



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

Cheraw is often referred to as "The Prettiest Town in Dixie." Driving around Cheraw it is very easy to see why. I remember coming to town last year for my introductory visit and being blown away with the beauty of the blooming flora amidst the gorgeous homes. Nothing seems as beautiful as an azalea at this time of the year.

Spring always seems to renew my faith in the resurrection as I once again witness new things come to life. This past Sunday we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ during our Easter worship. Almost 300 people were present in two services as we proclaimed the message that Christ is risen. I personally enjoyed seeing the flowers on the cross, hearing the

beautiful music, and being in the presence of so many believers as we celebrated this special day. As someone told me after the 11:00 service, "We should have this every Sunday." I wish we could.

As I am writing this column, I am busy preparing for next Sunday's service when we will once again consider the story of "Doubting" Thomas. This particular Sunday is often referred to as "Low Sunday" because we very quickly go from elation to deflation emotionally. Many churches will call it "low" because attendance will probably be lower as well.

I really like the "Doubting" Thomas story and I am very glad it is included in the Bible. I believe it is a reminder

that even though we may have never personally seen Jesus, we can still experience his presence in our lives. As Jesus told Thomas, "Blessed are those who

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believe yet have never seen me." We may have never personally witnessed Jesus with our own eyes, but in the words of a great hymn: "You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart."

In Christ,
Kurt

Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 19 from 2—7pm in the fellowship hall.

Please call the church office (537—7002) or go online to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.



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COMING UP

Relay for Life

*Chesterfield High School Football Stadium

Friday, May 2 beginning at 5:00pm

*Blood Drive

Monday, May 19, 2-7pm

Relay for Life

We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2014 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 2 beginning at 5:00pm at the 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 for **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.



From the Director of Children and Youth

Congratulations to all of the youth for doing such a great job Youth Sunday! Even though we had a few technical difficulties, the YOUTH were not “rattled” at all! I am very proud of each of them. In fact, each of them enjoyed “doing” the service so much, they want to do MORE! So, a few surprises are being planned for a couple of upcoming services!

This is definitely something I enjoy...you know... watching the youth shine! Sometimes when I am thinking about the youth, I start to think about what my greatest passion is (when it comes to the children and youth at FUMC). And, it is always the same. I want all of them to know the Lord, to have

His word instilled in their heart, so when they are tempted by “things”, which are not of our Lord, they will have the power to turn away, and turn to the Lord. This is the main reason so many different events are being planned for this coming summer. Summer is vacation time from school. We all know, summer is not vacation from our Lord. If anything, we need to pump it up! Get excited about the extra time we have to worship, serve, and learn more about Him!!!

God NEVER takes vacation from me, or from you...I, for one, can't wait to spend more time with each of you this summer.



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In Christian Love, Sara

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

WATF Menus

The Wednesday At The First (WATF) 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 household). 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.

May 7

BBQ, cole slaw, pork-n-beans, corn-bread, dessert and tea.

May 14

Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

*The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3
for children under 12 years old
(Maximum \$21 for a household)*

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

We have had a fun filled month and the fun hasn't stopped yet. The children went to see Rumpelstilkskin at the Theatre on the Greene, and this time they were able to walk. It is always an adventure when you take these little ones on an outing. We have been very fortunate to have a wonderful group of parents to participate and help us with the children.

April 9th we walked over to Caston Park and participated in The Week of the Young Child, sponsored by First Steps. Rev. Henderson played the bag pipes and we all followed him around the block and back to Caston Park. The children then blew bubbles and First Steps released balloons. This year we had parents pack their children a bag lunch and we had a picnic. The county brought some of the big trucks and the children were allowed to view them up close. The Fire Truck is always a thriller for the kids.

Ms. Elaine came and spent a week taking photographs with the children and their families. She brought baby chicks and bunnies this year. Our baby chicks learned to fly and we had to chase them down, but over all it was a success.

This week the graduates will go to the Primary School for a field trip and eat lunch. Then on the 24th we have magicians coming and we have invited Faith Christian Academy and St. David's School. We are looking forward to this new adventure.

We have been collecting Campbell Soup Labels for some years now. We have collected close to 50,000 labels. We need about 10,000 more to purchase a piece of playground equipment for our one-year old playground. Please help us reach our goal. Cut out the label with the UPC code that shows how many points for each code. There is a list of some of the products that carry the Labels for Education on page 8. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 537-2212.

