

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, January 25, 2015

8:45am Genesis
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 12:00pm Handbell Meeting (Front of church with Shane)
 5:00pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

Monday, January 26, 2015

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Boy Scout Hut)
 7:00pm Pre-School Board Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

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)
February 1 Bulletin Deadline

Friday, January 30 — February 1, 2015

Bus Reserved (Youth Revolution)

Sunday, February 1, 2015

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Joey Mills
Lobby Door Greeter: Herb Watts
Altar Guild: Sara Margaret Therrell
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Rebekah Williams
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Children's Church: Mary Lou Long, Mason Tomberlin
Next Week's Lay Reader: Sara M. Therrell
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Head Usher: Anthony Harris
Hostess: Kelly Dusa
Acolyte: Jayson Lewis
Cross Bearer: PJ McPherson
McArn Item: Baby items and food

Worship Attendance, Jan 18 —138;
Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—Genesis Service 57, Worship Service 112, Total 167

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.

January 25, 2015
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 65: 6-7

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Only God is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold! I will not be shaken. **My deliverance and glory depend on God. God is my strong rock. My refuge is in God.**

***Hymn No. 575 in the Hymnal**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

St. Gertrude

Responsive Prayer

Dr. McPherson

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Sammy Quick, Lay Reader

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 1: 14-20

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 374 in the Hymnal**

“Standing on the Promises”

Promises

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McPherson

Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Old Testament Reading **Jonah 3: 1-5, 10** Dr. McPherson

Sermon “40 Days” Dr. McPherson

*Hymn No. 369 in the Hymnal “Blessed Assurance” Assurance

*Benediction Dr. McPherson

*Postlude

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

The greenery is given to the glory of God.

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 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, Scott Tomberlin, Ed Davidson, Robert Kimrey Family, Melanie Rollings, Logan, Gary & Lacy Gause (Friends of Dee Dee Pickrel), Phyllis Tietze (Kristina Allen’s mother), Christy Marsh (Emily Marsh’s daughter). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

HANDBELLS — If you are interested in playing handbells, please meet with Shane at the end of the service at the front of the church.

EASTER MUSIC — The Choir will begin rehearsing Easter music on February 11 at 7:30pm in the Choir Room. Anyone interested is encouraged to participate.

SYMPATHY — First Church extends its sympathy to Mrs. Betty Thrailkill on the death of her sister, Florene Semken.

ADDRESS — Mrs. Mary Blanche Laney is staying with her daughter in Pawleys Island and is not doing very well. If you would like to send her a card, please send to the following address: Mary Blanche Laney, c/o Corry Hudson, 381A DA’Gullah Way, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

NEW HOPE SALKEHATCHIE FUNDRAISER — In an effort to raise funds for New Hope Salkehatchie youth summer camp, there will be a BBQ fundraiser on Friday, January 30 at Friendship UMC in Chesterfield. You may eat in or take out from 11:00 until. We will deliver to your business at the time you request. The menu will be BBQ pork, slaw, rice & BBQ hash, bread and dessert. Plates will be \$7.00 we will collect the money when plates are delivered. Please call Debbie McLain at 623-6298 for more information.

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

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.

2015 OFFICERS LIST — Copies of the 2015 Officers list have been placed on the table in the lobby by the office. Feel free to pick up a copy.

THE MOUNTAINTOP — The Cheraw Arts Commission brings *The Mountaintop* to Cheraw during February. The play performed by Pure Theatre of Charleston will be presented on Friday, February 6 at 7pm at the Theatre on the Green. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and can be purchased at the Cheraw Community Center. *The Mountaintop* is a play by American playwright Katori Hall. It is a fictional depiction of the Rev. Martin Luther King’s last night on earth set entirely in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel on the eve of his assassination on April 4, 1968. After delivering one of his most memorable speeches, an exhausted Dr. King retires to his room at the Lorraine Motel while a storm rages outside.

INCLEMENT WEATHER — In case of inclement weather, the church office operates on the same schedule as the Chesterfield County School District.

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 chicken, wild rice and gravy, butter beans, fat back, biscuits, dessert and tea.