

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, November 30, 2014**

10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)  
 7:00pm Genesis Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, December 1, 2014**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014**

6:00pm United Methodist Women (UMW) Christmas Party (Parlor)  
 7:00pm Genesis Band Practice (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

4:30pm WATF Kids Activities (Kids Nook)  
 5:30pm WATF Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:30pm WATF Adult Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:30pm WATF Youth Activities (Sanctuary)  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
*December 7 Bulletin Deadline*

**Friday, December 5, 2014**

*Angie Vacation Day*

**Saturday, December 6, 2014**

6:30pm Kinsey Mulloy and Fred Harris SS Class Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, December 7, 2014**

10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Service  
 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Jimmy Duffy's House)  
 7:00pm Genesis Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)  
*Parlor Reserved*

**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** M&M Jay Leach  
**Lobby Door Greeters:** Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter  
**Altar Guild:** Sara Sanderson, Charlotte Crosby  
**Nursery:** Caroline Berry and Allison Becker  
**Flowers Next Sunday:** Communion  
**Children's Church:** Christy Ruffner, Sarah Allen  
**Counters:** Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph  
**Alternate Counter:** Jerry Tucker

**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa  
**Hostess:** Shep Straughn  
**Acolyte:** Mary Charlotte Dusa  
**Cross Bearer:** Leighton Becker  
**McArn Item:** Baby items  
**Next Week's Lay Reader:** Micki Lockey

**Worship Attendance, Nov. 23— 134; Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—126**

**FUMC STAFF**

**Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson, Pastor** (kamcpherson@umcsc.org)  
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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.

**November 30, 2014**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" arr. Ham

**Call to Worship** **Psalm 80:3** Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson  
 Restore us, God! **Make your face shine so that we can be saved!**

**Greeting and Announcements** *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.*

**\*Hymn No. 196 in the Hymnal "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** Hyfrydol

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** The Stubbs Family

**Unison Prayer** Dr. McPherson  
 Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles. We have ignored the promise of your kingdom. We get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

**Children's Sermon** Sara Sanderson

**Old Testament Lesson** **Isaiah 64: 1-9** Bonnie Cundiff, Lay Reader

**New Testament Lesson** **1 Corinthians 1: 3-9** Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation Of Faith No. 881** **The Apostles' Creed** Lay Reader

**\*The Gloria Patri** Lay Reader

**Pastoral and Lord's Prayer** Rev. Ed Davidson

**\*Hymn No. 211 in the Hymnal "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** Veni Emmanuel

**Offertory Prayer** Dr. McPherson

**Offertory Anthem** “Star Child”

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology No. 95** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Old 100th

**\*Gospel Reading** **Mark 13: 24-37** Dr. McPherson

**Sermon** “The Rooster Crows” Dr. McPherson

**\*Hymn No. 239 in the Hymnal** “Silent Night, Holy Night” Stille Nacht  
*(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)*

**\*Benediction** Dr. McPherson

**\*Postlude** “Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming”

**Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

**WELCOME VISITORS** — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact information. If you wish to join the church by Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership, please notify the pastor at 843-537-7002.

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries’ mother), Bailey Turner (10-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), Lucille Gray (Betty Hurst’s mother), Zenda Rushing, Jon Kroepel, Ruth Middleton, Robert Kimrey, Christy Marsh (Emily Marsh’s daughter), Jo-Linda Creech (Dawn Leach’s mother). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**PASTOR’S INFORMATION** — If you need to contact the pastor, you can call the parsonage at 537-3635, the church office 537-7002 or his cell phone 864-643-9968.

**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 cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is Friday, December 12. This is a good way to express our appreciation to the staff for the work that they do! *Staff-Parish Relations Committee*

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** — The Church Council will meet on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** — If you have a special Sunday for putting flowers in the church next year, please call Sarah Margaret Therrell (537-3395) or the church office (537-7002) and let them know.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) CHRISTMAS PARTY** — The UMW Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. We will have entertainment and please bring some Christmas goodies for everyone to enjoy.

**WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF) MEAL** — The meal begins at 5:30pm and is cooked by Carolyn Gary; the cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old (Maximum \$21 for a household). Sign up on the worship attendance sheet, or call the church office (537-7002) and ask that your name be added to the list of “regulars”. Reservations must be in the church office no later than 3pm on Monday.

MENU—Lasagna, salad, corn on the cob, garlic bread, dessert and tea.

**REGGIE SADDLER FAMILY CONCERT** — All are welcome to come and worship with Westside Baptist Church this afternoon at 6:00pm. The Reggie Saddler Family will be in concert. Reggie got started in the rock-soul music and entertainment business early in life but when he was introduced to Jesus he accepted Him as Savior. The Reggie Saddler Family now travel full-time preaching and singing the Gospel with hit songs like “I’ve Got a Home”, “Anytime, Anyplace, Anywhere”, and “The Real Thing”.

**VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM** — The Chesterfield County Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program provides volunteer advocates to abused and neglected children in our county. We are committed to providing a volunteer to speak up for these children who cannot speak for themselves. Our greatest need is for people willing to give 4-6 hours per month to serve as a child advocate. We are looking for people who are over the age of 21 and who care about children. If you are interested in this program, please contact Jennifer Burch, County Coordinator, at 623-5630.

**NOTHING LEFT BUT SOME SAUCE** — We have several bottles of sauce left from the BBQ which are on sale for \$2 a bottle. You can get these from the church office.

**“KNIT WITS”** — If you are interested in joining The Prayer Shawl Ministry, known as the “Knit Wits,” that meets each Tuesday at 1:30pm, please contact Drusilla Walker at 537-1966.

**CHURCH-WIDE HOSPITAL OUTREACH PROJECT** — If you would like to donate to a church-wide hospital outreach project where the children and youth will make up baskets with snacks, lip balm, quarters for vending machines and other items that family members of those in the hospital may need, please leave your donation at the church office.

**MILLION BOOK DRIVE** — 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.