

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 29, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
4:00pm Community Palm Sunday Service (Wesley UMC)
5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, March 30, 2015

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

Thursday, April 2, 2015

6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 4, 2015

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, 2015

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

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.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Linda Smith	Head Usher: Rhett Butler
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter	Hostess: Lib Norton
Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff, Ruth Ann Jones	Acolyte: Hannah Leach
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Sarah Allen	Cross Bearer: Austin Sanderson
Flowers Next Sunday: Palms	McArn Item: Kool-Aid and other drink mixes
Children's Church: Nancy Wagon, Mason Tomberlin	
Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph	
Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker	
Next Week's Lay Reader: Lib Norton	

Worship Attendance, March 22—110; Total attendance the same Sunday last year—129

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.

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Palm Sunday

Prelude

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

***The Palm Sunday Entrance** Matthew 21: 1-11 Dr. Kurt McPherson

***Children's Processional** "March on Little Donkey"

***Processional Hymn No. 280 in the Hymnal** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" St. Theodulph

Responsive Prayer of Praise Dr. McPherson

The great entrance is prepared. In the olive grove, leaves are still and the wind is hushed. **In reverence they welcome the Messiah.** Silently he rides the beast of burden and peace into Jerusalem. **As he draws near, the silence melts into joyful clamor.** This is he who has made the blind see, the lame walk, the dead live. **The Messiah is in our midst! With the joyful throng and the joyful earth let us praise Christ our King! Amen.**

Observance of Silent Prayer

Children's Sermon Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading Psalm 118: 19-29 Micki Lockey, Lay Reader

Epistle Reading Philippians 2: 5-11 Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith** Lay Reader

We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
He is the true and living God,
worthy to receive glory and honor and power.
He created all things;
by his will they existed and were created.
We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ;
all things came into being through him.

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Being in the form of God, he emptied himself,

He took the form of a slave, and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself,

He became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

He was buried; He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

God also highly exalted Jesus:

He gave him the name that is above every name.

God has put all things under his feet:

He made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again:

through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

As all die in Adam,

so all will be made alive in Christ.

Thanks be to God

who gives us the victory.

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

***Hymn No. 277 in the Hymnal** **“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”** Stories of Jesus

Offertory Prayer

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*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Sermon **“Answering the Most Important Questions”** Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 278 in the Hymnal** **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** Ellacombe

(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready)

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

The red rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Carter Cole Shepard, who was born on Sunday, March 15. Carter is the son of Phillip and Jessica Shepard and the little brother of Kiersten and Lawson, he is the grandson of Pat Barham.

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), Sue Goodale (Pam Baker's friend), Wayne Therrell (Jerry Therrell's brother), Dr. Hampton (Lib Norton'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.**

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATION — Sound System operation and maintenance has been assigned to the Worship Committee by the Church Council as of March 16, 2015. We need more volunteers to help monitor the system during the Sunday services. We are looking for people who are somewhat technical savvy and you will have a special training class. Please contact Cheryl Postlewait at 537-6552.

THANK YOU NOTES — I would like to say thank you to my church family for all the cards, prayers and concern during my illness. *Zenda Rushing*
The Tomberlin family would like to say “Thank You” for all the love, support, cards, food, money and most of all the prayers. God has worked a miracle of healing for Scott and our family. Please continue to pray that God's healing will continue. We will return to Duke soon for on-going results. We love each of you and thank God for our church family.

FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS — On Easter Sunday morning please bring flowers to be placed on the cross on the porch of the church.

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 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.

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.

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.