



# THE CONNECTION

## Kurt's Corner

Some people wonder why we observe Lent. Perhaps it is because people are always searching for something more. We become tired of always being on the go. Our lives lack direction, purpose, or passion. We get caught up in the everyday drama of school, relationships, family, and work. Our lives become filled with distractions that take us away from living a life focused on Jesus Christ. We attempt to fill the empty void inside of us with television shows, meaningless banter, too many activities or other irrelevant stuff. We find ourselves running away from our very own lives and from God.

The Lenten season is truly a great time to "repent." It is a time to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a forty day period of changing our lifestyles and letting God change our hearts. Many people do this by fasting, service,

and prayer. Here are some of the top ways you might observe the Lenten season as suggested by *The Upper Room* website:

**10. Try an electronic fast.**

Give up TV, Guitar Hero, texting, tweeting, e-mail, and all things electronic for one day every week or every day of Lent. Use the time to read and pray.

**9. Start a prayer rhythm.**

Say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your e-mail, or text someone.

**8. Read one chapter in the Bible each day.**

(Matthew's a good book to start with. Psalms, too.)

**7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)**

**6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea, or coffee.**

Give the money you save to help folks in Haiti or others in crisis.

**5. Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 30 minutes a day in silence and prayer.

**4. Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many

people have helped you along the way.

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**3. Be kind to someone each day.**

**2. Pray for others you see** as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.

**1. Volunteer one hour or more each week** with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry, or a [Habitat for Humanity](#) project.

These are all great ideas. Whatever you choose to do to observe this Lenten season, may God richly bless you.

In Christ,  
Kurt

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### COMING UP

*\*UMW Quarterly Meeting, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, March 3*

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

*\*Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Monday, March 9*

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

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

*\*Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall, Sunday, March 15*

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

*\*Spring BBQ, 11am-2pm, Saturday, March 28*

## 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.

## Lenten Lunches

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The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance will have Lenten Lunches at the First Baptist Church each Wednesday at 12:00 during Lent. The following is a list of the pastors who will be bringing the message.

March 4—Pastor Kurt McPherson

March 11—Pastor Johnnie McLendon

March 18—Pastor Jerry Hardison

March 25—To be Determined.

## From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

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Since we don't believe in "luck" we are looking for the blessings of the Irish this month in the pre-school. So far it's looking great! I would like to send out a big thank you to Pam Baker, who donated a desk chair to replace a 9 year old chair in the office, and Betty Hurst who let us have our pick of chairs and some office supplies that DSS was replacing. We love hand me downs! We need a credenza in the office, so if you know of anyone who would like to hand one down, we could use it.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the three and four year old classes are going to the Theater on the Green for a Pork-

chops Productions play, "Little Red Riding Hood." We could use some volunteers to walk with the children. If you're available and interested, let me know. We also are hoping to go to the Lone Star Rodeo in Florence at the end of the month. I am waiting on details to find out if we can work that out.

We are continuing to operate at full capacity with a growing waiting list. I'm so thankful for God's provision and for each precious child we serve.

In Him,  
*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)

## FUMC Spring BBQ Tickets

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The FUMC Spring BBQ will be March 28. Tickets are available to sell. Any church member can sell tickets; you can

pick up tickets to sell from Angie in the church office.



## 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*

# 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

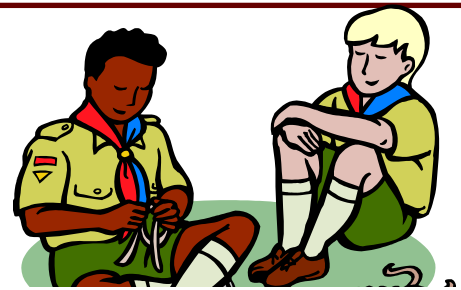
They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various

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

What a great time the kids and I had with Cheryl Postlewait on Ash Wednesday. She came and taught us several different ways to make crosses. She had branches, nails, thread, sewing needles, and different colors of wire and pretty satin ribbons. Each got to pick a favorite design and make a cross. Some made necklaces, while others made bracelets. This was done in observance of Lent. We also talked about what Ash Wednesday and what the Lenten season is all about. We will continue to talk about Lent, and we will start talking about Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter.

The youth group is getting ready for Youth Sunday. It will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, on **April 19<sup>th</sup> a group from Lancaster S.C. will perform for us at 6:00p.m.**, in the sanctuary. The group is called "The Hinson Girls". **PLEASE mark your calendars. This is for the whole congregation, and whoever you wish to invite!** The group is made up of four teenage girls who use their

talent for the Lord. They play their own instruments and write a lot of their own songs. This is of no cost; just come and enjoy these talented girls. They will perform for 45 minutes to an hour. I promise all ages will enjoy!

Our spring BBQ will be held during the Cheraw Spring Festival, on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The youth group will have a booth at the recreation department on the same day. We will be selling Methodist BBQ sandwiches and Threads of Hope bracelets. Threads of Hope bracelets make a wonderful gift to give others if you are not interested in buying one for yourself!

Some of the youth group traveled to Charleston on Valentines weekend to attend "Hearts on Fire". The youth enjoyed the event very much! This was one of the best youth events I have ever attended. The speakers were great, and so was the music! I would like to thank Dawn

Leach for chaperoning. Thank you!!!

*Joel 2:12, "Yet even now," declares the lord, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning."*

Easter has always been my favorite holiday of the year, for many reasons. But one of my favorite things about Easter is that everything seems fresh and new. So the forty days before Easter, the season of Lent, is a great time for all of us to take some time and reevaluate our relationship with the Lord. We should ask ourselves questions like, "Have I grown since last year?" "Am I living my life for Christ, or am I living for myself?" "What can I do to further God's kingdom?" Lent is a great time to start the journey of "getting rid" of the things inside of us that are in the way of a full blown relationship with the Lord!

In Christ's Love, Sara

## 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 March

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### Hostess

Lib Norton

### Altar Guild

Bonnie Cundiff & Ruth Ann Jones

### Head Usher

Rhett Butler

### Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Hannah Leach (A) Austin Sanderson (CB)

### Greeters

March 1 M&M Jerry Therrell

March 8 M&M Anthony Harris

March 15 M&M Harold Lomas

March 22 Linda Smith

March 29 M&M Curtis Jones

### Lobby Door Greeters

March 1 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

March 8 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

March 15 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

March 22 Herbert Watts, Allen Chapman

March 29 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

### Nursery

March 1 Caroline Berry and Mason Tomberlin

March 8 Caroline Berry and Jean Assef

March 15 Caroline Berry and Stephanie Rogers

March 22 Caroline Berry and Pam Humphries

March 29 Caroline Berry and Sarah Allen

### Children's Church

March 1 Sara Sanderson & Lydia Lee

March 8 Doug Carabo & Kathryn Johnson

March 15 Communion

March 22 Mary Lou Long & Alayna Carabo

March 29 Nancy Wagon & Mason Tomberlin

### Lay Readers

March 1 Joey Mills

March 8 Rhett Butler

March 15 Chuck Barber

March 22 Bonnie Cundiff

March 29 Micki Lockey

### Flower Calendar

March 1—22 NO FLOWERS LENT

March 29 PALMS

### Counters

March 1 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

March 8 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

March 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

March 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

March 29 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

### McArn Items

March 1 Canned milk

March 8 Baby food and items

March 15 Toiletries

March 22 Canned meats and vegetables

March 29 Kool-Aid and other drink mixes

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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

### April Newsletter Deadline

*Tuesday, March 24, 2015*

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

Fred and Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class, M&M Jerry Therrell, M&M John Moore, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Keith Smith, Janelle Rivers, M&M Joe Marsh, M&M Tavenner Threatte, Anna Moore, Linda McCown Branch, M&M Earl Trulove, M&M Manuel Assef

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

Grayson Watson, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Jerry Therrell, Shirley Walton, Mary Burr

#### ***In Memory of Vera Meadows***

Shirley Helms, Michael & Jeannie Helms, Lairron, Marine & Jack Ritter, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Sims, Jimmy, Barbara Brady and Children, Johnny & Dolly Harrington, Jay & Frankie Hughes, Eleanor Baker, Lois Baker

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

Shirley Walton, M&M John Moore, M&M Jerry Therrell, Micki Lockey, M&M Keith Smith, Eleanor Baker, Lois Baker

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

Mary Burr, M&M John Moore, Jane Mayhew, M&M John Wagnon & Family, M&M Joe Marsh

#### ***In Memory of Ollie Eubanks***

M&M John Moore

#### ***In Memory of Grace Fulmer***

M&M John Moore

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

M&M John Moore, Jane Mayhew, Micki Lockey, Malloy Evans, M&M Joe Marsh

#### ***In Honor of Ellison & Flo Outen***

M&M Bill Caughman

## Perfect Attendance

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (January)**

Sawyer Becker, Leighton Becker, Todd Becker, Gini Eddins, Ashton Becker, Jane Campbell, Carole Hennessee, Sarah M. Therrell, Linda Smith, Scott Eddins, Austin Sanderson, Jacob Rohde, Ann Atkinson, Norma Cobb, Jimmy Duffy, Julia Jones, Curtis Jones, Edith Quick, Brenda Rayfield, Syble Sanderson, Ann Townsend, David Townsend, Drucilla Walker, Mary Lou Long, Jean Assef, Susan Furr, Ruth Ann Jones, Shari Stubbs, Margaret Wolfe, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, Sammy Quick, John Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Keith Stubbs, Pete Owens, Herbert Watts, Jim Bennett, Roger Wolfe, Joey Mills, David Rohde, Judy Dixon, Susan Eschen-

felder, Amy Lewis, Michelle Rohde, Paul Miles

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (February)**

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 (February)**

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



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**We're on the Web!**  
[www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org)

## *Our Visitors*

### **February 1**

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Susan Davidson.

### **February 8**

Antnet Baker, Michael Ballard, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Beth Crowley, Justin Crowley, Gina Goddard, Angela Holliday, Andy Koontz, Tracy Koontz, Fran Lewis, Cindy LuCerrone, Sammy Morris, Thomas Samuel, Alan Wallace, Daphane Wallace, Madeline Wallace.

### **February 15**

Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Hayden Keeney, Anne Pate, Van Pate.

### **February 22**

Ginger Caughman, Ok Yo Chang, Carol Crouse, Angela Holliday, Paul Ludlow, Gena Poovey, Thomas Samuel.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries in March**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

March 2 Jake Crouse, Christopher Frazier

March 3 Noah Williams

March 4 Trina Mills

March 5 George Adams

March 10 Beulah Threatte

March 14 Lois Baker, Ashton Becker

March 20 Mabel Foster, R. Walker Laney

March 21 Paul Miles

March 22 Margaret Stanton

March 23 Leighton Becker

March 24 Laura Adams McGriff

March 26 Jackson Rushing, Gabriel Watson

March 27 Kathryn Johnson

March 28 John Straughn

March 29 Rob Calhoun

March 30 Sandra Barbour

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

March 3 M&M C.C. Quick, M&M John Straughn

March 8 Dr.&M. Kurt McPherson

March 10 M&M Homer Stanton

March 16 M&M Mike Starling

March 17 M&M George Adams, M&M Ron Cundiff

March 21 M&M Doug Carabo

March 27 M&M Jimmy Outen



*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary*

# March Calendar

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## **Sunday, March 1, 2015**

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am  
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut

## **Monday, March 2, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

United Methodist Women (UMW) Quarterly Meeting, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, March 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, March 8 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Sunday, March 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, March 9, 2015**

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor  
Youth Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm

## **Wednesday, March 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, March 15 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Sunday, March 15, 2015**

Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall  
Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am (Holy Communion)  
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut  
Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom  
Church Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, March 16, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Wednesday, March 18, 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  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room  
Sunday, February 22 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

## **Thursday, March 19, 2014**

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

## **Sunday, March 22, 2014**

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am  
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut

*Parlor reserved*

## **Monday, March 23, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, March 24, 2015**

*April Newsletter Deadline*

## **Wednesday, March 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 29 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Saturday, March 28, 2015**

Spring BBQ, 11:00am—2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, March 29, 2015**

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am  
United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut

## **Monday, March 30, 2015**

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut