



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

I just finished reading an article from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership which stated that music can be the single greatest factor in determining how people feel in church. The authors, Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran, wrote that music has the power to make people feel satisfied or dissatisfied. It also has the power to make people feel like they're part of the movement of growing disciples that we want all our churches to be. Simply put, their thesis was that congregational singing seems to be a reliable bellwether for church health. Coming to church and not singing is like going to the gym and not working out. We have to sing! When a church is worshipping God together through song, in a sincere and selfless way, it can be life-changing.

The authors shared it is all about discover-

ing what music works in your setting. Music should not be the personal preferences of the pastor or the music director, or the demands from the pews, or even the stated preferences of the majority. The music must be all about attracting the lost in the community and growing disciples through worship.

The authors shared to get where you need to be musically isn't about talent or luck or even money. It's about consistently following a few basic principles:

- * Make sure you have the best musicians you can find (paid or volunteer) and use them; do the difficult things and ask people who are holding your program down or even making it worse to step aside. Face the hard facts and lean into the conflict in order to advance your program.
- * Raise your music and musicians up in prayer.

"With these thoughts in mind.....let us sing!"

- * Whatever the style, make sure your music is worshipful.
- * Take care with the selection of your music and do it in view of the liturgy as well as the lost.
- * Don't be afraid to repeat music from week to week. In loving ways, encourage your congregation to sing, and sing with them.

With these thoughts in mind, let us welcome Dr. Shane Robertson as our new Director of Music and let us sing!

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

***Red Bird Mission Trip**
Sunday—Saturday, October 5—11

***UMM Men's Breakfast**
Sunday, October 12, 8:30am

***Jazz Mass**
Sunday, October 19, 3:00pm

***Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Fatz**
Saturday, October 25, 8:00am—10:00am

***Blood Drive**
Monday, October 27, 2:00—7:00pm

Thank You

Thanks for the prayers, cards, thoughts and kindness shown to us during my recent

surgery.

--Zenda and Jackson Rushing

Blood Drive

First United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 27 from 2-7:00pm.

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 at

this blood drive.

To sign up you can call the church office, sign the sheet in the lobby, or go on line at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.



From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

The Preschool is full of sweet smiling faces! We currently have 76 children attending and expect three more in the next week or two.

We have several events planned for the month of October.

On October 15th, the four year old class will go to the jazz festival. There will be a local musician, Rakim McQueen, performing at the Dizzy Homesite Park on Hugger Street with mini-performances geared toward children. This is a free event.

October 21-24, Elaine Barnette will be here to take Christmas photos of all the children.

The four year old class will be going to McLeod Farms on October 22nd to the pumpkin patch. They will be treated to a story and a cup of ice cream. Then they will be taken by wagon to the pumpkin patch where they can pick their own pumpkins. It will be fun for all!

There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser at FATZ on October 25th for the preschool. Tickets are \$5. Come out and let us serve you!

On October 31st, the children will dress in costumes and trick or treat door to door in the preschool. They will be given candy

to take home and enjoy. The costumes will be adorable, I'm sure!



Come by and check us out. We would love to see church members in the preschool!

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 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 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

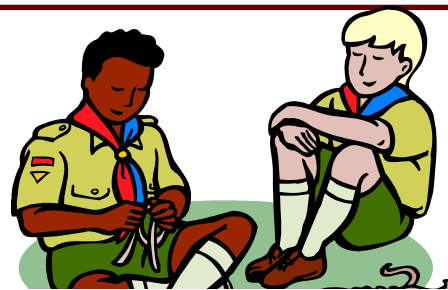
They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various

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

W.A.T.F. kids group is going great! We are averaging 11 kids each week. Scriptures are being learned, crafts are being made, and snacks are consumed!!! We have been learning about Super Heroes of the Bible, (so far we have talked about Jesus, Peter, Daniel, and Paul.) All of the kids are so excited to have "their own room." (the Kids Nook is still in the process of being decorated, but we are using it anyway). They are actually more excited than I anticipated. It is so important to instill Jesus in the minds of children. I am in awe of the questions they ask; very advanced. The group meets from 4:30-5:30 each Wednesday. What a blessing...

I cannot express how proud I am of the youth who participated in Fifth Quarter a couple of weeks ago. I also cannot express to you the pressure each was under. I do not know for sure, but I believe that was the first time other youth had been asked to speak at Fifth Quarter. Our youth stood up in front of about 80 of their peers for Jesus; and before you think that does not sound like much, a lot of the kids there seemed to have no interest in Christ. Caroline/Greer, and the rest of the youth led everyone in song, Jake Williamson made

an awesome video with a few expressing why they follow God, and Benson Stubbs stood in the middle of the large group and gave his testimony with boldness. I know our Lord was smiling on all of them. Life is all about doing what God wants us to do, no matter how humans receive the work. Our youth are learning this, and some already know it. JOB WELL DONE!

The youth fundraiser will be November 1st, at 6:00. Youth are selling tickets, and tickets are also being sold in the church office. Tickets are ten dollars. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall, and at 6:30pm "The Heritage Quartet" will perform in the sanctuary. You can check them out online! They are a southern gospel group from Lancaster, and they love to sing in name of the lord. This will be a very exciting evening. I hope all can attend. If you cannot attend, we will still take a donation! 😊

Any youth, or adult, interested in working at Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center, please let me know. We will leave at 6:30am, and will return at 6:00pm November 26th.

We will begin working on the Christmas play/musical on October 8th. Six adults have already volunteered...THANK YOU! If anyone else would like to have your name added to the list, please contact me. If you do not like to perform in plays, or if you cannot sing, don't worry—we have many other projects you can help with!

The youth and children are also starting to make baskets and cards for hospital outreach ministry. If anyone would like to donate items for the baskets, (lotion, candy, magazines, lip balm, quarters for vending machines, etc.) please leave the items in the church office. The baskets will also have a business size card with our church name, logo, address, and phone number on it. These baskets will be left with the hospital to hand out to family members/friends who are spending long hours with their loved ones who are ill.

In Christ's love, Sara

"I press 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)

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



THE CONNECTION

Serving in October

Hostess

Marianne Crawford

Altar Guild

Cindy and Syble Sanderson

Head Usher

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Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Alayna Carabo (A) Hannah Leach (CB)

Greeters

Oct. 5 Amy Lewis

Oct. 12 M&M David McLean

Oct. 19 M&M Doug Marsh

Oct. 26 M&M Todd Becker

Lobby Door Greeters

Oct. 5 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Oct. 12 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

Oct. 19 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Oct. 26 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Oct. 5 Caroline Berry and Kristina Allen

Oct. 12 Caroline Berry and Jean Assef

Oct. 19 Caroline Berry and Henrietta Kollitz

Oct. 26 Caroline Berry and Pam Humphries

Children's Church

Oct. 5 Communion

Oct. 12 Dee Dee Pickrel, Alayna Carabo

Oct. 19 Laura Harris, Austin Sanderson

Oct. 26 Mary Lou Long, Hannah Leach

Lay Readers

Oct. 5 Sammy Quick

Oct. 12 Sara M. Therrell

Oct. 19 Susan Marsh

Oct. 26 Greg Sanderson

Flower Calendar

Oct. 5 Bennett

Oct. 12 Eddins

Oct. 19 Crawford

Oct. 26 McManus

Counters

Oct. 5 Jackie McGee, Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Oct. 12 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Oct. 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Oct. 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Oct. 5 Toiletries

Oct. 12 Toothbrush and toothpaste

Oct. 19 Canned meats

Oct. 26 Canned vegetables and milk

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

In Memory of Jerry Hinson

M&M Keith Smith

In Honor of Ed Davidson's 90th Birthday

M&M Ellison Outen, Jimmy, Jenny & Laren Outen, Patsy Rushing, Ruth Rushing, M&M Jerry Therrell, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Jerry Carter, M&M Billy Wicker, M&M Thomas McKinnon, JoAnne Morgan, Jackie Gaskins, M&M Ray Crouse, M&M Wayne Eddins, M&M Lanny Rayfield, M&M Curtis Jones, M&M Jim Crawford, Pete Owens, M&M Jackie Streater,

November Newsletter Deadline

Friday, October 24, 2014

About our New Organist and Choir Director.

Shane Robertson, a native of Gaffney, SC, currently resides in Chesterfield where he teaches general music to students at Edwards and Plainview Elementary schools. Shane graduated from Limestone College in 2006 with a BA in music, and earned a Master's of Music with a concentra-

tion in Music Education from the University of Montana-Missoula in 2008. In 2008, he was also awarded the Service Playing Certificate from the American Guild of Organists. In August, he earned his Doctorate in Music Education from the University of Georgia in Athens. For the past

year and a half Shane has been the choir director and organist at St. David's Episcopal Church.

Welcome, Shane!

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for August

SUNDAY SCHOOL

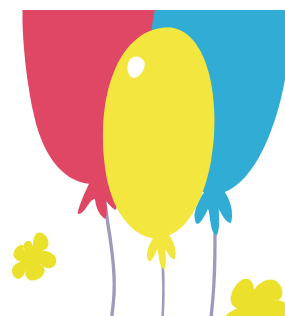
Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, Theodore Burns, Roger Wolfe, Carol Hennessee, Jimmy Duffy, Brenda Rayfield, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Jenny Keefe, Bonnie Cundiff, Susan Eschenfelder, Paul Miles, Sawyer Becker

WORSHIP

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Theodore Burns, Mary

Burr, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Jimmy Duffy, Susan Eschenfelder, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Paul Miles, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson, Linda Smith

Sharon McKinnon had perfect worship attendance for July but was left off the list last month.



Congratulations



Our Visitors

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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

August 24

Lisa Chishium, Amy Duvall, John Folger, Laura Folger, Jenny Manis, Jed Reid

August 31

Jeanette Boatwright, Drew Copeland, John Folger, Laura Folger, Nancy Minyard, Claire Sabo, Kiersten Shepard

September 7

Brenda Beckom, Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Susan Davidson, Tom Davidson, John Folger, Laura Folger, Paulette Freeman, Susan

McKenna, Shirley Vegas

September 14

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Tom Davidson, Carla Dusa, Dick Dusa, Alyssa Edwards, Lucille Gray, Hunter Lee, Cody Newsome

September 21

Lisa Chishium, Carol Crouse, Marie Davidson, Laural Edwards, John Folger, Laura Folger, Coke Goodwin, Julia Hayes, Ashlyn Nelson, Chase Thomas, Jean Page Watson.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 4 Sharon McKinnon
Oct. 7 Amber Nicole Morgan
Oct. 8 Mary Burr, Shannon Johnson
Oct. 9 Brantley Butler Reames
Oct. 10 Pal Moore
Oct. 12 William Lee
Oct. 13 Edith Quick
Oct. 14 J. Clyde Goodwin
Oct. 15 Rhett Butler, II
Oct. 20 Curtis Jones
Oct. 21 Julia Tucker
Oct. 22 Zach, Joel & Seth Keefe
Oct. 23 Doug Carabo
Oct. 27 Betty Hurst, Andrew Lewis
Oct. 28 Alex Lewis, Lillie McPherson

Oct. 29 David Bersinger

Oct. 30 Sara Sanderson

Oct. 31 Tony Harris, III

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 2 M&M David McLean

Oct. 4 M&M Heath Ruffner

Oct. 6 M&M Jap Roddy

Oct. 7 M&M Manfred Kollitz

Oct. 8 M&M Jeffrey Furr

Oct. 15 M&M Phillip Shepard

Oct. 16 M&M Keith Stubbs

Oct. 24 M&M Tom Rollings

Oct. 26 M&M Ellison Outen



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

September Calendar

Wednesday, October 1, 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, October 5 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, October 5, 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

Red Bird Mission Trip

Monday, October 6, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

Red Bird Mission Trip

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Red Bird Mission Trip

Wednesday, October 8, 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, October 12 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Red Bird Mission Trip

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Red Bird Mission Trip

Friday, October 10, 2014

Red Bird Mission Trip

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Red Bird Mission Trip

Sunday, October 12, 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, October 13, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

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

UMYF Halloween Party @ Wallace Family Life Center

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

Wednesday, October 15, 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, October 19 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, October 16, 2014

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

Friday, October 17, 2014

Jazz Festival Weekend Begins

Saturday, October 18, 2014

Fall Bar-B-Que, 11am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

Jazz Festival

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Jazz Mass, 3:00pm, FUMC Sanctuary

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

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

Monday, October 20, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

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

Wednesday, October 22, 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, October 26 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Friday, October 24, 2014

November Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Fatz Pancake Breakfast for Preschool, 8:00-10:00am, Fatz Café

Sanctuary Reserved

Sunday, October 26, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Worship Ministry Team Meeting, 6:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

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

Monday, October 27, 2014

Blood Drive, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:30pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, October 29, 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 2 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm