



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

I once heard someone state that pastors who say the same things over and over again, week in and week out, need to throw those phrases out of their vocabulary for a while. It made me wonder if I repeat the same words each Sunday and they might have become stale.

One such phrase that I have a hard time not repeating are the words "amazing grace." When I think about Jesus' love for us I cannot help but think about "amazing grace." This grace is the basis for my faith in God and inspires me to continue living the Christian life.

Grace is best defined as a gift from God (John 3:16).

Grace is God's love and mercy given to us because God wants us to have it. Grace is not something earned because we did something (Ephesians 2:8-9).

John Wesley's faith was based upon the grace of God as well. In fact, for Wesley, the grace of God was the central element of his theology. He believed that God's grace stirs in us an awareness of God's love for us and reveals our sinful nature. It is God's grace that moves us to seek repentance for our sins and turn our lives in a new direction (Matthew 4:17).

God's grace also enables us to have faith in Jesus Christ and be justified in Him (Galatians 3:24). It is God's grace that calls us to have "a new birth" (John 3:7) and

"I cannot think about Jesus without thinking about grace"

helps us transform our lives as "new creatures in Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is God's grace that moves us to live holy lives, "love our neighbors as ourselves" (1 John 3:11), and do "good works" (James 2:17).

I cannot think about Jesus without thinking about grace. Now you know why I speak about it so much. Isn't it amazing!

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

**Youth Fundraiser Heritage Quartet*
Saturday, November 1,
6:00pm Heavy hors d'oeuvres
6:30pm Concert

**UMM Men's Breakfast*
Sunday, November 9, 8:30am

**Pre-School Board Meeting*
Monday, November 10, 7:00pm

**December Newsletter Deadline*
Wednesday, November 19

**Thanksgiving Holiday*
Thursday—Friday, November 27—28

Thank You Notes

Thank you to my church family and friends for the many acts of kindness shown during my recent knee surgery. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are deeply appreciated.

May God bless you.

Patricia M. Turner

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, the prayers, calls, food, cards, visits, and concerns were greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,

Ellison & Flo Outen

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

The Preschool is almost full with 79 children enrolled. We have one opening in the four year old class and one in the three year old class. We have a waiting list building, as well.

The month of October was full of activities. We had an exciting day when some of the fire fighters from the Cheraw Fire Department brought one of the trucks for us to see during fire safety week. The children got to hold the water hose and spray water with the

help of one of the men.

We are slowing things down in November. There are no trips planned. We will prepare for Thanksgiving and will enjoy a nice break with our families.

The walls of the preschool have come alive with fall decorations made by our students. Please come by and check them out. Some are a little spooky, but very cute!

Several church members

have stopped in to see us recently. We love visitors! Come by anytime.

In Him,

Mimi Coffey



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:

Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund
Red Bird
Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund

Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First (WATF)
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 million book drive is an ongoing project. A box is outside the church office for you to place your new books for 4th through 6th grade. These books will be given out in Chesterfield County.

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Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share 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

From the Director of Children and Youth

We are continuing to add items to the Kid's Nook, thanks to some VERY GENEROUS donations we have received. A huge thank you to all who have given to the children!!! The kids absolutely LOVE their

new room. 🍌

The kids (k-5) are working on a Christmas skit/musical, titled "An Unplugged Christmas." We are having a great time learning the material! The kids also made beautiful cards which the youth group gave to the residents at our local nursing homes. The residents loved each one. One man was just sitting there, and seemed not to really be interested in much, but when a card was handed to him his whole face lit up! The sun itself could not have been brighter. What a blessing.

I would like to list a few upcoming events for the youth

group we have scheduled. Our fundraiser will be held on November 1st. We will have hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall, and "The Heritage Quartet" will perform at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. On November 9th, we will have a scavenger hunt for the McArn food bank, along with the Episcopal Church youth group. And last but not least, we are scheduled to go to the distribution center for Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte N.C. on November 26th. We will work from 9:00am – 1:00pm, and then stop off at the Pineville Mall to shop and eat.

We are also presently working on the baskets for the hospital ministry. If anyone would like to donate items to this ministry, please leave the items in the church office. I have spoken of this during worship, and details will re-

main in the bulletin. Please note, this is a great way for our church, as a whole, to show God's love to the community. Isn't this what Christianity is all about?

In Christ's Love, Sara

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians, 3:14

Remember our Homebound

CONVALESCENT CENTER (Eddie Stubbs, Frances Laney, Sis Funderburk, Lois Baker)

1150 State Road, Cheraw, SC

CHERAW HEALTHCARE (Sara Cook)

400 Moffatt Road, Cheraw, SC

AGAPE SENIOR (Patsy Rushing)

1785 Lexington Commons Dr.

Rock Hill, SC 29732

MARGIE WANNAMAKER

PO Box 10, 209 Greene Street

Cheraw, SC 29520

VERA MEADOWS

C/O Bonnie Huntley

1402 Capel Dairy Road

Wadesboro, NC 28170



Serving in November

Hostess

Shep Straughn

Altar Guild

Sara Sanderson and Charlotte Crosby

Head Usher

Eric Dusa

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Mary Charlotte Dusa (A) Leighton Becker (CB)

Greeters

Nov. 2 M&M Eric Dusa

Nov. 9 M&M Greg Sanderson

Nov. 16 JoAnne Morgan

Nov. 23 M&M John Straughn

Nov. 30 M&M Jay Leach

Lobby Door Greeters

Nov. 2 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Nov. 9 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Nov. 16 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Nov. 23 Herbert Watts

Nov. 30 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Nov. 2 Caroline Berry and Charlotte Crosby

Nov. 9 Caroline Berry and Dee Dee Pickrel

Nov. 16 Caroline Berry and Erika Kollitz

Nov. 23 Caroline Berry and Katie Tarleton

Nov. 30 Caroline Berry and Allison Becker

Children's Church

Nov. 2 Laura Harris, Jacob Rohde

Nov. 9 Communion

Nov. 16 Kristen Tarleton, Leighton Becker

Nov. 23 Allison Becker, Mary Charlotte Dusa

Nov. 30 Christy Ruffner, Sarah Allen

Lay Readers

Nov. 2 Joey Mills

Nov. 9 Shannon Johnson

Nov. 16 Rhett Butler

Nov. 23 Chuck Barber

Nov. 30 Bonnie Cundiff

Flower Calendar

Nov. 2 Goodwins

Nov. 9 OPEN

Nov. 16 OPEN

Nov. 23 Eddins

Nov. 30 OPEN

Counters

Nov. 2 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Nov. 9 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Nov. 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Nov. 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Nov. 30 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

Nov. 2 Canned meats

Nov. 9 Canned spaghetti and ravioli

Nov. 16 Toiletries

Nov. 23 Diapers

Nov. 30 Baby items (wipes, lotion, etc.)

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.



Memorials and Honorariums

December Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

In Memory of Jack Edwards

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Ellison
Outen, Mary Burr

In Honor of Ed Davidson's 90th Birthday

Jill Mechling

In Memory of Alice Parker Welborn

M&M Keith Smith

In Honor of Mary Burr's Birthday

Jackie McGee

In Memory of Christian Luck

M&M Keith Smith

In Honor of Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Claywell Watson

In Memory of Clyde Pate

Mary Burr

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for September

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jacob Rohde, Austin Sanderson, Scott Eddins, Jenny Keefe, Emily Marsh, Cindy Sanderson, Bonnie Cundiff, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, Michelle Rohde, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Pete Owens, Herbert Watts, Jim Bennett, Manfred Kollitz, David Rohde, Carole Hennessee, Sawyer Becker, Cheryl Postlewait, Edith Quick, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, Druie Walker, Martha Bentley, Jane Campbell, Henrietta Kollitz, JoAnne Morgan, Sarah M. Therrell

WORSHIP

Allison Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, James Bennett, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff, Ed Davidson, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, Jayson Lewis, Harold Lomas, Emily Marsh, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, JoAnne Morgan, Pete Owens, Edith Quick, Syble Sanderson, Bobby Spears, Sarah M. Therrell, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker, Chase Watson, Lesley Watson.

Perfect Attendance for the Kinsey Mulloy Class for August was not turned in, these individuals had perfect attendance in that class.

Jane Campbell, Mary Burr, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Sarah M. Therrell, and Linda Smith





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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

September 28

Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, John Folger, Laura Folger, Chappel Hurst, Hunter Lee, Jed Reid, William Stubbs

October 5

Ok Yo Chang, Tom Davidson, George Furr, Paul Ludlow, Kiersten Shepard

October 12

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Marla Eddins

October 19

Carol Crouse, Mary Jane Gaddes, Lucille Gray, Elisa Hurst, Lewis Long, Shirley Long, Edna Mills, Missy Morgan, Rain Rivers, Jacqueline Shannon, Kiersten Shepard, Dot Watson

October 26

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Margaret Jeffries, Jed Reid

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1 Alanna Leviner
Nov. 2 Charlie Ruffner
Nov. 3 Norma Cobb
Nov. 6 Dannie Lee
Nov. 9 Mason Tomberlin, Randell Rumph, P.J. McPherson
Nov. 10 Jake Keefe
Nov. 12 Joyce Quick, James Keefe, Ruth (Sis) Funderburk
Nov. 13 Patricia Turner
Nov. 15 Betty Canipe
Nov. 17 Harry Board
Nov. 18 Carole Hennessee, David McLean
Nov. 19 Caroline Crouse
Nov. 20 Pete Owens, Robert Kessler

Nov. 21 Nathan Rogers, Ruth Middleton
Nov. 24 Gwen Sullivan, Eric Dusa
Nov. 25 Kim Roddy
Nov. 26 Bonnie Cundiff, Jeff Koltiz
Nov. 27 Martha Griggs
Nov. 28 Thomas McKinnon
Nov. 29 Shep Straughn, Cheryl Joplin, Linda Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 6 M&M Woody Rogers
Nov. 17 M&M Keith Smith
Nov. 24 M&M Jay Lewis
Nov. 30 M&M Harry Board



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

November Calendar

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Youth Fundraiser Heritage Quartet, Hors d'oeuvres 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Concert 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut,

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

Monday, November 3, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm, Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF Youth Activities, 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 9 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, November 9, 2014

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

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut,

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

Monday, November 10, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

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

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

UMW Circle #1 Meeting, 10:00am, Parlor

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

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm, Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF Youth Activities, 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 16 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut,

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

Monday, November 17, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm, Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF Youth Activities, 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 23 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

December Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, November 20, 2014

J.O.Y Club, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Reserved

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut

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

Monday, November 24, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

Sunday, November 30 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Thursday—Friday, November 27– 28, 2014

Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut,

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