



# THE CONNECTION

## Kurt's Corner

I am eagerly looking forward to Easter Sunday. Most people are aware of why we celebrate Easter and will try their best to be in church on that special Sunday dressed in their finest clothes. However, I believe many people are unsure what a Maundy Thursday service is all about, and even fewer will attend this extremely essential moment of Holy Week.

This Holy Thursday service, as it is also called, is a night in which Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. It recalls when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the new commandment (*mandatum novum* in Latin) Jesus gave the disciples in John 13:34 – to love one another. Many churches incorporate a footwashing service as part of the worship (we will not) and observe the Lord's Supper (we will).

We will also observe the ancient practice of stripping the altar and sanctuary following Holy Communion. This is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of Jesus' long night in Gethsemane and what followed. Designated individuals will quietly remove the paraments and carry them from the sanctuary. Lastly, someone will reenact the sound of the

pounding of nails. It is all quite moving, emo-

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tionally charged and thought-provoking.

I hope you will consider attending our Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. I think you will find it to be a very meaningful time of worship that recalls Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for us.

In Christ,  
Kurt

### Our Staff

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### COMING UP

*\*UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall, Sunday, April 12*

*\*UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Home of Pal Moore, Tuesday, April 14*

*\*UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm Tuesday, April 14*

*\*J.O.Y. Club Lunch, 12:00noon, Fellowship Hall, Thursday, April 16*

*\*Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall, Sunday, April 26*

## Merciless Methodists

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We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2015 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, May 1 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$145,000. What's your life worth? How can you help?

1) We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church

office but mark **RELAY**. 2) We need slaw, chili, and chopped onions for Friday, May 1 — advise Jim Bennett if you can furnish any of these items. 3) We need you to buy **lots** of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love.

If you would like to join our team or make an online donation, you may do so by going to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and put "Merciless Methodists" in the team search box.

## Congratulations

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*Congratulations to John and Rachel Adams on the birth of their son, Braxton Taylor. Braxton was born on Friday, March 13 and weighed 7lbs 3oz.*

*Proud grandparents are George and Debbie Adams.*

## From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

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We have a busy month scheduled for the preschool children in April. The children will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt on April 1<sup>st</sup>. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will host a magic show by Philip & Henry. Faith Christian Academy and St. David's Preschool will join us. On April 29<sup>th</sup> the four year old class will go to McLeod Farms to pick strawberries. They will hear a story, have a wagon ride, pick berries, eat ice cream and have a picnic lunch.

All of our classes are

full, and our waiting list for several classes is long. We will soon be moving children up and will have some openings in the nursery.

We have a lot of fun decorating the walls of the school with eggs and bunnies. We love hunting eggs and eating candy. All of that is exciting for the children, but let's not forget the real reason for Easter. Let's teach our children about the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season.



Have a blessed month!

In His Service,  
*Mimi Coffey*

## What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

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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

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Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

## Salkehatchie

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It is time to register for Salkehatchie Summer Service 2015!! This year's registration will be completed online, and the site is now ready for you to register. The cost has gone up to \$230 this year. Full payment is due upon registration. You must have your own

valid email address and a password. Access to Salkehatchie registration is at Salkehatchie.org. You will need to have a photo, medical insurance card, and medical information handy. The photo and card will need to be scanned into the registration. It will be possi-

ble to complete one part at one time and go back to complete the rest at a later time. You must complete your registration before your request will be sent to the Camp Director of your camp selection. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Adams at 623-4153.

## One Million Books

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The million book drive is an ongoing project. A box is outside the church office for you to place your new books. There are 140 children in Head Start, we want to collect enough books to give to each of these chil-

dren. Please bring your books and put them in the box.

*140 books needed*

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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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*

## From the Director of Children and Youth

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We can all be VERY proud here at First Church at the love, care, and concern the kids showed the residents at Cheraw Health Care a couple of weeks ago. They passed out cards they had made, as well as fresh flowers. I would also like to thank Jean McLean for being our chaperone.

The kids will soon dress up in robes and we will reenact the Lord's Supper. I am looking very forward to this! ----- During one of our recent meetings we made prayer cloths to send to different individuals who are sick or in need of a spiritual lift. We plan to deliver the cloths in person, but some of the cloths will be mailed, since some of the recipients live in another town (the kids have made their own list of who they wish to give the cloths to). We will have a session where we will pray over each cloth before they are sent out.

Another thank you goes to Jean McLean, who stitched around the sides of the material I had, so the cloths look very nice. Thank you, Jean!

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Please come, and feel free to bring a friend! Grandparents, if you have a grandchild or other relatives in town who would enjoy this event, PLEASE COME! The kids are also planning to sing a couple of songs on Easter Sun-

day, so get ready to feel the SPIRIT!

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The youth will have a booth at the Spring Festival selling "Threads of Hope Bracelets", BBQ sandwiches, and baked goods. We will have the bracelets for a couple of days after the festival if any of you do not get to purchase one, or some, at the festival! Please come by!!!

The youth are working very hard on Youth Sunday. This will be April 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone will attend on this day. Everyone will want to see how the Lord is working through our youth.

Please do not forget to put April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, on your calendars. "The Hinson Girls" will perform here at FUMC in the sanctuary. They perform for all age groups; you will not want to miss this. They play their own instruments and write a lot of their own songs. There is no charge, so please attend and bring a friend. They will perform 45 minutes to an hour. The Lord works through people in different ways, and He has definitely blessed these girls with an amazing talent. We will serve desserts in the fellowship hall after the program. Please come!

I would like to thank Julia Tucker, Kay VanDeman, and Marsha Butler for volunteering

and serving MYF supper a couple of weeks ago. THANK YOU! Churches are stronger when all generations work together!

In Christ's love, Sara

*"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25*

## Sound System Operation

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Sound System operation and maintenance has been assigned to the Worship Committee by the Church Council as of March 16, 2015. We need more volunteers to help monitor the system during the Sunday services. We are looking for people who are

somewhat technologically savvy and you will have a special training class. Please contact Cheryl Postlewait at 537-6552.

## Remember our Homebound

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**CONVALESCENT CENTER** (Eddie Stubbs, Frances Laney, Sis Funderburk)  
1150 State 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



## Thank You Notes

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I would like to say thank you to my church family for all the cards, prayers and concern during my illness.

*Zenda Rushing*

The Tomberlin family would like to say "Thank You" for all the love, support, cards, food, money and most of all the prayers. God has worked a miracle of healing for Scott and our family. Please continue to pray that God's

healing will continue. We will return to Duke soon for on-going results. We love each of you and thank God for our church family.

## Scouting at First Church

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### **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*



## Serving in April

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### Hostess

Carole Hennessee

### Altar Guild

Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing

### Head Usher

Jeff Johnson

### Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Leighton Becker (A) Alayna Carabo (CB)

### Greeters

April 5 M&M Jimmie Williamson

April 12 M&M Manuel Assef

April 19 Chuck Barber & Beth Barber

April 26 M&M Jeff Johnson

### Lobby Door Greeters

April 5 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

April 12 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

April 19 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

April 26 Jerry Therrll, Jerry Carter

### Nursery

April 5 Caroline Berry and Michelle Rohde

April 12 Caroline Berry and Dee Dee Pickrel

April 19 Caroline Berry and Amanda Carabo

April 26 Caroline Berry and Erika Kollitz

### Children's Church

April 5 Easter Sunday

April 12 Youth Sunday

April 19 Sara Sanderson & Leighton Becker

April 26 Dee Dee Pickrel and Hannah Leach

### Lay Readers

April 5 Ruth Middleton

April 12 Ray Crouse

April 19 Jenny Keefe

April 26 Jim Bennett

### Flower Calendar

April 5 Easter

April 12 Hammonds/McLean Wedding

April 19 Traynham Estate

April 26 OPEN

### Counters

April 5 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

April 12 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

April 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

April 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

### McArn Items

April 5 Peanut Butter & Jelly

April 12 Dry items

April 19 Kool-Aid and other drink mixes

April 26 Baby items

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## 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.



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## 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

## May Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

### ***In Memory of Bill Eutsler***

M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Jack VanDeman, M&M Rhett Butler, FUMC United Methodist Women, M&M John Wagnon, M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Steve Humphries, Syble Sanderson, M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Fisher DeBerry, Janet Grater, M&M Richard Laney

### ***In Memory of Ed Davidson***

M&M Robert Calhoun, Rev. & Mrs. Paul Wood, Susan Davidson & Family, Dr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Hearon, III., M&M Jack VanDeman, M&M Rhett Butler, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Davis, FUMC United Methodist Women, Lib Norton, M&M John Wagnon, M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Steve Humphries, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Jim Crawford, FUMC Fred & Lorraine Harris SS Class, M&M Tavener Threatte, M&M Ellison Outen, Syble Sanderson, M&M Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter, M&M Jeff Johnson

### ***In Memory of Sara Cook***

FUMC United Methodist Women, Faculty and Staff of Summerville Elementary School, Lib Norton, M&M Doug Marsh

### ***In Memory of Mary "Butch" Laney***

FUMC United Methodist Women, M&M Jim Crawford, Syble Sanderson

### ***In Memory of Herb Foster***

M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Jack VanDeman, FUMC United Methodist Women, Lib Norton, Syble Sanderson, The Estate of John K. Edwards

### ***In Memory of Jack Edwards***

FUMC United Methodist Women

### ***In Memory of Donnie Baker***

Lib Norton

### ***In Memory of Robert Kimrey***

M&M Jack VanDeman, FUMC United Methodist Women, Lib Norton, M&M George Morgan

### ***In Memory of Pat Gaddy***

Lib Norton

### ***In Honor of Betty Canipe***

Clay & Cindy Williams

### ***In Honor of Rev. David Townsend***

Susan Davidson & Family

### ***In Honor of Dr. Kurt McPherson***

Susan Davidson & Family

## Perfect Attendance

### **ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sawyer Becker, Carole Hennessee, Mary Burr, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Sara M. Therrell.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (March)**

Ruth Ann Jones, Julia Tucker, Margaret Wolfe, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, John Moore, Dee Dee Pickrel, Michelle Rohde, Curtis Jones, Cherly Postlewait, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, David Townsend, Ellison Outen, Keith Smith, Jerry Turner, Jerry Carter, Pete Owens, Harold Lomas, Herbert Watts, Mary Lou Long, Jim Bennett, Manfred Kollitz, Roger Wolfe, David Rohde, Scott Eddins, Jacob Rohde, Ashton Becker, Jacquelyn Tomberlin

### **WORSHIP (March)**

Debbie Adams, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jim Bennett, Jerry Carter, Ok Yo Chang, Greer Eddins, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Ruth Ann Jones, Henrietta Kollitz, Manfred Kollitz, Harold Lomas, John Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Cheryl Postlewait, Michelle Rohde, Syble Sanderson, Keith Smith, Bobby Spears, Sarah M. Therrell, David Townsend, Jerry Turner, John Wagnon, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe





## Our Visitors

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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](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org)

#### March 1

Drew Copeland, Lily James, Christie, Jack McLeod, Sallie McLeod.

#### March 8

David Bennett, Mel Bennett, Ava Branham, Lily Branham, Billy Cassidy, Susan Cassidy, Ok Yo Chang, George Furr, Lucille Gray, Chappel Hurst, Kiersten Shepard, Michael White.

#### March 15

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Lucille Gray, Alison Hoban, Angela Holliday, Keyshawn Melton, Chandler Norris, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel.

#### March 22

Barbara Eutsler, William Eutsler, Jr., Hunter Lee, Thomas Samuel, Kiersten Shepard, Elizabeth Townsend, Nolan Townsend

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

### BIRTHDAYS

April 4 Kayla Buffington Hearl  
April 5 Brant Thompson  
April 6 W.K. (Keith) Smith, Jim Bennett  
April 9 Becky Thompson  
April 10 Anthony Harris, Steven Humphries  
April 13 Jensen Tomberlin  
April 18 Laura Harris  
April 19 Lindsey Sanderson, Amanda Carabo  
April 22 Sarah Miles, Mary Lomas  
April 23 Michelle Kessler  
April 29 Marianne Crawford  
April 30 Walter Crosby, Jim Crawford, IV.

### ANNIVERSARIES

April 8 M&M Peter Swarr  
April 13 M&M Paul Miles  
April 17 M&M Todd Becker  
April 23 M&M Jerry Turner  
April 24 M&M John Sanderson  
April 26 M&M Jim Crawford, III, M&M David Tucker



*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary*



# April Calendar

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## **Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm,  
Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

WATF Youth Activities, 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, April 8 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Saturday, April 4, 2015**

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00am

## **Sunday, April 5, 2015**

Easter Service, 6:30am, Sanctuary

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

## **Monday, April 6, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm,  
Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

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, April 12 Bulletin Deadline,  
12:00pm

## **Friday and Saturday, April 10&11, 2015**

McLean/Hammond Wedding

## **Sunday, April 12, 2015**

United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast,  
8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am (Youth Sunday)

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

## **Monday, April 13, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, April 14, 2015**

United Methodist Women Circle #1,  
10:00am, Home of Pal Moore.

United Methodist Women Circle #3, 7:00pm

## **Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm,  
Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, April 19 Bulletin Deadline  
12:00pm.

## **Thursday, April 16, 2014**

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

## **Friday, April 17, 2015**

Preschool Magic Show, 8:00am, Fellowship  
Hall

## **Friday & Saturday, April 17 & 18, 2015**

Mills/Eddins Wedding

## **Sunday, April 19, 2014**

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Hinson Girls Concert, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

## **Monday, April 20, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm,  
Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

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, April 26 Bulletin Deadline,  
12:00pm

*May Newsletter Deadline*

## **Saturday, April 25, 2015**

*Fellowship Hall Reserved*

## **Sunday, April 26, 2015**

Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

## **Monday, April 27, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm,  
Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

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, May 3 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm