

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, May 25, 2014**

9:00am Graduation Breakfast (Parlor)  
9:15am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service (Graduation Sunday)  
4:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut and Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, May 26, 2014**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)  
*Office Closed Memorial Day Holiday*

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

*June 1 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm*

**Sunday, June 1, 2014**

9:15am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
4:30pm UMYF (Youth Hut and Fellowship Hall)  
*Annual Conference*



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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.



**May 25, 2014**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude** "Variations on America" Max Reger

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

**Recognition of Graduates**  
*Megan Elizabeth Goodwin, Cheraw High School; Jensen Stacey Tomberlin, The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics; Cameron McNair Crawford, Wofford College.*

**Call to Worship** Dr. Kurt McPherson  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
**And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**\*Hymn No. 369 in the Hymnal** "Blessed Assurance" Assurance

**Unison Prayer** Dr. McPherson  
God of truth, you have spoken your Word to us and in us but we have not listened to you. We have not been mindful of your presence, or attentive to your voice. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and heal us. Speak your Word in us now, and create us anew. We open ourselves to your Word. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Children's Sermon** Sara Sanderson

**FUMC Handbell Choir** "The Day of Resurrection"

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 66 Pam Baker, Lay Reader

**\*Gospel Reading** John 14: 15—21 Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation Of Faith No. 880** The Nicene Creed Lay Reader

**\*The Gloria Patri**

**Pastoral and Lord's Prayer**

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<b>*Hymn No. 697 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“America”</b>	America
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		
<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	<b>“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”</b>	
<b>*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>*Doxology No. 95</b>	<b>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</b>	Old 100th
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	<b>Acts 17: 22-31</b>	Dr. McPherson
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“Facing the Unknown”</b>	Dr. McPherson
<b>*Hymn No. 364 in the Hymnal</b>	<b>“Because He Lives”</b>	Resurrection
	<i>(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)</i>	
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>*Postlude</b>	<b>“Fugue on America”</b>	Reger

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

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth “Betty” Tomberlin on her birthday by Scott, Jennifer, Jensen, Mason and Jacquelyn Tomberlin and by Mike, Susie and Amanda Burgess.*

**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), Kevin Eubanks (Sam Eubanks’ son), Kenny and Sherrie Cassidy (Angie Smith’s friends), Martha Rogers (Mary Burr’s friend), Woodrow Cole, Jr. (Christina Cole from the Pre-School’s son), Beulah Threatte (Her brother died this week). **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** — 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

**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 Service 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 to support us.

**REVIVAL** — You are invited to attend revival services May 25—27 at 7:00pm at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McFarland, NC. Evangelist Rev. Wade H. Everett, Pastor of Christ UMC will be bringing the message each night.

**GENESIS DATES** — These are the dates for the Genesis services during the summer: June 22, July 20, and August 17.

**ONE MILLION BOOKS** — We are collecting NEW books at our church to go to the Annual Conference. Hopefully, with books from other churches, we will have a million books. These books are for Kindergarten through elementary age children. We need these books turned into the church by May 25. There is a box outside the office for you to place your books in. If you would like to donate money for the purchase of books, you can drop your money off at the church office or give it to Pal Moore.

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Greeters:</b> M&M Jerry Tucker	<b>Head Usher:</b> Doug Carabo
<b>Lobby Door Greeter:</b> Herbert Watts	<b>Hostess:</b> Shirley Walton
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Laura Harris and Patti Taylor	<b>Acolyte:</b> Emily Berry
<b>Nursery:</b> Caroline Berry and Allison Becker	<b>Cross Bearer:</b> Mary Charlotte Dusa
<b>Flowers Next Sunday:</b> Goodwin’s	<b>McArn Item:</b> Baby items
<b>Counters:</b> Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield	<b>Next Week’s Lay Reader:</b> Sammy Quick
<b>Alternate Counter:</b> Doug Marsh	
<b>Children’s Church:</b> Kelly Dusa	
Genesis Attendance, May 18 — 50; Worship Attendance, May 18—153 (Scholarship Sunday)	
Total of both services — 203	
Total attendance the same Sunday last year—146 (Confirmation/Blended Service)	