



# THE CONNECTION

## Kurt's Corner

I have a confession to make: I really don't dislike Annual Conference as much as I say I do. Don't get me wrong; it is difficult to sit still for such long periods of time. I am constantly reminded that the mind can only take in what the seat can endure!

But I do enjoy many aspects of Annual Conference. The best part of Annual Conference for me is reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. I also enjoy the worship services. This year the music

was wonderful and the preaching was outstanding.

Our current bishop, Bishop Holston, can really preach. He is always inspirational and shares funny personal anecdotes. Bishop Holston is also challenging in his sermons. He wants the United Methodist Church to do great things for God. He wants us to dream God-sized dreams, like the Million Book Effort. He believes that great things can be done toward expanding the Kingdom of God.

So do I. I believe that God wants First Church to dream big and that there are great things ahead in

*Our current bishop, Bishop Holston, can really preach.*

this coming year for our congregation. What are your dreams for First Cheraw?

In Christ,  
Kurt

## Blood Drive Update

First United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 4, from 2pm until 7pm. Since the turnout on the last several blood drives has been so

poor, we must meet our goal of 21 individuals to sign up in order to have this blood drive.

We appreciate those that give the gift of life

each time we have a drive and hope to see more of you sign up to give this time.



### Our Staff

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### COMING UP

\*Salkehatchie Summer Service

June 28—July 5

\*Lake Junaluska Camp

July 13—17

\*Blood Drive

August 4, 2pm-7pm

## Sunday School Teacher Needed

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A Sunday School teacher is needed for the Jr. High class. If you would like to teach this class every Sunday or take

one or two Sundays a month, please let Jenny Keefe know.

## Boy Scout Troop 655 News

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On behalf of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop 655, I wish to announce that Eagle Scout Jensen Stacey Tomberlin has been awarded the Dan C. Stowe Boy Scout Troop 655 Memorial Scholarship. Also, I wish to commend him for his past accomplishments and wish for

his continued success as he pursues his educational goals.

*John Moore,*  
Charter Representative



## From the Music Director

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The summer has finally arrived once again and we enjoy some of the pleasantries that summer affords us. We are still holding choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, but will not sing an anthem every Sunday. I will be recruiting Sunday School classes to provide special music this summer as well. The Genesis Praise Singers and Band continues to practice Sunday and Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

If you have a favorite hymn that you want to sing this summer, write it on a piece of paper and slip it into the offering plate. It does not necessarily have to be a song that is in the

hymnal. We want to hear about the songs that you have carried with you along your Christian journey.

We have passed through another Easter Season and have heard the story of Christ's miraculous resurrection and ascension into Heaven. We have heard and experienced the awesome power that was given to the disciples on that first Pentecost Day. As we move forward through the long days of summer, let us not lose the melodies of songs of our risen Lord. I leave you with a stanza of the hymn "And Can It Be" by Charles Wesley:

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay,**

**Fast bound in sin and nature's night;**

**Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—**

**I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;**

**My chains fell off, my heart was free,**

**I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**My chains fell off, my heart was free,**

**I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

*In Christ, Jonathan E. Kroepel*

## What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

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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

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The Annual Conference is trying to collect one million NEW books for preschool through elementary age children. The books will be collected through the churches in the conference. These books will be given to children in poverty

in our state that do not have any books of their own. mission.

A box has been placed in the lobby for placing your book donations. Thanks for your support of this

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

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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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*

## Life Line Screening Coming to First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on August 28, 2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal

aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our

*Five screenings will be offered  
that scan for potential health  
problems....*

member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit**

[www.lifelinescreening.com/  
community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

## 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

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Well graduation was wonderful as always and Mr. Jon, Ms. Mary, Ms. Caroline, Ms. Captonia, and Ms. Linda Ford did a great job. The teachers play a huge role in our graduation ceremony. They show you just a little synopsis of what they do all year with the children. It was low in attendance because of the weather, but that didn't damper their little hearts. They sang with a mighty voice and praised our Lord and Savior, and we in turn were blessed with every word. It is always an emotional time for us as we see these little ones leave our nest and head out to the big

world of education. They will make us all proud, I am sure.

Enrollment is down, but I am sure it will pick up soon. We have openings in the infant room, three and four year old rooms. So spread the word for us please.

We had our yard sale Saturday, June 14, and it was a hot day, but we had a good turnout. Thanks to all of you who donated treasures.

Mr. Jackie Furr donated sand to the school on Friday, June 13, and his crew worked hard and pushed that sand all around the playground. The children were so ex-

cited to see the fresh sand, and were amazed to see their little feet print in the fresh sand. When I walked out, they all came running to me and kept showing me their little tracks.

They are all so precious to us! Mr. Jackie, you put a big smile on their little faces!

In Christian Faith,

*Catrenna*



*Mr. Jackie you put a big smile on their little faces!*

## From the Director of Children and Youth

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VBS was great! A huge thank you to **Amy Lewis, Patty Fisher, Allison Becker, Micki Lockey**, and to several of our youth. **Hannah Leach, Alayna Carabo, Jason Lewis, Jake Williamson, Mary-Charlotte Dusa, and Austin Sanderson**. Most of the participants of VBS were from the three and four year old department, of our daycare. I would like to take this opportunity to stress that the daycare is a huge mission, and it is **here**, on the grounds of FUMC. For those of you who might question this, I urge you to go and hang around the daycare, and talk with the children. Spend a few minutes a week with them, and you will very quickly learn "their stories." You will learn that the children need to be shown Christian love, and this show of love will more than likely reach the parents of these children. And

just maybe, the ones that do not attend a church will find a church to attend, and it might even be OURS!

This past Wednesday, the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal youth groups were invited to join us for fellowship. We had a great crowd: 29 youth! Sixteen were ours! We had an activity and devotion about unity, and then we had a great kickball game!

The scripture I used for the devotion was 1 Corinthians 12:12-20. This scripture teaches us that Jesus is the head of the church, and the church is each of us (Christians). We are the parts of Jesus' body here on earth. (When I think of this, it always puts an extra punch of Godly fear in me.) Jesus wants each of His members to work together in unity, so, inside the building in which we

worship God, all departments (people) should work together, for the glory of our Lord. Jesus gives each of His members different jobs to do for Him.

There are also areas outside of our church building in which unity is needed. The Wallace Family Life Center is one of many. The youth group will travel to Wallace Family Life Center Thursday, June 26. We will just hang out and play a few games with the kids during this first visit. The youth group will also host the Wallace Family Life Center board meeting at First Church in September.

Jesus wants all of His parts to be in unity with others ... think about it ...

*Sara Sanderson*

## Serving in July

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### Hostess

Gailya Wilson

### Altar Guild

Pam Humphries and Linda Smith

### Head Usher

Heath Ruffner

### Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Alex Lee (A) Lydia Lee (CB)

### Greeters

July 6 M&M Mike Tarleton

July 13 Martha Starling

July 20 Micki Lockey

July 27 M&M Jack VanDeman

### Lobby Door Greeters

July 6 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

July 13 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

July 20 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

July 27 Herbert Watts Allan Chapman

### Nursery

July 6 Caroline Berry and Kim Williamson

July 13 Caroline Berry and Sally Smith

July 20 Caroline Berry and Mary Charlotte Dusa

July 27 Caroline Berry and Jean McLean

### Children's Church

July 6 Communion

July 13 Laura Harris and Mason Tomberlin

July 20 Mary Lou Long and Austin Sanderson

July 27 Dee Dee Pickrel and Hannah Leach

### Lay Readers

July 6 Joey Mills

July 13 Rhett Butler

July 20 Chuck Barber

July 27 Bonnie Cundiff

### Flower Calendar

July 6 Stubbs

July 13 OPEN

July 20 OPEN

July 27 OPEN

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

### Counters

July 6 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

July 13 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

July 20 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

July 27 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

### McArn Items

July 6 Canned soup

July 13 Canned fruit

July 20 Laundry items

July 27 Toiletries

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## 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

### August Newsletter Deadline

*Friday, July 25, 2014*

#### ***In Honor of Judy Jones***

Curtis Jones, II and Melissa Jones

#### ***In Memory of Donnie Baker***

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Jerry Therrell, Allianne & Howard Duvall, M&M Tavener Threatte, Cheraw Police Department Officers and Staff, Robert & Cynthia Smith

#### ***In Memory of Zeke Alford***

M&M Keith Smith

#### ***In Memory of Trace Shipley***

M&M Keith Smith

#### ***In Memory of Pat Westefeld***

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Jerry Therrell

#### ***In Memory of Arthur "June" Caulder, Jr.***

Diane Caulder Jordan

## Additional Sunday School Perfect Attendance for May and Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for June

This is additional Sunday School Perfect Attendance for May that was turned in after the June Newsletter had been printed.

Jimmy Duffy, Cheryl Postlewait, Brenda Rayfield, Drucilla Walker, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Lib Norton, Linda Smith, Sarah M. Therrell, Jackie McGee, Zach Carabo, Sophie McPherson, Sawyer Becker, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Jon Kroepel, Joey Mills, Benson Stubbs, Austin Sanderson, Scott Eddins, Ashton Becker, Todd Becker, Allison Becker, Jeff Johnson, Susan Eschenfelder, Michelle Rohde, Amy Lewis.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL—JUNE**

Ellison Outen, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Pete Owens, Harold Lomas, Robert Calhoun, Jon Kroepel, Roger Wolfe, Jane Campbell, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Sarah M. Therrell, Henrietta Kollitz, Brenda Rayfield, Druie Walker, Pam Humphries, Christy Ruffner, Todd Becker, Allison Becker, Sawyer Becker, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, Ashton Becker,

#### **WORSHIP—JUNE**

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jay Brooks, Robert Calhoun, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Susan Eschenfelder, Ruth Ann Jones, Henrietta Kollitz, Amy Lewis, Harold Lomas, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, JoAnne Morgan, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Druie Walker, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.



***Congratulations***



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## *Our Visitors*

### **June 1**

Emily Beck, Hailey Bryant, Ok Yo Chang, Savannah Funderburk, George Furr, Caroline Hayes, Charlie Inabinet, Judi Inabinet, Trinity Jacobs, June Kelly, Shae Lomas, Amber Roscoe, Kiersten Shepard, Ben Therrell.

### **June 8**

Anne Bryan, Cindy Champion, Drew Copeland, Stacy Deering, Joanna Gentry, Joe Gentry, Marsha Gentry, Lori McDudnall, Ashlyn Nelson, Kiersten Shepard, Lee Smith, Savannah Smith, Tony Thraillkill, Bob Tietze.

### **June 15**

Michele Anderson, Ok Yo Chang, Eleni Chapman, Sullivan Chapman, Taylor Clark, Elizabeth Cuttinlan, Marie Davidson, Tim Dillon, Alyssa Edwards, William Eutsler, Jr., Luke Harmon, Hunter Lee, Joe Lomas, Rhonda Lomas, Shae Lomas, Megan

McKenzie, Alec Polk, Clay Polk, Randy Polk, Scott Polk, Wade Polk, Kiersten Shepard, Susan Stripling, Kim Truett.

### **June 22**

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson, Susan Davidson, Ron Green, Abby Jones, Mark Jones.

### **June 29**

Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Mauldine Gainey, Johnnie Johnson, Susie Reeves, Rain Rivers, Tony Thraillkill, Carla Utsey, Nethe Wotten, Henrietta Howell.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries in July**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

July 1 Choles Roddy  
July 3 Jakie Streater  
July 5 Landon Rogers  
July 7 Billy Wallace, Jr.  
July 8 Herbert Foster  
July 12 Dallas Keefe  
July 13 Walker Jones  
July 16 Edyce Brasington, Flo Outen  
July 19 Jennifer Tomberlin  
July 21 Erika Kollitz, Jenny Outen  
July 25 Penny Quick  
July 26 Ruth Ann Jones, Todd Becker, Pam Baker, Bryan Crawford, III.  
July 29 Christy Ruffner

July 30 Charlotte Crosby  
July 31 Adam Humphries



*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary*

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

July 1 M&M Thomas McKinnon  
July 7 M&M Rhett Butler  
July 10 M&M Walter Crosby  
July 12 M&M Steve Barbour, M&M Ray Crouse  
July 13 M&M Billy Wallace, Jr.  
July 14 M&M Joey Mills  
July 22 M&M Roger Jones  
July 27 M&M Lanny Rayfield



# S.C. Annual Conference Summary

## HIGHLIGHTS

\*The ongoing Million Book Effort has led to the packaging of more than 330,000 books for children across South Carolina.

\*38 pastors were commissioned or ordained during the Conference. 25 pastors were licensed as local pastors.

\*31 pastors were honored during the Retirement Service.

\*Attendees paused during a Memorial Service to remember those who died since the last Annual Conference.

\*A Local Church Mission Fair, held during the Conference, attracted hundreds to share ideas for children-and poverty-based ministries.

\*Dr. Robin Dease, leading the Conference in daily Bible Study, challenged attendees to be in ministry with those in need and to create corridors of faith, hope and love.

\*S.C. Camps and Retreat Ministries reported their board has decided to sell its Sewee property.

\*The attendance for the Conference: Laity, 861; Clergy, 747.

\*Congregational Development announced new projects including the exploration of a church start.

\*Conference approved a slate of officers, board and committee members beginning in 2015.

\*A resolution to form a task force on race reconciliation was referred to Connectional Ministries.

\*The 2015 Annual Conference will be held on June 7-11 at the

Florence Civic Center.

United Methodists put the focus on “creating corridors of faith, hope and love” as they met for the 2014 S.C. Annual Conference at the Florence Civic Center.

Bishop Jonathan Holston shared the challenge for the Annual Conference in the opening worship service on Sunday evening. “I believe God will give us visions and dreams that are God-sized because He’s taking us and exposing us to a higher standard.”

The recipe for the Conference that followed was a mix of worship, celebration, remembrance, business and challenge.

In addition, the Conference tied into the energy generated through the Million Book Effort to remind attendees to be in ministry with those in need. The 2014 Annual Conference provided challenging sermons, inspiring music and a message of hope.

Bishop Holston saw the Conference as an energizing time of hope for Methodists across South Carolina.

“This has been one of the best annual conferences to engage in conversation and to be attentive to the needs of the church has been inspirational.”

The following are highlights of some of the major actions and votes by the 2014 Annual Conference:

\*\*The Conference approved the budget submitted by the Council on Finance and Administration. The 2015 budget is \$16.71 million and is a 0.6 percent increase

over the 2014 budget. In addition, there will be a change in the apportionment calculation formula moving it from a four-year average of net giving to a two-year average of net giving.

\*\*Delegates approved a new proposal regarding direct billing (the bill churches receive for a pastor’s insurance and pension). The Direct Billing Forgiveness Plan would allow some churches who are behind in their direct billing to apply for forgiveness of a portion of their past-due direct bills.

\*\*The Conference approved a “blended premium” for pastors — one flat rate regardless of the pastor’s insurance tier. Instead of paying for the pastor’s exact amount — individual, plus-one or family coverage — the church will pay a flat \$823/month cost. The goal of this change is to lead to a smoother way for churches to budget and for the Cabinet to appoint clergy, according to the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

\*\*The Conference approved a resolution that encourages the Conference to change the focus of guns and gun violence in our society, to raise awareness of gun violence and to provide information on gun safety and security.

\*\*A resolution on “The Need for Services to Individuals with Mental Illness in the South Carolina Department of Corrections” was approved by the Conference.

\*\*A resolution was approved to designate Central UMC in Spartanburg as a historic church.

# July Calendar

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## **Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

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

Bus Reserved, Salkehatchie Summer Service

## **Wednesday, July 2, 2014**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 6 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Bus Reserved, Salkehatchie Summer Service

## **Thursday, July 3, 2014**

Bus Reserved, Salkehatchie Summer Service

Angie Vacation

## **Friday, July 4, 2014**

Office Closed, July 4th Holiday

Bus Reserved, Salkehatchie Summer Service

## **Saturday, July 5, 2014**

Bus Reserved, Salkehatchie Summer Service

## **Sunday, July 6, 2014**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

## **Tuesday, July 8, 2014**

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

## **Wednesday, July 9, 2014**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 13 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Sunday, July 13, 2014**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

## **Tuesday, July 15, 2014**

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

## **Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

Community Disaster Preparedness Meeting,  
9:00am, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 20 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Sunday, July 20, 2014**

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

## **Monday, July 21, 2014**

Pre-School Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellow-  
ship Hall

## **Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

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

## **Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 27 and August 3 Bulletins  
Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Friday, July 25, 2014**

Angie on vacation

## **Sunday, July 27, 2014**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am, Choir Room

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

## **Monday, July 28, 2014**

Angie on vacation

## **Tuesday, July 29, 2014**

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

Angie on vacation

## **Wednesday, July 30, 2014**

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room

Angie on vacation

## **Thursday, July 31, 2014**

Angie on vacation

## Lost and Found

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A box of lost and found items has been placed in the lobby by the office. If you think you may have left something at the church, please check this box.

