader, that would be helpful. Then someone could come and help us spread it. This would have to be a

Saturday project. Please contact me if you can help us. I have planned a work day for June 14.

Thanks, In Christian Faith,

Catreenna



We like only 4,000 points to get our playground equipment...

Serving in June

Hostess

Henrietta Kollitz

Altar Guild

Jean McLean

Head Usher

Roger Wolfe

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

P.J. McPherson (A) Sarah Allen (CB)

Greeters

June 1 M&M Manfred Kollitz

June 8 Shirley Walton

June 15 M&M Tommy Rollings

June 22 Norma Cobb

June 29 M&M Shelton Rumph

Lobby Door Greeters

June 1 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

June 8 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

June 15 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

June 22 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

June 29 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

June 1 Caroline Berry and Christy Ruffner

June 8 Caroline Berry and Pam
Humphries

June 15 Caroline Berry and Jennifer
Tomberlin

June 22 Caroline Berry and Michelle
Rohde

June 29 Caroline Berry and Stephanie
Rogers

Children's Church

June 1 Communion

June 8 Jeff Kollitz and Mary Charlotte
Dusa

June 15 Amy Lewis and Lydia Lee

June 22 Doug Carabo and Kathryn Johnson

June 29 Dee Dee Pickrel and Alayna
Carabo

Lay Readers

June 1 Sammy Quick

June 8 Jensen Tomberlin

June 15 Susan Marsh

June 22 Greg Sanderson

June 29 Shannon Johnson

Flower Calendar

June 1 Goodwins

June 8 Sarah Margaret Therrell

June 15 Calhouns

June 22 Wolfes

June 29 OPEN

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

Counters

June 1 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John
Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

June 8 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick,
Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

June 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry
Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

June 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts,
Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

June 29 Rhett Butler, Shalton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

June 1 Dry goods

June 8 Canned meats

June 15 Cookies and crackers

June 22 Drink mixes (kool-aid, etc.)

June 29 Paper products

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.



Memorials and Honorariums

July Newsletter Deadline

Friday, June 20, 2014

In Honor of Dr. and Mrs. Kurt McPherson

Jon Kroepel

In Honor of Ruth Funderburk

M&M John Straughn

In Memory of R.E. Mayhew

Jane Mayhew

In Memory of Lois Straughn

M&M John Straughn

In Memory of Susan Barrineau Jones

Ruth Ann Jones

In Memory of Leonard Poston

M&M Jerry Turner

In Memory of Willie Lee Roscoe

Fred & Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class

Congratulations Merciless Methodist

You raised \$2,800 for the Relay for Life (American Cancer Fund).

1—You donated \$1,710 for 171 luminaries.

2—You sold 100 hot dogs

3—You sold 22lbs of BBQ sandwiches.

4—You sold a lot of drinks you donated.

5—Sunday school classes did a good job on Relay for Life banks.

Thanks to the following:

Pal Moore and Micki Lockey for slaw and working the booth.

Roger Wolfe chopped onions

Zenda and Jackson Rushing for the tent and helping in

the booth

Mary Burr and Gini Eddins for making chili

Jerry Turner who was the head cook

Thomas and Sharon McKinnon, Robert and Sarah Jeffries Calhoun, John Moore, David Rohde, Jackie McGee, and Sara Sanderson for working the booth

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for May

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Debbie Adams, Jean Assef, Patricia Barham, Sawyer Becker, James Bennett, Theodore Burns, Robert Calhoun, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Marianne Crawford, Bonnie Cundiff, Susan Eschenfelder, Shannon Johnson, Jackie McGee, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Brenda Rayfield, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Austin Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Druie Walker, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.

WORSHIP

Debbie Adams, Jean Assef, Manuel

Assef, Patricia Barham, Jim Bennett, Jay Brooks, Robert Calhoun, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Marianne Crawford, Caroline Crouse, Mary Crouse, Ray Crouse, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Susan Eschenfelder, Bill Eutsler, Kathryn Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Curtis Jones, Julia

Jones, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Cheryl Postlewait, Greg Robinson, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Austin Sanderson, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears, Joe Stanton, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Betty Thrailkill, Anne Townsend, 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

May 4

Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, William Eutsler, Jr., Alise Hurst, Chappel Hurst, Johnnie Johnson, Fran Lewis, Madelene Tetsch, Beth Thraikill, Chris Thraikill, Jackson Thraikill, Tony Thraikill, Dana Walker, Gloria Williams.

May 11

Patti Board, Cindy Champion, Jerry Champion, Ok Yo Chang, Lisa Chisium, Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Kelly Fisher, Ashton Jones, Denise Jones, Joseph Jones, Walker Jones, Thomas Jones, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Claude Laney, Fowler Laney, Tony Loesch, Sally McKenzie, Alice McLeod, Christie McLeod, Jack McLeod, Sallie McLeod, Vilma Rohde, Bob Rosensteel, Jackie Rosensteel, Susan Stripling, Hannah Watkins, Mary Elizabeth Watkins, Mary Lynn Watkins.

May 18

Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Kirby Dyson, Daphne Hill, Kim Hill, Mike Hill, Donna Johnson, John King, Susan King, Will King, Mary Mumford, R.D. Mumford, Chrisa Murray, Christopher Murray, Wendy Murray, Chase Thomas, Jean Page Watson.

May 25

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Chris Kenny, Kiersten Shepard, Jean Page Watson.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

BIRTHDAYS

June 2 Brooke Watkins Freeman
June 3 Julia Jones
June 5 Martha Bentley, Jerry Therrell, Mike Pittman
June 6 Elizabeth (Beth) Barber
June 8 Catrenna Buffington, Sophie McPherson
June 10 Susan Baker, John Wagnon
June 14 Sarah Lee
June 16 Susan Eschenfelder, Kelly Dusa
June 21 Lesley Houser
June 23 John VanDeman, III
June 24 Homer Stanton
June 25 Zachary Mills

June 26 Clay Barbour, Harrison Goodwin, Paige Lockey
June 27 Sheri Stubbs
June 28 Amy Goodwin
June 29 Lydia Lee



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

ANNIVERSARIES

June 6 M&M John VanDeman, M&M Sammy Quick
June 7 M&M Herbert Foster
June 9 M&M James Tweed
June 10 Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend
June 12 M&M Scott Tomberlin
June 14 M&M John William Leary (Shellie Buffington), M&M David Dixon
June 17 M&M Shelton Rumph
June 18 M&M Robert Calhoun
June 20 M&M Jeffery Johnson
June 25 M&M John Wagnon, M&M Dallas Keefe
June 26 M&M Jerry Tucker
June 27 M&M Mickey Sullivan

June Calendar

Sunday, June 1, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:45am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Annual Conference, Florence, SC

Monday, June 2, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Annual Conference, Florence, SC

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

UMW Quarterly Meeting, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Annual Conference, Florence, SC

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room
Sunday, June 8 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm
Annual Conference, Florence, SC

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Sunday, June 15 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Saturday, June 7, 2014

Fellowship hall reserved, 9am-2pm

Sunday, June 8, 2014

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 9, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Angie on vacation

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

UMYF Pool Party, 5-7:00pm, Cheraw Country Club
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Angie on vacation

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

F.I.S.H Activity Pool Party, 10am-12pm, Meet at church in fellowship hall.
Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room
Angie on vacation

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Angie on vacation

Friday, June 13, 2014

Angie on vacation

Saturday, June 14, 2014

FUMC Pre-School/Nursery Yard Sale, 7am-12pm, Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:45am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 16, 2014

VBS, 9am-11:30am, at Presbyterian Church
Pre-School Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

VBS, 9am-11:30am, at Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

VBS, 9am-11:30am, at Presbyterian Church
Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room
Sunday, June 22 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, June 19, 2014

VBS, 9am-11:30am, at Presbyterian Church

Friday, June 20, 2014

July Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, June 22, 2014

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 23, 2014

Kurt on vacation

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Kurt on vacation

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room
Sunday, June 29 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, June 26, 2014

UMYF meet at church for going to Wallace Family Life Center, 9am-12pm.

Kurt on vacation

Friday, June 27, 2014

Kurt on vacation

Saturday, June 28, 2014

Kurt on vacation

Bus Reserved (Salkehatchie)

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:45am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am

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

Kurt on vacation

Bus Reserved (Salkehatchie)

Monday, June 30, 2014

Bus Reserved (Salkehatchie)