



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

I have always believed that if I ever wrote an autobiography I would entitle it, *Thanks, Kurt.* I feel that most of the book would be thanking those people who have blessed and enriched my life in so many different ways.

Even though I have been here for a brief two years, it has been rewarding and meaningful. I want to thank you for loving, caring for, and supporting me and my family. I will never forget my

time at First Cheraw and I wish you God's richest blessings.

I close my last column not with a joke but with a scriptural quote from Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 13:11, 14): "Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow in maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the love of God and peace will be

with you...May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

**UMW Quarterly Meeting (Cook Out), 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, June 2*

**UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall, Sunday, June 14*

**Covered Dish Lunch, after worship, Fellowship Hall, Sunday, June 14*

Salkehatchie Mission Trip, June 27—July 4

**Welcome New Pastor, 10:00am, Fellowship Hall, Sunday, June 28*

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (Cheraw State Park Meeting)

The youth will meet at Cheraw State Park Sunday, May 31 at 3:00pm. Please bring a cov-

ered dish. The youth and their families along with anyone else that would like to join us

are invited. We will be honoring our seniors.

Upcoming Events

JUNE 1 UNTIL JUNE 14—A love offering will be collected to honor Pastor Kurt McPherson. This love offering will be presented on Sunday, June 21, which will be Kurt's last Sunday in the FUMC pulpit. You may place your love offering in the offering plate and mark it "LOVE OFFERING" or submit it directly to Angie Smith in the church office.

JUNE 14—Covered dish meal after worship to honor the Kurt McPherson family.

JUNE 28—Welcome event for the Jack Vickers family. This event will be held in the fellowship hall at 10:00am and take the place of Sunday School for that day. This event is to be hosted by the United Methodist Men.

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

On May 21, eleven students graduated from FMPSN. It was a bittersweet event, knowing that these graduates are moving on to kindergarten. We will certainly miss them. Many of them have been with us since they were just a few weeks old. It's amazing how fast they grow up.

New students are coming in and a lot of current students are moving up. There is a lot of movement going on! We have started a summer pro-

gram that will be in operation until school starts in August. A young lady by the name of Lisa Parker is supervising this program. There are 12 children attending just for summer. They are using one of the upstairs Sunday School rooms that is not used on Sundays. We expect to have a total summer enrollment of 93 children.

Summer is here and we are gearing down in the pre-school/nursery. There is less focus on academics and more

focus on FUN in the sun! Come by and visit us. The children will bless your heart.

*In Him,
Mimi Coffey*



What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund
Red Bird

Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First (WATF)
Relay for Life
Grounds Upkeep Fund

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

Thank You

The youth would like to thank everyone who helped with meals and events this year. We would like to say a special thanks to those

that do not have youth but helped us: Julia Tucker, Kay VanDeman, Marcia Butler, Patti Fisher, Cindy Sanderson, Margaret Wolfe, Ruth

Ann Jones, Cheryl Postlewait, Tom Davidson, and Betty Thrailkill.

One Million Books

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 chil-

dren. Please bring your books and put them in the box.

140 books needed

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")



Giving to those less fortunate

From the Director of Children and Youth

I dedicated my spot in the Newsletter last month to our seniors. I would like to repeat how proud I am of each of them, and how much they will be missed at UMYF at the start of the new school year.

Congratulations again to Benson, Caroline, and Greer!

We have an awesome responsibility as followers of Christ to tell others about Him. But telling is not enough; we have to live for Him. Living for Jesus means to be a slave to Him; he is our master. We all know we can have only one master. If we live most of our life working for our pleasure, then our own pleasure is what we are a slave to. If we live our life

being obedient to God and doing good, then Christ is our master. We teach our kids this by our actions, not by what we say. Words without actions means nothing.

In our churches, one of the ways we teach this to our youth and children is by helping them know what “doing good” means.

Things like not telling or laughing at bad jokes, not gossiping, helping others in need, taking someone food/flowers who is going through a “rough” time, etc., are just a few of the ways we teach the younger ones to do good.

One of the programs we are setting up for the summer is teaching the kids at the McArn Food Bank about Jesus. We will be

able to give the kids nourishment for their bodies through truth about the Bible and food to eat. Our youth and rising youth will learn how to spread the gospel, and so much more, by helping with this ministry. Please be in prayer for this ministry, and our youth and children.

If anyone would like to donate anything to this ministry, please contact me at 910-7987. Sara

Titus 2:12, “... We should live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct, and devotion to God.”

Youth McArn Food Bank Ministry

On June 11 the youth and rising youth will start a new ministry at the

McArn Food Bank. If anyone would like to donate to this ministry please

contact Sara Sanderson.

Serving in June

Hostess

Henrietta Kollitz

Altar Guild

Jean McLean

Head Usher

Theodore Burns

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Lydia Lee (A) Alex Lee (CB)

Greeters

June 7 Shirley Walton

June 14 M&M Tommy Rollings

June 21 Norma Cobb

June 28 M&M Shelton Rumph

Lobby Door Greeters

June 7 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

June 14 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

June 21 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

June 28 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

June 7 Caroline Berry and Kristina Allen

June 14 Caroline Berry and Christy Ruffner

June 21 Caroline Berry and Charlotte Crosby

June 28 Caroline Berry and Lesley Jean Watson

Children's Church

June 7 Kristin Tarleton, Kathryn Johnson

June 14 Doug Carabo, Lydia Lee

June 21 Father's Day

June 28 Mary Lou Long, Alayna Carabo

Lay Readers

June 7 Sara M. Therrell

June 14 Greg Sanderson

June 21 Susan Marsh

June 28 Shannon Johnson

Flower Calendar

June 7 Communion

June 14 Dusa

June 21 Calhoun

June 28 Wolfe

Counters

June 7 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

June 14 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

June 21 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

June 28 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

June 7 Can meats

June 14 Crackers

June 21 Kool-Aid and other drink mixes

June 28 Baby items

Flower Calendar

If you have a special Sunday for putting flowers in the church next year, please call Sarah Margaret Therrell (537-3395) or the church office (537-7002) and let them know.



