

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 8, 2015

8:30am United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, March 9, 2015

2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Boy Scout Hut)

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

10:00am United Methodist Women (UMW) Circle #1 Meeting (Parlor)
 5:30pm Youth Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00pm United Methodist Women (UMW) Circle #3 (Home of Jane Mayhew)

Wednesday, March 11, 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 15 Bulletin Deadline

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)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Anthony Harris
Lobby Door Greeter: Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills
Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff, Ruth Ann Jones
Nursery: Caroline Berry, Jean Assef
Flowers Next Sunday: LENT
Children's Church: Doug Carabo, Kathryn Johnson
Next Week's Lay Reader: Chuck Barber
Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe
Alternate Counters: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Head Usher: Rhett Butler
Hostess: Lib Norton
Acolyte: Hannah Leach
Cross Bearer: Austin Sanderson
McArn Item: Baby food and items

Worship Attendance, March 1—104; Worship attendance the same Sunday last year —138

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 8, 2015
3rd Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:14

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart **be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

***Hymn No. 64 in the Hymnal "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

Nicaea

Prayer of Confession

Dr. McPherson

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. **We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose.** We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. **We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.** We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. **We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace.** Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. **Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.**

Observance of Silent Prayer

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Rhett Butler, Lay Reader

***Gospel Reading**

John 2: 13-22

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 885**

A Modern Affirmation

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 144 in the Hymnal**

"This Is My Father's World"

Terra Beata

Offertory Prayer Dr. McPherson

Offertory

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

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

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 Dr. McPherson

Sermon “The Lord Still Speaks” Dr. McPherson

A Service of Holy Baptism and Confirmation Page No. 33 in the Hymnal
Greer Elizabeth Bennett, Sophie Katherine McPherson, Phillip John Edward McPherson, and Leighton Michael Becker

***Hymn No. 467 in the Hymnal** “Trust and Obey” Trust and Obey

***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), Bailey Turner (10-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), 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), Ed Davidson Family, Charles Pittman (Holly Miles’ father), Destiny Davis (Dee Dee Pickrel’s friend), Willie Ruth Quick (Beth Barber’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.**

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.

BLOOD DRIVE — The Red Cross will have a blood drive here at First Church tomorrow 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.

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 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 11—Pastor Johnnie McLendon, March 18—Pastor Jerry Hardison, March 25—To be Determined.

SYMPATHY — We extend our sympathy to the family of Rev. Ed Davidson.

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