



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

First, I want to thank everyone for the generous gifts given to me, my family, and the church staff this Christmas season. We are all very appreciative of the generosity and blessings shared by this church and its members.

Second, the Lenten season begins this month. Please mark your calendars for February 18th for our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. You may also want to come and be part of the

Lenten Lunches every Wednesday at 12:00 noon during Lent held at First Baptist Church. I will be speaking on March 4th.

Third, please plan on joining us for our next Genesis service on February 22nd at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It is a great time of food, fellowship, and worship in an informal atmosphere with great contemporary Christian music.

Finally, we have five confirmands this year that will be traveling with me to Lake

"...the Lenten season begins this month."

Junaluska for a weekend retreat at the end of the month. Please be in prayer for Leighton Becker, Greer Bennett, Lawton Harris, Margaret Jean Harris, and PJ McPherson as they mark this significant event in their faith journey.

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

**UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 8*

**UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor, Tuesday,
February 10*

**UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm Tuesday, February 10*

**Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary,
Wednesday, February 18,*

**J.O.Y. Club Lunch, 12:00noon,
Fellowship Hall, Thursday, February 19*

**Sweetheart Banquet, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall,
Friday, February 20*

From the Director of Music

Barbara Dickson and I would like to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed the Christmas music on December 18th. We truly enjoyed working together and playing the musical arrangements. We were very encouraged by the turn out of the community. Wow! What a wonderful Christmas Eve service we had here at FUMC. I had the privilege of playing Christmas duets

with Tyler Goodwin for the prelude, and he also played along during communion. It was a pleasure working with yet another talented musician. We are very blessed at FUMC with musical talent.

The choir has done an excellent job of leading us in worship. They are a very hard working and committed group of people. They are encourag-

ing and supportive, and I look forward to our time together on Wednesday evenings. For those of you who are interested in joining the choir we meet at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights.

—Shane

Sweetheart Banquet

The Sweetheart Banquet this year will be on Friday, February 20 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend this special event.



From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

Everything is coming up roses at the Preschool as Valentine's Day approaches, and the children are working on their crafts. If you haven't had an opportunity to walk through and see their handiwork, please take time to do so. The teachers and students are very creative.

We have been so thankful for a few sunny, warm days. The children and teachers love going outside to play. Playing inside just doesn't compare! We are working on cleaning up the playground and making it look nicer by purchasing bins

to keep the toys in when not in use. The children will be able to get the toys they want to play with out of the bins and put them back when done.

The four year old class will be attending the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus on February 12th at the Florence Civic Center. They are looking forward to this exciting field trip.

The Nursery and Pre-school have stayed full for several months. There has been some turnover, but there are no openings at this time. Each classroom is full of sweet,



lovable children. Come see us and let them steal your heart!

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

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Grounds Upkeep Fund
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler,

Thank You

I would like to give special thanks to Cheryl Postlewait for all she does for our church,

and for the kids and youth groups. Cheryl has a huge heart, and it is filled with love

for the Lord. We are very blessed.

—Sara Sanderson

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

*These books will be given out in
Chesterfield County*

Chesterfield County.

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

I would like to bring attention to the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary. I have placed new pictures of our busy kids here at First Church. And I do mean busy. These kids play football, soccer, dance, etc. but they each take the time to come to our great facilities and learn more about their Savior. I enjoy speaking with them, but my favorite thing is listening to each of them pray. Their prayers are straight from the heart. I do learn a lot from each one. I encourage each of you to speak with the kids about their faith. I think you will be surprised at the depth of the conversation.

We are working on a time for a field trip for the kids during the month of February, so please watch for announcements about this event in the weekly bulletin.

Also, Cheryl Postlewait has volunteered to come and do a special project with the kids on Ash Wednesday. I am very excited about this! As we all know, Cheryl is very talented, and we are so blessed she shares her talents with us!

Our youth group has been very busy! Please watch for some interesting pictures of each of them, which will soon be hung on the walls leading to the sanctuary. The youth group will be attending "Hearts on Fire" in Charleston February 13-14. I pray that each of us will grow in our Lord and Savior during this awesome weekend. We are currently getting ready for Youth Sunday, and studying about David from the Old Testament. Other activities the youth will be involved in during the month of February are

serving at the annual Valentine Banquet, and Cheryl Postlewait will work with the youth on a project Ash Wednesday, as well.

Thank you, Cheryl!!!

I am very excited about each of the upcoming events and studies. The Lord teaches me new things each and every day, and I thank Him for loving me so much.

In Christ's Love, Sara

Psalm 56: 9-11, "...This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, In the Lord, whose word I praise, In God have put my trust..."

Remember our Homebound

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



Serving in February

Hostess

Flo Outen

Altar Guild

Amy Lewis

Head Usher

Keith Smith

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Jacob Rohde(A) Kathryn Johnson (CB)

Greeters

Feb. 1 M&M Jim Crawford

Feb. 8 M&M Rhett Butler

Feb. 15 M&M Chase Watson

Feb. 22 M&M Walter Crosby

Lobby Door Greeters

Feb. 1 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Feb. 8 Jerry Turner, CC Quick

Feb. 15 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Feb. 22 Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell

Nursery

Feb. 1 Caroline Berry and Jean McLean

Feb. 8 Caroline Berry and Alayna Carabo

Feb. 15 Caroline Berry and Christy Ruffner

Feb. 22 Caroline Berry and Lesley Jean Watson

Children's Church

Feb. 1 Sara Sanderson & Austin Sanderson

Feb. 8 Dee Dee Pickrel & Leighton Becker

Feb. 15 Jeff Kollitz & Mary-Charlotte Dusa

Feb. 22 Amy Lewis & Sarah Allen

Lay Readers

Feb. 1 Sara M. Therrell

Feb. 8 Greg Sanderson

Feb. 15 Susan Marsh

Feb. 22 Shannon Johnson

Flower Calendar

Feb. 1—Feb. 22 OPEN

Counters

Feb. 1 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Feb. 8 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Feb. 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Feb. 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Feb. 1 Cereals

Feb. 8 Canned vegetables

Feb. 15 Canned spaghetti and ravioli

Feb. 22 Canned meats

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.



