



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

Recently, there was a picture of a pew card at a Roman Catholic church that was posted on Facebook. It generated a lot of wonderful conversation and it was so meaningful that I felt the need to share it with you as my message this month:

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the

priest, altar servers, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

Please let your child use the reverse side of this card to draw or doodle.

To the members of our parish...

The presence of chil-

dren is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

"Let the children come to me."

What a wonderful message of God's grace. May our church be a place where children are welcomed in such a way as this church welcomes children.

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

***Blood Drive** (in memory of Donnie Baker)

August 4, 2-7pm

***Chesterfield County UMC Day of Fun at Cheraw State Park**

11:00am—Until

***F.I.S.H (Fun In Summer Heat) Activities**

August 6, 9:30am & August 13, 8:30am

***Red Bird Mission Meeting**

August 21, 5:30pm

Missions Ministry Team to Collect School Supplies

The Missions Ministry will be collecting school supplies for the next few weeks. Please try to bring something to help a needy student. The box is in the lobby by the office. Thanks

for making a child's school year a little brighter!



Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 4, from 2pm until 7pm in memory of Donald "Donnie" Baker. Cards will be available for you to sign and we will send them to the Baker

Family. 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.



From the Music Director

Assist Me To Proclaim

Summertime is a time when I focus my attention on goals I have had for myself as a musician, Christian, and church musician. While the study of liturgy (the people's work) in the service was somewhat glossed over in my undergraduate and graduate coursework, I have sought to experience various liturgy historical models first hand.

I have been reading a biography on Charles Wesley enti-

tled "Assist Me To Proclaim".

Wesley's quintessential hymn, "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing", contain the strains of "My gracious Master, and My God, Assists Me To Proclaim, to spread throughout the earth abroad the honor of thy name."

There is so much talent in the congregation and I encourage you all to be in prayer for the music ministries at the church. We will be hosting the Jazz Mass this year and there will

be a community choir directed by me. There will be other opportunities for others to volunteer during the Jazz Mass.

I am grateful for the Sunday School classes that have volunteered to sing during worship this Sunday.

In Christ, *Jonathan E. Kroepel*

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. 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

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

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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

Goodness has it been hot and rainy in Cheraw. We can't get our playground back together because of this crazy weather. One day it is too hot; the next day it is raining.

Our four year olds are going to Discovery Place Kids in Rockingham. They are all going and we will have a bus full. If at any time you would like to go with us on a field trip, please let us know. We can never have enough hands, or eyes.

The children have had fun on splash days and playing on the bouncy water slide. We have-

n't been able to use the slide but twice because of the weather. We are hoping that this will be a better weather week.

Enrollment is still low, so spread the word that we are in need of a few infants, threes, and four year olds.

Please continue to lift our school up in prayer every day. God is good!!

In Christian Faith,

Catreenna



The children have had fun on splash days

Salkehatchie Campers Thank You

The Salkehatchie campers would like to thank everyone for their support of our efforts in Salkehatchie Summer Service. You have shown your support for us in so many ways: purchasing tickets for

our Fatz Café pancake breakfast, letting us wash your cars, giving of your hard-earned money, encouraging us, showing your interest by asking about our weeks, and mostly by praying for us. We appreci-

ate all you do for us! Thank you!

Serving in August

Hostess

JoAnne Morgan

Altar Guild

Kay VanDeman and Julia Tucker

Head Usher

Rhett Butler

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Kathryn Johnson (A) Jayson Lewis (CB)

Greeters

August 3 M&M Keith Smith

August 10 M&M Doug Wilson

August 17 M&M John Wagnon

August 24 Drusilla Walker

August 31 M&M Jeff Kollitz

Lobby Door Greeters

August 3 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

August 10 Jerry Turner, CC Quick

August 17 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

August 24 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

August 31 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

August 3 Caroline Berry and Rebekah Williams

August 10 Caroline Berry and Megan Goodwin

August 17 Caroline Berry and Lesley Jean Watson

August 24 Caroline Berry and Alayna Carabo

August 31 Caroline Berry and Kristin Tarleton

Children's Church

August 3 Communion

August 10 Kristin Tarleton and P.J. McPherson

August 17 Allison Becker and Mary Charlotte Dusa

August 24 Christy Ruffner and Leighton Becker

August 31 Kelly Dusa and Sarah Allen

Lay Readers

August 3 Micki Lockey

August 10 Ruth Middleton

August 17 Ray Crouse

August 24 Jenny Keefe

August 31 Jim Bennett

Flower Calendar

August 3 Communion

August 10 Jones

August 17 Sue McManus

August 24 Kristina and Sarah Allen

August 31 Goodwins

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

Counters

August 3 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

August 10 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

August 17 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

August 24 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

August 31 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

August 3 Dry goods

August 10 Canned meats

August 17 Canned fruits

August 24 Canned vegetables

August 31 Toiletries

Memorials and Honorariums

September Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

In Memory of Donnie Baker

Nell and Preston Huntley, Buddy and Annette Stevens, M&M George Adams, Bonnie M. Huntley and Vera B. Meadows, M&M Charles W. Davis, III, Mary Burr, M&M Pete Baker, Pat and Duncan Moore, Jim Bennett, Jimmy Duffy, Jim and Sue Funderburk, John Wagnon Family

In Memory of Dana McLaurin

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Ray Hayes

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Juliette Pleasant

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Barbara Anderson

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Maggie Tjaden

Jim Bennett

In Honor of Jerry & Sarah M. Therrell

M&M Pete Baker

Upcoming Children and Youth Activities

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

August 6 — Meet at the church at 9:30am to leave to go to the pool for a pool party.

August 13 — Trip to EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia. We will leave the church at 8:30am. Children will need \$11.50 for tickets and also spending money.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

August 16 — Meet at the church at 11:00am to wash the bus.

YOUTH DESTINATION MEETINGS

August 3 — Youth will meet at the church at 4:30pm to go to the State Park for their meeting. We will return to the church at 7:00pm.

August 10 — Youth will meet at the church at 4:30pm to go to Sugar Loaf Mountain for their meeting. We will return to the church at 7:00pm.

August 17 — Youth will meet at the church at 4:30 to go to a picnic at Laney Landing for their meeting. We will return to the church at 7:00pm.

August 24 — Youth will meet at the church at 4:30 to go to the Cheraw Country Club for a Pool Party. We will return to the church at 7:00pm. Everyone is asked to bring \$5.00.

In case it rains on any of the destination meeting dates, we will meet from 5-6:30pm at the church.

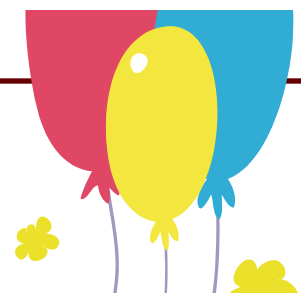
Each destination meeting will be a picnic meeting. Please bring picnic foods for each of these meetings.

Additional Sunday School Perfect Attendance for June

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

Ashton Becker

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for July will be printed in the September newsletter.



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

July 6

Ok Yo Chang, Mimi Coffey, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Amy Duvall, Donna Johnson, Fran Lewis, Megan McKenzie, Cody Newsome, Ximena Perez, Bre Powers, Tony Thrailkill, Jean Page Watson.

July 20

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Tom Davidson, Amy Duvall, Johnnie Johnson, Emily Richardson, Becky Sides, Anne Wallace.

July 13

Michelle Bellaiche, Anne Bryan, Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, William Eutsler, Jr., Alise Hurst, Chappel Hurst, Donna Johnson, Davidson McMurray, Jay McMurray, Jennie Margaret McMurray, Wiggins McMurray, Bre Powers, Dick Smith, Jennie Smith, Joni Tucker.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Micki Lockey
August 3 Gaila Wilson, Holly Miles
August 4 C.C. Quick
August 7 Druie Walker, Amy Lewis
August 8 Jim Crawford, III
August 9 Manuel Assef, Ester Furr
August 10 Allison Becker, Judith Dixon
August 11 Jimmie Williamson
August 12 Stephanie Rogers
August 13 Debbie Adams
August 14 Betty Thrailkill
August 15 Ron Cundiff, Jayson Lewis
August 16 Kevin Pickrel

August 18 Sawyer Becker, Robert Calhoun
August 19 Taylor Gunner Smith
August 20 Patsy Rushing
August 21 Margie Wannamaker
August 22 Jordan Williamson
August 23 David Dixon
August 24 Jonathan Michael Orr, Doug Wilson

August 25 Sarah Allen, Kristina Allen, Rebecca Baker
August 26 Olivia Crawford, David Townsend, Katie Moore
August 27 Brenda Rayfield
August 28 Ethel Ann Streater
August 30 Heath Ruffner
August 31 Patti Rollings, Harley Rushing, IV



ANNIVERSARIES

August 4 M&M Jeff Kollitz
August 13 M&M Greg Sanderson
August 15 M&M Manuel Assef, M&M Curtis Jones
August 19 M&M Roger Wolfe
August 31 M&M Jakie Streater

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

August Calendar

Sunday, August 3, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
Youth Destination Meeting at the State Park, 4:30pm, Meet at church
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 4, 2014

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

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

F.I.S.H (Fun In Summer Heat) Activity Pool Party, 9:30am, Meet at church
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room
Sunday, August 10 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm
Bus reserved

Saturday, August 9, 2014

Chesterfield Joint Cluster Picnic, 11:00am-3:00pm, Cheraw State Park

Sunday, August 10, 2014

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
Youth Destination Meeting at Sugar Loaf Mountain, 4:30pm, Meet at church
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

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

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

F.I.S.H (Fun In Summer Heat) Activity EdVenture Children's Museum, 8:30am, Meet at church
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room
Sunday, August 17 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Saturday, August 16, 2014

Youth to wash and clean bus, 11:00am, meet at church

Sunday, August 17, 2014

Genesis, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
Youth Destination Meeting at Laney Landing, 4:30pm, Meet at church
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 18, 2014

Pre-School Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Angie vacation

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

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

Angie vacation

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room
Sunday, August 24 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm
September Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Red Bird Mission Meeting, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 24, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am

Youth Destination Meeting pool party at Cheraw Country Club, 4:30pm, Meet at church

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

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

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Choir Room
Sunday, August 31 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Thursday, August 28, 2014

Life Line Health Screening, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am
Praise Band and Singers Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Lost and Found

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.

