UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 14, 2014

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

3:00pm Community Choral Program (Sanctuary)

4:30pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut)

Monday, December 15, 2014

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

January Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

4:30pm WATF Kids Activities (Kids Nook)

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

December 21 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, December 18, 2014

6:00pm Piano/Organ Christmas Concert

Friday, December 19, 2014

Angie Vacation Day

Christmas Eve Bulletin Deadline

Sunday, December 21, 2014

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service (Children's Musical)

4:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Caroling, anyone who would like to join us is welcome)

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.

SERVING TODAY

Next Week's Lav Reader: Eric Dusa

Greeters: M&M Jerry Turner
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Turner, CC Quick
Altar Guild: Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Kelly Dusa
Flowers Next Sunday: Poinsettia

Head Usher: Robert Calhoun
Hostess: Marsha Butler
Acolyte: Lydia Lee
Cross Bearer: Alex Lee
McArn Item: Dry goods

Children's Church: No Children's Church **Counters:** Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternate Counter: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Worship Attendance, Dec. 7—130; Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—154

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.

December 14, 2014 3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Dr. McPherson

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

Call to Worship Dr. McPherson

Tell the timid to take heart. The Lord our God will come!

Lighting of the Advent CandlesTomberlin Family

Children's Sermon

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Bidding Prayer Dr. McPherson

The Lord's Prayer Dr. McPherson

Blessing Dr. McPherson

Carol No. 218 in the Hymnal "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" Carol

First Lesson Genesis 3: 8—19

Carol No. 196 in the Hymnal "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

Second Lesson Genesis 22: 15—18

Carol No. 230 in the Hymnal "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louis

Third Lesson Isaiah 9: 2—7

Piano Solo "O Holy Night"

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11: 1—10

Carol No. 238 in the Hymnal	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	Gloria
Fifth Lesson	Luke 1: 26—38	
Carol No. 217 in the Hymnal	"Away in a Manger"	Away in a Manger
Sixth Lesson	Luke 2: 1—7	
Carol No. 234 in the Hymnal	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	Adeste Fideles
Seventh Lesson	Luke 2: 8—16	
Carol No. 239 in the Hymnal	"Silent Night, Holy Night"	Stille Nacht
Eighth Lesson	Matthew 2: 1—11	
Carol No. 240 in the Hymnal	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	Mendelssohn
Ninth Lesson	John 1: 1—14	
Carol No. 246 in the Hymnal	"Joy to the World"	Antioch

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 95 in the Hymnal "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th

*Benediction

*Postlude

* 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), Scott Tomberlin, Ed Davidson, Justin King (Beth Barber's grandson), Cheryl Barber (Chuck Barber's daughter), Ken Merriman (Cheryl Postlewait's friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT REMINDER — Just a reminder that we have automatic bank draft for your pledge. If you are interested in signing up for this, please see Angie in the church office. If you are already signed up, your bank draft will continue to be taken out next year, unless Angie is contacted otherwise.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS — In order for contributions to be posted to your 2014 giving record, they must meet one of three requirements: 1) The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31, 2014. 2) The contribution is dropped into the offering plate or delivered to the church office on or before December 31, 2014. 3) The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31, 2014.

The church office will be open December 22, 29 and 30, 2014 from 8:00am—3:30pm and December 31 from 8:00am—2:30pm to assist you with year-end giving matters. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the church office at 537-7002.

POINSETTIAS — Poinsettias that are placed in the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas have been purchased by the flower fund. If you would like to contribute to the flower fund in memory or honor of someone during this season, you can do so by calling or bringing your information to the church office.

THANK YOU — I would like to thank everyone who helped to make Operation Christmas Child a big success this year. Thanks to those who made boxes and to those who made donations This year we made a difference in the lives of 76 children. I appreciate everyone's help in making this possible. Jenny Keefe.

ADVENT CANDLES — We have several packs of Advent Candle Kits that were left over from several years ago. If you are interested in purchasing one of these kits please see Angie in the office, they are \$3.00 each and contain 3 purple and 1 pink candle.

ORGAN AND PIANO CHRISTMAS CONCERT — There will be an Organ and Piano Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 18, 2014. Two opportunities to enjoy (6pm-7pm), (7pm-8pm) or you may stay the whole two hours. This is a causal concert so please just come out and enjoy the music and the season.

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.

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.

"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 <u>new books</u> for 4th through 6th grade. These books will be given out in Chesterfield County.