In Christian Faith,
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Serving in May

Hostess

Shirley Walton

Altar Guild

Laura Harris and Patti Taylor

Head Usher

Doug Carabo

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Emily Berry (A) Mary Charlotte Dusa (CB)

Greeters

May 4 M&M Ray Crouse

May 11 M&M Tom McKinnon

May 18 Penny Quick

May 25 M&M Jerry Tucker

Lobby Door Greeters

May 4 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

May 11 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

May 18 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

May 25 Herbert Watts

Nursery

May 4 Caroline Berry and Charlotte Crosby

May 11 Caroline Berry and Dee Dee Pickrel

May 18 Caroline Berry and Erika Kollitz

May 25 Caroline Berry and Allison Becker

Children's Church

May 4 Communion

May 11 Allison Becker

May 18 Christy Ruffner

May 25 Kelly Dusa

Lay Readers

May 4 Jensen Tomberlin

May 11 Eric Dusa

May 18 Lib Norton

May 25 Pam Baker

Flower Calendar

May 4 Communion

May 11 Jim Bennett

May 18 OPEN

May 25 Scott Tomberlin

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

Counters

May 4 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

May 11 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Donald Baker

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

May 18 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

May 25 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

May 4 Breakfast items

May 11 Canned vegetables

May 18 Toiletries

May 25 Baby items

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

In Memory of W.C. Stanton

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Bubba Jones

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Gerald Chapman

M&M Keith Smith

June Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Recognizing High School and College Graduates

If you are a student that 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 graduating from

college, please let us know what college and your degree.

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for March

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Pete Owens, Herbert Watts, Theodore Burns, Jim Bennett, Jon Kroepel, Jerry Tucker, David Rhode, Greer Eddins, Curtis Jones, Dare Marsh, Joe Marsh, Brenda Rayfield, Druie Walker, Jean Assef, Jenny Keefe, Julia Tucker, Jane Campbell, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Linda Smith, Sara M. Therrell, Jackie McGee, Bonnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, John Moore, Michelle Rohde, Pam Humphries.

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Jim Bennett, Jane Campbell, Doug Carabo, Zach Carabo, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon,

Susan Eschenfelder, Pam Humphries, Ruth Ann Jones, Amy Lewis, Dare Marsh, Jackie McGee, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, John Moore, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, David Rohde, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Jerry Turner, Patricia Turner, Druie Walker.



Congratulations

Save your Campbell Soup Labels for FUMC Preschool

Listed below are items and the points that the preschool will receive when these labels are turned in. Please place all your labels in the can on the table in the lobby by the church office.

1 Point Products

Bic Ball Pens
Bic Dry Erase Markers
Bic Ecolutions
Bic Highlighters
Bic Mechanical Pencils
Bic Permanent Markers
Bic Roller
Bic Wite-Out Brand Correction Tape
Bic Mailing Labels
Campbell's Chunky
Campbell's Soup
Campbell's Soup and Recipe Mix
Campbell's Tomato Juice
Campbell's Healthy Request
Campbell's Beans
Campbell's Gravies
Dannon Kid Yogurts
Foodservice
Franco-American
Pace
Pepperidge Farms
Post Cereals & Treats
Prego
Spaghetti-O's
Swanson
V8 Splash
V8 V-Fusion
V8 Beverages
Wolfgang Puck

5 Point Products

Campbell's Chunky
Campbell's Soup
Campbell's Select Harvest
Campbell's Soup at Hand
Dannon Kids Yogurts
Emerald Nuts
Glad Food Storage
Pop Secret 100 Calorie 4 Count
Pop Secret 3 Count
Spaghetti-O's
Time Inc. Magazines
V8 Soup

10 Point Products

Emerald Nuts
Glad Food Storage
Pop Secret 6 Count
Pop Secret 10 Count
Pop Secret 10 Count Snack Size



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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

March 30

Terry Bentley, Ok Yo Chang, Leon Chestnut, Nancy Chestnut, Lisa Chishium, Carla Dusa, Dick Dusa, Margaret Jeffries, Donna Johnson, Sue Lee, Geneva McGilway, Collin McManus, Abigail O'Rear, Chad O'Rear, Eliza O'Rear, Fran O'Rear, Ximena Perez, James Pruitt, Margie Pruitt, Jennifer Rayfield, Jed Reid, Beth Thrailkill, Chris Thrailkill, Jackson Thrailkill, Carla Uselar, Dana Walker.