Update on our Hospital Ministry

This is going very well. They were very excited about this ministry at the hospital. There is not another ministry like it there, so it was very welcomed. Thank you to all of you who donated items.

Here is a list of items we will need to keep in stock, for this ministry to continue: **Hand Cream, Mouth Wash, Note Pads, Good Pens, Devotion Books, Lip Balm, Small Pack of Tissue, Candy Bars, Crackers, Hand Sanitizer, Mints, and Emery Boards.** Thank you for all you do.

—Sara Sanderson

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

March Newsletter Deadline

Friday, February 20, 2015

In Memory of Herbert Foster

M&M Pete Baker, Allianne & Howard Duvall

In Memory of Jack Edwards

M&M Pete Baker, M&M Jeff Johnson

In Memory of Robert Kimrey

Nell & Preston Huntley, Charles & Coles Jackson, M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Willard Page, Raymond & B.S. Babb

In Memory of Charles Bassford

FUMC Fred & Lorraine Harris SS Class

In Memory of Ted Coggeshall

Jim Bennett, M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Bobby McRae

Jim Bennett

In Memory of Larry Davis

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Vera Meadows

M&M Keith Smith

In Honor of Lib Norton's birthday

Ruth Ann Jones, M&M Jerry Therrell

In Honor of Ellison & Flo Outen

M&M Bill Caughman

Worship Perfect Attendance for January

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday School perfect attendance sheets have not been received yet. Will post these next month.

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Ashton Becker, Todd Becker, Sawyer Becker, Jim Bennett, Jay Brooks, Theodore Burns, Mary Burr, Jerry Carter, Norma Cobb, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Susan Eschenfelder, Gail Eubanks, Sam Eubanks, Susan Furr, Ruth Ann Jones, Amy Lewis, Mary Lou Long, Sharon McKinnon, Kurt McPherson, Lillie McPherson, P.J. McPherson, Sophie McPherson, Paul Miles, Joey Mills, Trina Mills, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Pete Owens, Vin-

cent Prevatte, Edith Quick, Sammy Quick, Kim Roddy, David Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Greg Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Keith Stubbs, Sarah M. Therrell, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.





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We're on the Web!
www.cherawfirstumc.org

Our Visitors

December 21

Ok Yo Chang, Lisa Chishium, Dawn Coker, Marie Davidson, Susan Davidson, Tom Davidson, Amy Duvall, Sandra Freeman, Lucille Gray, Lawrence Hammonds, Chappell Hurst, Johnnie Johnson, Linda Johnson, Mary Johnson, Jennifer Rayfield, Jessica Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Phillip Shepard, Daniel Thrailkill, Angie Thurman, Leah Thurman, Mary-Kaitlin Thurman

December 28

David Bennett, Graham Bennett, Hayes Bennett, Jeb Bennett, Mel Bennett, Ok Yo Chang, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, George Furr, Hayden Keeney, Alison Vance Line, Becky Sides, Dick Young, Jean Young

Drew Copeland, Marla Eddins, Emma Cate Eubanks, Catherine Henderson

January 11

Ok Yo Chang, Kevin Chapman, Leon Chestnut, Nancy Chestnut, Alyssa Edwards, George Furr, Hunter Lee, Josh Meadows, Thomas Samuel

January 18

Lily Branham, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copelan, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, George Furr, Lucille Gray, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Alex Stripling, Susan Stripling, Gloria Williams

January 25

Michelle Bellaiche, Ok Yo Chang, Kevin Chapman, Carol Crouse, Coke Goodwin, Dot Goodwin, Angela Holliday, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Becky Sides

January 4

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 3 Elizabeth Calhoun Swarr
Feb. 4 John Moore
Feb. 6 Susan Allen
Feb. 7 Bryan M. Crawford, Cameron Crouse
Feb. 9 Ernie Hancock, Alex Lee
Feb. 10 Francis M. Laney
Feb. 14 Jimmy Duffy
Feb. 16 Shellie Mears
Feb. 17 Jake Williamson, Sammy Quick
Feb. 18 Keith Stubbs, John Sanderson
Feb. 23 Brianna Houser
Feb. 24 Scott Tomberlin
Feb. 25 Taverner Threatte
Feb. 28 Will Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 14 M&M David Hearl (Kayla Buffington)
Feb. 16 M&M Jackson Rushing



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

February Calendar

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Youth return from Revolution Trip (Bus Reserved)

Monday, February 2, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Hearts on Fire Deposit due by noon

Wednesday, February 4, 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 8 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, February 8, 2015

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Monday, February 9, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor

UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 11, 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 15 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Friday & Saturday, February 13 & 14, 2015

Youth Hearts on Fire Tour, Bus Reserved

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Monday, February 16, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

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

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, February 22 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Thursday, February 19, 2014

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

Sweetheart Banquet setup, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 20, 2014

Sweetheart Banquet, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

March Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, February 21, 2014

Parlor Reserved

Sunday, February 22, 2014

Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

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

Monday, February 23, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, February 25, 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, March 1 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm