



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

Did you know that the practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians? There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of seeking a fresh start and a new beginning. Most New Year's resolutions are commitments to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money more wisely, and to spend more time with family. By far, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating more healthily. These are all great goals to set. However, [1 Timothy 4:8](#) instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. [Philippians 4:13](#) tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." [John 15:5](#) declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success.

So, what sort of New Year's resolutions should you make? Here are some suggestions: (1) begin by praying to

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the Lord for wisdom ([James 1:5](#)) for goals to set (2) pray for discernment as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) seek to always give God the glory. Remember as [Psalm 37:5](#) says, "Commit everything you do to the LORD; trust in him and he will help you."

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

**New Year's Holiday, Office Closed
Thursday, January 1, 2015*

**UMW Circle #1, 10:00am,
in the Parlor, Tuesday, January 13*

**UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 13*

**J.O.Y. Club Lunch, 12:00noon,
Fellowship Hall, Thursday, January 15*

Operation Christmas Child Update and 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



Church Wide Covered Dish Lunch

A church wide covered dish lunch is being planned for Jan. 11, 2015 after worship service. Make plans to attend and fellowship with other church members!

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

Tis the season to be sneezin' and the preschool is full of sneezes and coughs! There has been a lot of sickness going around, and both children and staff have been affected. We are hoping that will all be gone with the new year.

That's not all the preschool is full of. We are full of children! We have no openings, and the waiting list is growing. There are currently 81 children enrolled.

With the cold tempera-

tures in January, we don't always get to spend time outside the walls of the preschool. Because of that, we are working on a field trip for the four year olds to Discovery Place Kids in Rockingham at the end of the month. They always have a great time there!

Happy New Year from all of us at the preschool!

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

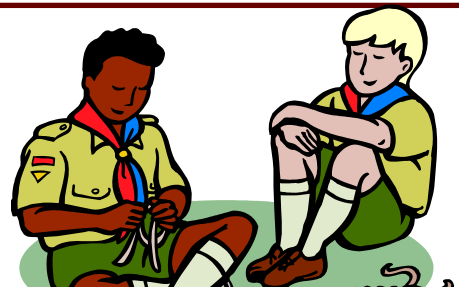
They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various

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

MYF does not plan on having a case of the “winter blues” here at First Church this winter season! The youth will kick off the New Year with a trip to Glade Springs Resort for a weekend retreat, and a day of skiing at Winter Place in West Virginia. We will leave January 2 and return January 4. On January 11 a special speaker will bring God’s word to us during our 11:00am worship service. His name is Josh Meadows, and if you would like to look him up online his address is joshmeadows.org. He is an evangelist, and a youth speaker, and so he will stay for the rest of the day and speak to our youth after lunch. We will

have a covered dish lunch on January 11 in the fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite dish and enjoy fellowship with other church members. The following Sunday we are planning to attend Winter Jam in Charlotte N.C. Skillet, Jeremy Camp, and New Song will perform, just to name a few. The next adventure for our youth will be Revolution in Columbia S.C which is Jan.30-Feb.1. The speaker is Jonathan McKee, and music by Royal Tailor. I am ready for awesome fellowship with each of you, and very excited to see how God works in each of us through each of these events.

Our kids have been working very diligently on the Christmas musical/skit. I am very proud of each of them. The kids group will not be left out on adventures!!! An outing is being planned for the month of February. But in the meantime we will resume our studies on missions, and missionaries, and continue working on Bible verses and “cool” crafts.

1 Peter 1:25, “...the word of the lord endures forever.”

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



Serving in January

Hostess

Kelly Dusa

Altar Guild

Sara Margaret Therrell

Head Usher

Anthony Harris

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Jayson Lewis (A) PJ McPherson (CB)

Greeters

Jan. 4 Betty Thrailkill

Jan. 11 M&M Heath Ruffner

Jan. 18 M&M David Rohde

Jan. 25 M&M Joey Mills

Lobby Door Greeters

Jan. 4 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Jan. 11 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Jan. 18 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Jan. 25 Herb Watts

Nursery

Jan. 4 Caroline Berry and Sally Smith

Jan. 11 Caroline Berry and Mary Charlotte Dusa

Jan. 18 Caroline Berry and Kim Williamson

Jan. 25 Caroline Berry and Rebekah Williams

Children's Church

Jan. 4 Communion

Jan. 11 Dee Dee Pickrel, Kathryn Johnson

Jan. 18 Laura Harris, Alynna Carabo

Jan. 25 Mary Lou Long, Mason Tomberlin

Lay Readers

Jan. 4 Eric Dusa

Jan. 11 Lib Norton

Jan. 18 Pam Baker

Jan. 25 Sammy Quick

Flower Calendar

Jan. 4 Communion

Jan. 11—25 OPEN

Counters

Jan. 4 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Jan. 11 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Jan. 18 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Jan. 25 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Jan. 4 Canned vegetables

Jan 11 Canned meats

Jan. 18 Dry goods

Jan. 25 Baby items and food

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.



