

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 22, 2015

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

Monday, March 23, 2015

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

April Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

4:30pm WATF Kids Activities (Kid's Nook)
 5:30pm WATF Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 6:30pm WATF Adult Study (Fellowship Hall)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
March 29 Bulletin Deadline

Friday, March 27, 2015

9:00am Worship Ministry Team (Working on Palm Crosses in Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 28, 2015

11am-2pm Spring BBQ

Sunday, March 29, 2015

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

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Curtis Jones
Lobby Door Greeter: Herbert Watts, Allen Chapman
Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff, Ruth Ann Jones
Nursery: Caroline Berry, Pam Humphries
Flowers Next Sunday: LENT
Children's Church: Mary Lou Long, Alayna Carabo
Next Week's Lay Reader: Micki Lockey
Counters: Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Alternate Counter: Doug Marsh

Head Usher: Rhett Butler
Hostess: Lib Norton
Acolyte: Hannah Leach
Cross Bearer: Austin Sanderson
McArn Item: Canned meats and vegetables

Genesis Attendance, March 15—53; Worship Attendance, March 15—111; Total Attendance in both Services—164; Worship attendance the same Sunday last year —190 (included Genesis)

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson, Pastor (kamcpherson@umcsc.org)
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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 22, 2015
5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Greg Sanderson

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:24

Greg Sanderson

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

***Hymn No. 117 in the Hymnal**

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

St. Anne

Prayer of Confession

Greg Sanderson

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. **Have mercy and forgive us.** Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.** Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others. **Have mercy and cleanse us.** Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.** In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.** Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. **All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

Observance of Silent Prayer

Greg Sanderson

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

***Gospel Reading**

John 12: 20-33

Bonnie Cundiff, Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Greg Sanderson

***Hymn No. 369 in the Hymnal**

"Blessed Assurance"

Assurance

Offertory Prayer Greg Sanderson

Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 3: 1—8 Rev. David Townsend

New Testament Lesson 2 Timothy 1: 11-12 Rev. Townsend

Sermon A Year of Life Rev. Townsend

***Hymn No. 534 in the Hymnal** “Be Still, My Soul” Finlandia

***Benediction** Rev. Townsend

*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.

The red rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Braxton Taylor Adams, who was born on Friday, March 13. Braxton is the son of John & Rachel Adams and grandson of George & Debbie Adams.

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), 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.**

THANK YOU — The UMYF would like to say a huge thank you to Julia Tucker, Kay VanDeman and Marsha Butler for serving supper this past Sunday night.

EASTER EGG HUNT — The Easter Egg hunt for children birth—5th grade will be on Saturday, April 4 beginning at 10:00am. Older children and youth are asked to help with this event.

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.

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

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 Methodists” 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.

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 — Soups, corn bread, fat back, dessert and tea.