

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, April 19, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
6:00pm Hinson Girls Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 20, 2015

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

Wednesday, April 22, 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)
April 26 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, April 26, 2015

8:45am Genesis Service (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
3:00pm Memorial Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)
5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

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 — Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Chuck Barber and Beth Barber
Lobby Door Greeters: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas
Altar Guild: Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Amanda Carabo
McArn Item: Kool-Aid & drink mixes
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby
Children's Church: Sara Sanderson and Leighton Becker

Head Usher: Jeff Johnson
Hostess: Carole Hennessee
Acolyte: Leighton Becker
Cross Bearer: Alayna Carabo
Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN
Next Week's Lay Reader: Jim Bennett

Worship Attendance, April 12 —132 (Youth Sunday); Worship attendance the same Sunday last year —158

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson, Pastor (kamcpherson@umcsc.org)
Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant (fumcangiesmith@gmail.com)
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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.



April 19, 2015
3rd Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries Sunday

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on our house. **May the Great Spirit bless all who enter here.**

*Hymn No. 363 in the Hymnal "And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

Sagina

Responsive Prayer

Dr. McPherson

We come before you as your children. **We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom.** Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. **May our hands respect the things you have made, our ears be sharp to hear your voice.** Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. **We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of your creation.** Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 4

Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

Epistle Reading

1 John 3: 1—7

Lay Reader

*Affirmation Of Faith No. 880

The Nicene Creed

Lay Reader

*The Gloria Patri

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

*Hymn No. 384 in the Hymnal “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Beecher

Offertory Prayer Dr. McPherson

Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

*Gospel Reading Luke 24: 36b-48 Dr. McPherson

Sermon “You are Witnesses” Dr. McPherson

*Hymn No. 474 in the Hymnal “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Precious Lord

*Benediction Rev. Townsend

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary in memory of F. Garland Streete and Elizabeth King Streete Traynham by the Traynham Estate.

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, Christy Marsh (Emily Marsh’s daughter), Dr. Hampton (Lib Norton’s friend), Wayne Therrell (Jerry Therrell’s brother), Jackie Mayhew (Jane Mayhew’s stepson). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SPECIAL THANKS — Thanks to our youth who presented an excellent program last Sunday. It's great to have such a large group of youth in the church and they sang so well. They are quite active in Christian work as shown by all the slides. Benson Stubbs gave a thoughtful and well presented sermon. We are proud of all of you. —*The Worship Ministry Team*

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY — Today is Native American Ministries Sunday. If you would like to give to this special need, please mark your envelope “*Native American.*”

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! — Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? What about when a mother is struggling with addiction and is neglecting her children? What happens when a family become homeless and children are forced to live in a car or the local park? Last year, more than 181 of these children found a home through the ministry we share as United Methodists in SC. Epworth Children’s Home has been welcoming children in Christ’s name for 119 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Mother’s Day Offering on Sunday, May 10, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children’s Home, you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org or find them on Facebook.

FATZ PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Cheraw Primary will be having a Fatz pancake breakfast on April 25 from 8am—10am to raise money for the Relay for Life. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please see Jenny Keefe or you may just pay the day of the pancake breakfast.

SALKEHATCHIE — **ALL YOUTH 14** (by June 27, 2015) **and up**, sign up for **SALKEHATCHIE** by going to Salkehatchie.org. Please let Debbie Adams know when you have registered: 623-4153, on FB, at dbadams53@msn.com, or even in person! Be ready to work our FATZ breakfast and car wash May 9. I have the tickets today ready to sell. See me after church to get yours!

CHURCH WIDE GOSPEL SINGING — *This afternoon 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.*

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.

LIFE LINE SCREENING—First United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 5/19/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**