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

February Newsletter Deadline

Friday, January 23, 2015

In Memory of Herbert Foster

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Charles W. Davis, III, M&M Steve Barbour, Jerry Carter, FUMC Fred and Lorraine Harris SS Class, M&M Herbert Watts, M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Tavener Threatte, Jim Bennett, M&M Mickey Sullivan

In Memory of Jack Edwards

M&M Herbert Watts

In Memory of Allison Toole

M&M Roger Wolfe

In Memory of Roy Smith

M&M Mickey Sullivan

In Memory of Sara, Billy & Bill Burch

M&M Larry Spears

In Honor of Ellison Outen's 91st birthday

Flo and Family

Thank You

A special thank you to the individuals who gave to the staff Christmas gift, it was very appreciated. Also to those who gave individual gifts and to the

UMM for the ham, I thank you so much.

I am so grateful and blessed to be able to work at FUMC and

have such a great church family here as well as my own home church.

Love, Angie Smith

Sunday School and Worship Perfect Attendance for November

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Norma Cobb, Jimmy Duffy, Judy Jones, Curtis Jones, Syble Sanderson, Scott Eddins, Ashton Becker, Nancy Wagon, Todd Becker, Hollis Dusa, Sawyer Becker, Jane Campbell, Carole Hennessee, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Sarah M. Therrell, Linda Smith, Flo Outen, Sara Jefferies Calhoun, Bonnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Brant Thompson, Becky Thompson, Amy Lewis, Susan Eschenfelder, Ruth Ann Jones, Ellison Outen, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Pete Owens, Robert Calhoun, Jim Bennett, Roger Wolfe, Joey Mills, Shane Robertson

WORSHIP

Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, James Bennett, Jay Brooks, Robert Calhoun, Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Jane Campbell, Jerry Carter, Charlotte Crosby, Walter Crosby, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Ruth Ann Jones, Amy Lewis, Micki Lockey, Mary Lou Long, Jane Mayhew, Thomas McKinnon, Sharon McKinnon, JoAnne Morgan, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Sammy Quick, Greg Sanderson, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears, Sarah Margaret

Therrell, Jerry Turner, Nancy Wagon





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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 30

Michelle Bellaiche, Ok Yo Chang,
Kevin Chapman, Amy Duvall,
Hunter Lee

December 7

Alice Calhoun, Ginger Caughman,
Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, John
Folger, Laura Folger, Lucille Gray

December 14

Gloria Chapman, Mimi Coffey,
Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson,
Kay Graner, Kiersten Shepard

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Hollis Dusa
Jan. 4 Reagan Freeman
Jan. 5 Jeffery Johnson, Margaret Wolfe
Jan. 12 Jerry Carter
Jan. 13 Kurt McPherson
Jan. 14 Zachary Carabo
Jan. 15 Sara Wicker
Jan. 17 JoAnne Morgan
Jan. 20 Shellie Stanton, Kay VanDeman, Anne Townsend, Carolyn Wallace
Jan. 21 Kaitlyn Nicole Freeman, Abbey Pickrel
Jan. 22 Mary Kathryn Wagnon, Rhett Butler
Jan. 24 Britt Baxley, Aidan Freeman

Jan. 25 Kate Wilson Kollitz

Jan. 28 Austin Newton

Jan. 29 Sally Smith

Jan. 31 Becky Moore

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 7 M&M James Joplin

Jan. 9 M&M Harold Lomas

Jan. 26 M&M Steven Humphries

Jan. 28 M&M Tavener Threatte



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

January Calendar

Thursday, January 1, 2015

Office closed New Year Holiday

Friday, January 2, 2015

Angie Vacation Day

Sunday, January 4, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

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, January 11 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

UMYF Winter Jam \$15 deposit due

Sunday, January 11, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 12, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor

UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

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, January 18 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, January 15, 2015

J.O.Y Club Lunch, 12noon, Fellowship Hall

UMYF Revolution \$20 deposit due

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), Winter Jam Concert, Charlotte

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 19, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

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, January 25 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Friday, January 23, 2014

February Newsletter Deadline, 12noon

Sunday, January 25, 2014

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 26, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Genesis Band Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

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, February 1 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Friday, January 30—February 1, 2015

UMYF Revolution, Columbia