Scouting at First Church

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

Meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Dan Stowe Scout Hut.

CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various

days of the week, at various times, and at various locations.

Yours in SCOUTING,

John Moore

Charter Representative,
Phone number 843-537-2553



Become a Boy Scout

July Newsletter Deadline

Monday, June 22, 2015

Memorials

In Memory of Nancy Robeson

M&M Arthur Bays, M&M Jim Crawford,
M&M John Ross, M&M Bill Smith

In Memory of Susan Jones

Ruth Ann Jones

In Memory of Grace Fulmer

Cheraw Intermediate School

In Memory of Ed Davidson

M&M John Moore, M&M Jimmy Murray

In Memory of Edward "Ebbie" Sellers

M&M Keith Smith

Perfect Attendance for April

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Judy Dixon, Susan Eschenfelder,
Amy Lewis, John Moore, Michelle
Rohde, Brenda Rayfield, Norma
Cobb, Julia Jones, Curtis Jones, Syble
Sanderson, Druie Walker, Cheryl
Postlewait, Jane Campbell, Carole
Hennessee, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Nor-
ton, Flo Outen, Sarah M. Therrell,
Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Debbie Ad-
ams, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner,
John Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Jerry
Therrell, Keith Stubbs, Pete Owens,
Harold Lomas, Robert Calhoun, Jim
Bennett, Roger Wolfe, David Rhode,
Theodore Burns, Jean Assef, Marga-
ret Wolfe, Jenny Keefe, Mary Lou
Long

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Allison
Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton
Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Beck-
er, James Bennett, Robert Calhoun,
Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Jane Camp-
bell, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff,
Judy Dixon, Scott Eddins, Susan
Eschenfelder, Gail Eubanks, Sam
Eubanks, Harold Lomas, Mary Lou
Long, Sharon McKinnon, Thomas
McKinnon, John Moore, JoAnne Mor-
gan, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Flo
Outen, Pete Owens, Cheryl Post-
lewait, Michelle Rohde, Thomas
Samuel, John Sanderson, Syble Sand-
erson, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears,
Sarah M. Therrell, Druie Walker,
Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe





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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.

We're on the Web!
www.cherawfirstumc.org

April 26

Terry Bentley, Drew Copeland, Carole Crouse, Angela Holliday, Emma Lofton, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Ann Shearer, Kiersten Shepard, Becky Sides, Susan Stripling.

May 3

Michelle Bellaiche, Ok Yo Chang, Kevin Chapman, Carol Crouse, John Folger, Lucille Gray, Jed Reid, Jessica Shepard, Kiersten Shepard, Lawson Shepard

May 10

Drew Copeland, Carole Crouse, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Angela Holliday, Ashley Hunter, Bryson Hunter, Chris Hunter, Fowler Laney, Kiersten Shepard, Chad Walton

May 17

Charlene Ange, Eric Ange, Savannah Ange, Ok Yo Chang, Lucille Gray, Angela Holliday, Chappel Hurst, Chrisa Murray, Wendy Murray, Ximena Perez, Marietta Robinson, Bob Rosensteel, Jackie Rosensteel, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Tajee Turner

May 24

Ken Bostick, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Judith Gibson, Elliot Heming, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Kiersten Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Phillip Shepard, Amy Stone, George Stone, Bryan Townsend, Paisley Watson

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

BIRTHDAYS

June 2 Brooke Watkins Freeman
June 3 Julia Jones
June 5 Martha Bentley, Jerry Therrell, Mike Pittman
June 6 Elizabeth (Beth) Barber
June 8 Catrenna Buffington, Sophie McPherson
June 10 Susan Baker, John Wagnon
June 14 Sarah Lee
June 16 Susan Eschenfelder, Kelly Dusa
June 20 Deanna Starling
June 21 Lesley Houser
June 23 John VanDeman, III
June 24 Homer Stanton
June 25 Zachary Mills

June 26 Clay Barbour, Harrison Goodwin, Paige Lockey Sartor
June 27 Sheri Stubbs
June 28 Amy Goodwin
June 29 Lydia Lee

ANNIVERSARIES

June 6 M&M John VanDeman, M&M Sammy Quick
June 7 M&M Jerry Therrell
June 9 M&M James Tweed
June 10 Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend
June 12 M&M Scott Tomberlin
June 14 M&M John William Leary, M&M David Dixon
June 17 M&M Shelton Rumph

June 18 M&M Robert Calhoun
June 20 M&M Jeffery Johnson
June 25 M&M John Wagnon, M&M Dallas Keefe
June 26 M&M Jerry Tucker
June 27 M&M Mickey Sullivan



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

June Calendar

Monday, June 1, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Pre-School Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

United Methodist Women (UMW) Quarterly Meeting (Cook Out), 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 7 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, June 8, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 14 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, June 14, 2015

United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Covered Dish Lunch, After worship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 15, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 21 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Sunday, June 21, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday—Friday, June 22-26, 2015

Vacation Bible School, TBA

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 31 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Saturday, June 27—Saturday, July 4

Bus Reserved Salkehatchie Mission Trip

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Welcome New Pastor, 10:00am, Fellowship Hall

Worship, 11:00am