

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, February 22, 2015

8:45am Genesis Service (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, February 23, 2015

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Boy Scout Hut)

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

5:30pm Children's Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

4:30pm WATF Kids and Youth Activities with Cheryl Postlewait (Fellowship Hall)
 5:30pm WATF Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm WATF Adult Study (Fellowship Hall)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
March 1 Bulletin Deadline

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 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Walter Crosby
Lobby Door Greeter: Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell
Altar Guild: Amy Lewis
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Lesley Jean Watson
Flowers Next Sunday: LENT
Children's Church: Amy Lewis & Sarah Allen
Next Week's Lay Reader: Joey Mills
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Worship Attendance, Feb. 15 —128; Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—147

FUMC STAFF

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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.

*February 22, 2015
 First Sunday in Lent*

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 25: 8

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

The Lord is good and does the right thing; **he teaches sinners which way they should go.**

***Hymn No. 110 in the Hymnal**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' Feste Burg

Unison Prayer

Dr. McPherson

O merciful God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, our selves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than sensitivity and service. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with the persons you have called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate Redeemer, and grant us the opportunity to start over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes of the past or from new evils that could mislead or destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. Amen.

Observance of Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

Shannon Johnson, Lay Reader

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 1: 9-15

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 887**

Affirmation from Romans 8

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

*Hymn No. 703 in the Hymnal	“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”	Swing Low
Offertory Prayer		Dr. McPherson
Offertory		
*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		
*Doxology No. 95	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	Old 100th
Scripture Reading	Malachi 3: 6-15	Dr. McPherson
Sermon	“Harsh Words”	Dr. McPherson
*Hymn No. 301 in the Hymnal	“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”	Near the Cross
*Benediction		Dr. McPherson
*Postlude		

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

Historically the church does not use flowers during Lent. The bare branches placed on the altar represent the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on the cross.

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, Logan, Gary & Lacy Gause (Friends of Dee Dee Pickrel), DeAnna Starling, Phyllis Tietze (Kristina Allen’s mother), Christy Marsh (Emily Marsh’s daughter), Cynthia Brooks Nolan (Sally Smith’s friend), Dr. Ronald Hampton (Lib Norton’s friend), Bill Eutsler Family, Olivia Moll (Debbie Adams’ friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST — Today we have a very special musical guest. Please welcome Dr. Gena E. Poovey to First United Methodist Church this morning. Dr. Poovey is Professor of Music at Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina where she teaches applied voice, choral ensembles, and music education. She has earned degrees from Pfeiffer University, Southern Methodist University, and The University of South Carolina.

BLOOD DRIVE — The Red Cross will have a blood drive here at First Church on Monday, March 9 from 2:00—7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up please call the church office or go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

SYMPATHY — We extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Bill Eutsler.

UPDATE ON OUR HOSPITAL MINISTRY — This ministry 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 who donated items. Please leave any items you wish to donate in the church office. Here is a list of items we will need to keep in stock for this ministry to continue: Hand cream, mouthwash, 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

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. There are 140 children in Head Start, we want to collect enough books to give to each of these children. Please bring your books and put them in the box.

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 — Roast, rice and gravy, string beans, fat back, rolls, dessert and tea.