

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

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 Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Parlor Reserved

Monday, December 8, 2014

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:30pm United Methodist Women (UMW) Christmas Party (Parlor)

Wednesday, December 10, 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 14 Bulletin Deadline

Friday, December 12, 2014

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

Sunday, December 14, 2014

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 3:00pm Community Choral Program (Sanctuary)
 5-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Fellowship Hall/Youth Hut)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Ellison Outen	Head Usher: Robert Calhoun
Lobby Door Greeters: Pete Owens, Ellison Outen	Hostess: Marsha Butler
Altar Guild: Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh	Acolyte: Lydia Lee
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Christy Ruffner	Cross Bearer: Alex Lee
Flowers Next Sunday: Poinsettia	McArn Item: Canned vegetables
Children's Church: Communion	Next Week's Lay Reader: Ruth Middleton
Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore	
Alternate Counter: Mary Burr	

Worship Attendance, Nov. 30—142; Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—153

FUMC STAFF

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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 7, 2014
2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 85:8a

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Let me hear what the Lord God says, **because he speaks peace to his people and to his faithful ones.**

***Hymn No. 384 in the Hymnal**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Beecher

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Rohde Family

Unison Prayer

Dr. McPherson

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Micki Lockey, Lay Reader

New Testament Lesson

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 885**

A Modern Affirmation

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Lay Reader

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 220 in the Hymnal**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Regent Square

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McPherson

Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

*Gospel Reading Mark 1: 1-8 Dr. McPherson

Sermon “Prepare the Way” Dr. McPherson

Observance of Holy Communion—Page No. 12 in the Hymnal

*Hymn No. 219 in the Hymnal “What Child Is This” Greensleeves
(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

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), Herb Foster Family, Scott Tomberlin. **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*

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING — The Church Council will meet this afternoon 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 9 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. We will have entertainment and please bring some Christmas goodies for everyone to enjoy. Our mission project is to bring items for the nursing homes in our area.

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—Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cabbage, fritters, fat back, dessert and tea.

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 new books for 4th through 6th grade. These books will be given out in Chesterfield County.