April 6

April Conklin, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Alyssa Edwards, Loral Edwards, Missy Morgan, Tony Thrailkill

April 13

Hailey Bryant, Ok Yo Chang, Susan Davidson, Jed Reid, Tony Thrailkill

April 20

Michele Anderson, Lisa Chishium,

Bettise Davidson, Ed Davidson, Marie Davidson, Summer Davidson, Susan Davidson, Tom Davidson, Marla Eddins, Alyssa Edwards, Loral Edwards, Chris Flowers, Jennifer Flowers, Amy Gavin, Patrick Gavin, Kathryn Godwin, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Ashton Jones, Alex Lanter, Lori McDudnall, Frances McPherson, John McPherson, Kiersten Shepard, Alan Spears, Carolyn Streater, Betsy Tetsch, Christian Tetsch, Iris Tetsch, Madelene Tetsch, Tony Thrailkill, Alyson Watkins, David Watkins, Hannah Watkins, Mary Elizabeth Watkins, Lauren Watson, Paisley Watson

April 27

Cindy Champion, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Collin McManus, Kiersten Shepard, Becky Sides, Anne Wallace

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Mickey Sullivan
May 2 Jimmy Outen
May 3 Ron Buffington
May 5 Landon Rogers
May 6 William Eutsler
May 7 Shelton Rumph
May 11 Kathy Hancock, Jerry Turner, Chuck Barber
May 13 Mary Crouse, John Robert Smith
May 14 Jay Lewis
May 16 Benson Stubbs
May 17 Gail Eubanks, Ellen Eschenfelder, Michael Wagnon, Roger Wolfe
May 18 Dee Dee Pickrel, Jamie Lewis, Tyler Goodwin

May 19 Zenda Rushing
May 20 Amy Smith
May 21 Amy Eschenfelder
May 22 Brandon Jones, Kristian Pickrel
May 23 Sean Eubanks, Mary Charlotte Dusa



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

May 25 Rebecca Miles
May 26 Jean Assef, Betty Board, Henrietta Kollitz
May 28 Jean McLean, Vera Meadows, Gretchen Powell Kollitz
May 30 Cindy Sanderson
May 31 Mary Crawford, Terrell Stubbs

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1 M&M Austin Carnell (Kim Starling)
May 13 M&M Ernie Hancock, M&M Justin Harpe
May 17 M&M Brant Thompson
May 22 M&M Adam Humphries
May 31 M&M Bryan Mears

April Calendar

Thursday, May 1, 2014

Bus Reserved, Preschool, 10am-3pm

Friday, May 2, 2014

Relay for Life, Chesterfield High School
Football Stadium, beginning at 5:00pm

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Fatz Breakfast for Salkehatchie, 8-10am,
Fatz Café

Car Wash for Salkehatchie, 8am-12pm,
Fatz Café

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:45am, Choir
Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellow-
ship), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth
Hut

UMYF, (United Methodist Youth Fellow-
ship), 5:30pm, Nursing Home Visiting

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

Monday, May 5, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

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

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Wednesday at the First (WATF),
5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir
Room

UMYF, 6:30pm, Youth Hut

Children Activities, 6:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir
Room

Sunday, May 11 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Sunday, May 11, 2014

United Methodist Men's Breakfast,
8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Monday, May 12, 2014

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

UMW Circle # 1 Meeting, Butch Laney's
Home, 10:00am

UMW Circle # 3 Meeting, Lib Norton's
Home, 7:00pm

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

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Wednesday at the First (WATF),
5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir
Room

UMYF, 6:30pm, Youth Hut

Children Activities, 6:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir
Room

Sunday, May 18 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Thursday, May 15, 2014

J.O.Y. Club Luncheon, 12:00pm, Fellow-
ship Hall

Pre-School Graduation, 6:00pm, Sanctu-
ary and Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:45am, Choir
Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellow-
ship), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth
Hut

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

Monday, May 19, 2014

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00pm, Fellowship
hall

Missions Ministry Team Meeting,
5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Pre-School Board Meeting, 7:00pm,
Kinsey Mullloy Classroom

Boy Scout Meeting, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir
Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir
Room

Sunday, May 25 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Thursday, May 22, 2014

June Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 25, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:45am, Choir
Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am (Youth Sunday)

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellow-
ship), 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Youth
Hut

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

Monday, May 26, 2014

OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
HOLIDAY

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir
Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir
Room

Sunday, June 1 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm