



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

The Christmas season is upon us. As a church we are beginning to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child by observing Advent. The Chrismon tree will be put into place and decorated, a manger will be displayed, wreaths will be adorned, poinsettias will provide beauty and color, and the Advent wreath, stand, and candles will be carefully positioned.

Each and every Sunday during Advent we will mark the gifts that God brings to us through the birth of Jesus Christ: love, joy, peace, and hope. We will culminate

the season by gathering together on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary observing a service that includes candle lighting and communion. I can hardly wait!

One sentiment I have heard many times already is that many people in our society will celebrate Christmas without focusing on the reason for the season – “for unto us a Savior has been born” (Luke 2:11). The real meaning and message of Christmas remains the same today as always, the birth of Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel (God with us). It has been said that John Wesley’s final words echoed

“Each and every Sunday during Advent we will mark the gifts that God brings to us through the birth of Jesus Christ:....”

that truth, “Best of all, God is with us.” That truly is good news to share with the world that needs love, joy, peace, and hope.

I hope that you and your family will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

**Church Council Meeting
Sunday, December 7, 7:00pm*

**Worship Service (Lesson and Carols)
Sunday, December 14, 11:00am*

**Community Choral Program
Sunday, December 14, 3:00pm*

**Piano/Organ Concert
Thursday, December 18, 6:00pm*

**Christmas Holiday Office Closed
Tuesday-Friday, December 23-26*

Staff Christmas Gift

As in past years, donations will be accepted for a monetary Christmas gift for members of the church staff. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office, mailed, or placed in the offering plate.

(Please clearly designate "Staff Christmas Gift" on your check or on the envelope if making a cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is Friday, December 12. This is a good way to express our apprecia-

tion to the staff for the work that they do!

*Staff-Parish Relations
Committee*

From the Director of Music

I would like to thank the church for making me feel welcome since my arrival in October. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the adult choir and children. If you are a high school student or an adult that enjoys singing, please come

and join us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 for Chancel Choir practice. We have a good time. Also, handbells will begin ringing again at the start of the new year.

On December 18th from

6-8pm, Barbara Dickson, Tim Smoke, and myself will play an evening of Christmas music for piano and organ. Mark your calendars this is going to be a great concert.

Shane Robertson

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

December is going to be an exciting month in the preschool! The children can hardly contain themselves with the anticipation of Christmas. Their sweet little faces light up with the very mention of it. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year.

The children are going to see the play, "Holly and the Christmas Gift" on Wednesday, December 10th. They will walk to the Theater on the Green for this presentation by Porkchop

Productions.

On Thursday, December 11th, the three and four year olds will be presenting a Christmas program at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us for this precious performance. They have learned some German songs as well as Christmas songs and scripture. We would love to have you with us.

The preschool will be closed for Christmas December 22-

26. We hope everyone has a wonderful time with family as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

What a great time we are having, preparing for the Christmas musical/skit. The kids are doing a fantastic job! The musical/skit is titled "Unplugged Christmas," and the performance will be on December 21st during the 11:00 worship service. Our group will have a Christmas party on the 17th of December, so mark your calendars!

MYF will travel to Charlotte to volunteer at Operation Christmas Child Processing Center on November, 26th. We will leave the church at 6:30,

and will return at 6:00 that evening. The month of December will be very busy! MYF will start off with a bang with a **party at Duffy's!** Watch out Duffy; your house will NEVER be the same!!!! We will help put his tree up and enjoy fellowship. This will be a great night! On December 14th, a "special" event is in the works, and youth will begin at 4:00 on this date. More information about this will follow in the upcoming bulletins. December 21st, MYF will go caroling, and afterwards we will enjoy a

Christmas exchange, along with hors d'oeuvres.

Christmas...John 3:16, "For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

**BELIEVE AND YOU WILL
RECEIVE**

Sara Sanderson

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



THE CONNECTION

Serving in December

Hostess

Marsha Butler

Altar Guild

Kim Williamson and Susan Marsh

Head Usher

Robert Calhoun

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Lydia Lee (A) Alex Lee (CB)

Greeters

Dec. 7 M&M Ellison Outen

Dec. 14 M&M Jerry Turner

Dec. 21 Edyce Brasington

Dec. 28 Dr. & Mrs. David Bersinger

Lobby Door Greeters

Dec. 7 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Dec. 14 Jerry Turner, CC Quick

Dec. 21 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Dec. 28 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Dec. 7 Caroline Berry and Christy Ruffner

Dec. 14 Caroline Berry and Kelly Dusa

Dec. 21 Caroline Berry and Jennifer Tomberlin

Dec. 28 Caroline Berry and Michelle Rohde

Children's Church

Dec. 7 Communion

Dec. 14 Kelly Dusa, Lydia Lee

Dec. 21 Jeff Kollitz, Kathryn Johnson

Dec. 28 Amy Lewis, Alayna Carabo

Lay Readers

Dec. 7 Micki Lockey

Dec. 14 Ruth Middleton

Dec. 21 Eric Dusa

Dec. 28 Jenny Keefe

Flower Calendar

Dec. 7 Communion

Dec. 14—28 OPEN

Counters

Dec. 7 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Dec. 14 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick,
Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Dec. 21 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry
Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Dec. 28 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts,
Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Dec. 7 Canned vegetables

Dec. 14 Dry goods

Dec. 21 Canned meats

Dec. 28 Spaghetti noodles and sauce

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

January Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

In Memory of Jack Edwards

Low Country Timber Consultants
(David Evans)

In Honor of Sis Funderburk's 102nd Birthday

M&M Jerry Therrell

In Memory of Martha Rogers

Shirley Walton

In Memory of Tom Jones

Shirley Walton

In Memory of Juliette Pleasant

Shirley Walton

In Memory of Nancy O. Clover

Shirley Walton

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for September

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jacob Rohde, Trina Mills, Margaret Wolfe, Jenny Keefe, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, Pete Owens, Harold Lomas, Herbert Watts, Jim Bennett, Roger Wolfe, Joey Mills, David Rohde, Jimmy Duffy, Brenda Rayfield, Jane Campbell, Mary Burr, Linda Smith, JoAnne Morgan, Sarah M. Therrell, Flo Outen, Lynn Tweed, Bonnie Cundiff, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, Michelle Rohde, Holly Miles, Sawyer Becker, Ashton Becker

WORSHIP

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Alayna Carabo, Amanda Carabo, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Jimmy Duffy, Susan Eschenfelder, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Ruth Ann Jones, Amy Lewis, Harold Lomas, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, Holly Miles, Joey Mills, Trina Mills, JoAnne Morgan, Pete Owens, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears, Jerry Turner, Nancy Wagnon, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.





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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

November 2

Ok Yo Chang, Gloria Chapman,
Kevin Chapman, Alice French,
Lucille Gray, Alise Hurst, Kiersten
Shepard, Anna Truesdale

November 9

Kyndle Cobb, Drew Copeland,
Marie Davidson, Lawrence
Hammonds, John Henderson, Andy
Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Kiersten
Shepard, Alex Watson

November 16

Ok Yo Chang, Gloria Chapman,
Kevin Chapman, Carol Crouse,
Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson,
John Folger, Laura Folger, Lucille
Gray, Alise Hurst, Chappel Hurst,
Hannah Laney, Rain Rivers, Kier-
sten Shepard, Anne Wallace.

November 23

Sherry Bridgford, Ok Yo Change,
Drew Copeland, Marie Davidson,
Correy Fore, Hayden Kenny, Kip
Moore, Tonie Moore, Danielle Rob-
ertson, Elizabeth Townsend, Mi-
chael Townsend, Nolan Townsend

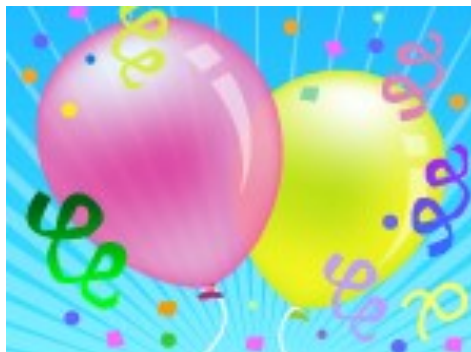
Birthdays and Anniversaries in December

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 6 Derek Michael Motley,
Jap Roddy
Dec. 14 Lynn Tweed, Pam Hum-
phries
Dec. 16 Ellison Outen, Harold Lo-
mas
Dec. 18 James Tweed
Dec. 19 Jane Rumph, Billy Wicker,
Kaleb Keefe
Dec. 20 Tom Rollings
Dec. 22 Williams Keith Smith, III
(Tripp)
Dec. 23 Allan Chapman, Sam Eu-
banks
Dec. 25 Robin Bersinger, Alayna
Carabo
Dec. 29 Marcia Butler
Dec. 30 Jacquelyn Bette Tomberlin

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 2 M&M Ron Buffington
Dec. 23 M&M Pete Baker,
M&M John Moore



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

December Calendar

Monday, December 1, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

UMW Christmas Party, 6:30pm, Parlor

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 3, 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

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, December 7 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Friday, December 5, 2014

Angie Vacation Day

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Kinsey Mulloy Class and Fred Harris Class Christmas Party, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 7, 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

Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Parlor Reserved

Monday, December 8, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

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

Wednesday, December 10, 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

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, December 14 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Friday, December 12, 2014

Men's Class Christmas Party, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Angie Vacation Day

Sunday, December 14, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Community Choral Program, 3:00pm, Sanctuary

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

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

Monday, December 15, 2014

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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

January Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, December 17, 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

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, December 21 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Piano/Organ Concert, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Friday, December 19, 2014

Wednesday, December 24 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, December 21, 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, December 22, 2014

Sunday, December 28 Bulletin Deadline 2:00pm.

Tuesday—Friday, December 23–26, 2014

Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

Sunday, December 28, 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

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

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

Sunday, January 4 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

Office closes at 2:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room