

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 15, 2015

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

Monday, March 16, 2015

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Boy Scout Hut)
 6:00pm Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

4:30pm WATF Kids Activities (Kid's Nook)
 5:30pm WATF Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30pm WATF Adult Study (Fellowship Hall)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
March 22 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, March 19, 2015

12:00pm J.O.Y. Club Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 22, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
Parlor Reserved

EASTER EVENTS — Maundy Thursday service, Thursday, April 2 at 6:30pm. Easter Services, Sunday April 5 at 6:30am and 11:00am.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Harold Lomas
Lobby Door Greeter: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler
Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff, Ruth Ann Jones
Nursery: Caroline Berry, Stephanie Rogers
Flowers Next Sunday: LENT
Children's Church: Communion
Next Week's Lay Reader: Bonnie Cundiff
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Thrrrell
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Head Usher: Rhett Butler
Hostess: Lib Norton
Acolyte: Hannah Leach
Cross Bearer: Austin Sanderson
McArn Item: Toiletries

Worship Attendance, March 8—146; Worship attendance the same Sunday last year —151

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.

March 15, 2015
4th Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:21-22

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people. **Let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and declare what God has done in songs of joy!**

***Hymn No. 127 in the Hymnal "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

CWM Rhondda

Prayer of Confession

Dr. McPherson

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are. **We are not the people we like others to think we are.** We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls. **But we cannot hide our true selves from you.** You know us as we are, and yet you love us. **Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.** Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake. **Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.** Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. **And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Observance of Silent Prayer

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21: 4-9

Chuck Barber, Lay Reader

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 886 The World Methodist Social Affirmation**

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 327 in the Hymnal "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

Diademata

Offertory Prayer Dr. McPherson

Offertory

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

***Gospel Reading** John 3:14-21 Dr. McPherson

Sermon “Seeing the Light” Dr. McPherson

Observance of Holy Communion Page No. 12 in the Hymnal

A Service of Confirmation Page No. 33 in the Hymnal
Margaret Jean Harris and Lawton Reynolds Harris

***Hymn No. 364 in the Hymnal** “Because He Lives” Resurrection

***Benediction**

***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), Lucille Gray (Betty Hurst’s mother), Zenda Rushing, Scott Tomberlin, 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), Charles Pittman (Holly Miles’ father), Destiny Davis (Dee Dee Pickrel’s friend), Willie Ruth Quick (Beth Barber’s friend), Sue Goodale (Pam Baker’s friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

J.O.Y CLUB — The J.O.Y Club will meet on Thursday, March 19 at noon in the fellowship hall. The meal will be ham, potato salad, other sides, bread, dessert and tea. Cost of the lunch is \$8. There will be entertainment too. Please sign up with your caller or Mary Burr (537-3920) by 4pm on Monday, March 16. Hope to see you there.

SALKEHATCHIE — 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 Salkethachie 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 possible 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.

YOUTH SPRING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES — The youth will be selling BBQ sandwiches and threads of hope bracelets at the spring festival. Our booth will be located at the recreation department.

YOUTH SUNDAY — Youth Sunday will be April 12. Please mark your calendars and plan to come and support our young people.

CHURCH WIDE GOSPEL SINGING — On Sunday, April 19 at 6:00pm there will be a gospel singing. The group will be “The Hinson Girls”. Please plan to join us for this time of fellowship.

HELP NEEDED — On Friday, March 27 at 9:00am, the Worship Ministry Team is having a workshop in the fellowship hall to make the palm bud crosses for Palm Sunday. Volunteers are highly encouraged to attend to help create the crosses. Sue’s Florist used to make them but it would be better if our church volunteers do this job. For more information or questions call Cheryl Postlewait at 537-6552.

FUMC SPRING BBQ — 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.

DONATE NEW/USED READING GLASSES — If you would like to donate new or used reading glasses for them to be sent to Africa, you may do so by bringing them and placing them in the box by the office door in the lobby.

MERCILESS METHODISTS — 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 and put “Merciless Methodist” in the team search box.

LENTEN LUNCHESES — The Cheraw Ministerial Alliance has sponsored Lenten Lunches at the First Baptist Church each Wednesday at 12:00 during Lent. Rev. Jerry Hardison will bring the message on March 19 and March 25 is to be determined.

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 — Corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, Irish soda bread, dessert and tea.