

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 21, 2014

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 4:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Caroling, anyone who would like to join us is welcome)
Bus Reserved

Monday, December 22, 2014

December 28 Bulletin Deadline by 9:00am

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

Office Closed Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

6:00pm Christmas Eve Service
Office Closed Christmas Holiday

Thursday, December 25, 2014

Office Closed Christmas Holiday

Friday, December 26, 2014

Office Closed Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 28, 2014

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Edyce Brasington	Head Usher: Robert Calhoun
Lobby Door Greeters: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas	Hostess: Marsha Butler
Altar Guild: Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh	Acolyte: Lydia Lee
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Jennifer Tomberlin	Cross Bearer: Alex Lee
Flowers Next Sunday: Poinsettias	McArn Item: Canned meats
Children's Church: Children's Musical	Next Week's Lay Reader: Jenny Keefe
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell	
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby	

Worship Attendance, Dec. 14—138; Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—173
 (included Genesis Service)

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 21, 2014
4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship **Isaiah 61: 10a** Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson
 I surely rejoice in the Lord, **My heart is joyful because of my God.**

***Hymn No. 240 in the Hymnal "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** Mendelssohn

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Kollitz Family

Unison Prayer Dr. McPherson
 O Lord, we come to you wearied and worn. We have climbed mountains of guilt, gone down twisted roads of sin that have led to nowhere. Our own sin and the guilt that it brings wear us down. We confess our sin and our need for your forgiveness in every aspect of our lives. Intervene with your grace and bring us your comfort and your peace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Old Testament Lesson **2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16** Eric Dusa, Lay Reader

***Gospel Lesson** **Luke 1: 26-38** Lay Reader

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

***The Gloria Patri** Lay Reader

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 219 in the Hymnal "What Child Is This"** Greensleeves

Offertory Prayer Dr. McPherson

Offertory “Do You Hear What I Hear”

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

Children’s Musical (*See Insert*)

***Benediction** Dr. McPherson

***Postlude**

Indicates where you should stand if you are able.

*The poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and
in memory of Allison Toole by Roger and Margaret Wolfe;
in honor of Ellison Outen’s 91st birthday from Flo and the family.*

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.

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.

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, Ruth Middleton, 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.

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.

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