



THE CONNECTION

Kurt's Corner

Each and every week we strive to publish a bulletin which enhances the worship service. However, we occasionally make typographical errors and mistakes. In honor of this effort I wanted to share with you some bulletin bloopers:

1. Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
2. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
3. Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.
4. The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
5. Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
6. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.
7. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
8. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
9. This being Easter Sunday, Mrs. Bertha Lewis will come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
10. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
11. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
12. Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion.
13. Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.
14. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
15. Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday from 7 to 8:30p.m. Please use the back door.
16. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
17. 22 members were pre-

sent at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

18. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys singing to join the choir.
19. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
20. Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."
21. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
22. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
23. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.
24. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
25. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things you don't want to keep. Don't forget your husbands.

In Christ,
Kurt

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COMING UP

**Relay for Life, 5:00pm, Chesterfield High School Football Stadium, Friday, May 1*

**UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall, Sunday, May 10*

**Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Monday, May 11*

**UMW Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor, Tuesday, May 12*

**UMW Circle #3, 7:00pm Tuesday, May 12*

**Lifeline Screening, Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, May 19*

**J.O.Y. Club Lunch, 12:00noon, Fellowship Hall, Thursday, May 21*

New Phone Number

Please change your records for Sharon and Thomas McKinnon they now have new phone numbers. Please use these numbers

when calling them:

Sharon 910-280-2788;

Thomas 910-280-4074.

From the Staff Parish Relations Committee Announcement

Please note that this announcement was made in the morning worship service on April 19 by Robert Calhoun, Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Good Morning,

As Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee I am here this morning to make an announcement.

We anticipate a pastor change at our church this year. All pastor moves are not finalized until annual conference in June.

Pastor Kurt will be moving on to another assignment. We certainly wish Kurt the best in his new appointment. Effective June 24 we will have a new pastor.

The new pastor is Jack Vickers and he will be moving from the Liberty/Friendship charge in the

Florence area.

Jack has been a South Carolina Methodist Pastor for 11 years. Jack is married. His wife's name is Yolanda and they have two grown children.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has met with Jack and Yolanda. We look forward to his ministry at First United Methodist Church in Cheraw.

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

May is an exciting month for the four year old class. Eleven of the sixteen children will be graduating on May 21st and will start 5 year old kindergarten in the fall. It will be sad to see them leave, but we wish them the best.

We are offering a summer program for the graduates and a few other children. Anyone who needs summer care for a child 5-7 years old should call immediately as space is very limited.

After graduation, quite a few children will move up to the next age level in the preschool. We hope to also enroll a few from our lengthy waiting list.

The three and four year old classes will be going to the Florence Civic Center on May 29th to see Disney on Ice: Frozen. They always enjoy events like this.

If the weather is warm enough, we will have some "Splash Days" in May. The children can bring swim suits and splash around in the kiddie pools.

We are continuing to collect Campbell Soup labels. Please save your labels and bring them to church. You can give them to Henrietta Kollitz, put them in the can in the church lobby or give them to any of the Preschool board members.

Come by and visit us. We love showing off the children and their work.

*In His Service,
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

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

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 possi-

ble 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.

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

Well, the end of another school year is approaching fast. I cannot believe it. This means another graduation. I am so excited for our seniors; I am sure their futures will be bright! I cannot express how proud I am of each of them. Caroline Crouse, Greer Eddins, and Benson Stubbs will graduate the end of May. While I am excited for each of them, my heart is a little selfish; I don't want them to leave! I am going to miss them so much. Caroline, Greer, and Benson have

been very dedicated members of MYF! (The rest of you in MYF who are juniors, sophomores, freshmen, eighth graders, seventh graders... "What big shoes you have to fill!")

We love you, and wish you the best life has to offer. But more importantly, may you continue growing in your relationship with Christ. Never forget, He is always with you, even when you mess up. When you do mess up just remember, get up, get out your Bible, and get praying!

Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Congratulations, and may God bless you in all of your endeavors

In Christ's love, Sara

From the Director of Music

The Chancel Choir and I would like to thank those who participated and shared their gift of music during the Easter Season.

—Shane

Something to Ponder

I have never made a fortune and it is probably too late now,
But I don't worry about that much. I'm happy anyhow.
As I go along life's journey, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer because my cup has over-
flowed.

Ain't got a lot of riches, sometime the goings rough,
But I got a family that loves me, that makes me rich enough.
I just thank God for his blessings, and the mercy He has be-
stowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer because my cup has over-
flowed.

And I remember time when things went wrong
and my faith got a little thin.

But then all at once the dark clouds broke
and the sun broke through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe because my cup has
overflowed.

And if God gives me the strength and courage,
when the way gets steep and rough,
I won't ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed
enough. And may I never be too busy to help another
bear his load. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer
because my cup has overflowed.

Thank You Notes

Your thoughts, prayers, cards and
calls really meant so much to
Thomas and me during Thomas'
bout with the flu and me with a bad
case of stress and heart trouble.

We are fortunate to have such a
wonderful, caring church family.
PRAISE GOD!

*In Christian Love,
Sharon and Thomas McKinnon.*

Scouting at First Church

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

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

CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

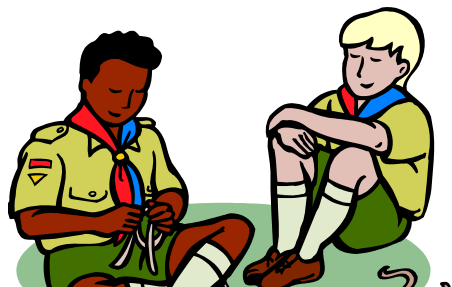
They have a number of Dens and
Tiger Cubs. They meet on various

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

Serving in May

Hostess

Shirley Walton

Altar Guild

Laura Harris and Patti Taylor

Head Usher

Doug Carabo

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Sarah Allen (A) Mary Charlotte Dusa (CB)

Greeters

May 3 M&M Ray Crouse

May 10 M&M Thomas McKinnon

May 17 Penny Quick

May 24 M&M Jerry Tucker

May 31 M&M Manfred Kollitz

Lobby Door Greeters

May 3 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

May 10 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

May 17 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

May 24 Herbert Watts

May 31 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

May 3 Caroline Berry and Allison Becker

May 10 Caroline Berry and Alayna Carabo

May 17 Caroline Berry and Kelly Dusa

May 24 Caroline Berry and Jennifer Tom-
berlin

May 31 Caroline Berry and Henrietta
Kollitz

Children's Church

May 3 Amy Lewis, Sarah Allen

May 10 Mother's Day

May 17 Communion

May 24 Michelle Rohde, Jacob Rohde

May 31 Sara Sanderson, Alex Lee

Lay Readers

May 3 Jensen Tomberlin

May 10 Eric Dusa

May 17 Lib Norton

May 24 Pam Baker

May 31 Sammy Quick

Flower Calendar

May 3 Crawford's

May 10 Jim Bennett

May 17 Communion

May 24 Bonnie Huntley

May 31 Lockey Wedding

Counters

May 3 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

May 10 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Rog-
er Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

May 17 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry
Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

May 24 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts,
Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

May 31 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

May 3 Canned vegetables

May 10 Grits, oatmeal and cereals

May 17 Dry goods

May 24 Condiments

May 31 Toiletries

Flower Calendar

If you have a special Sun-
day 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.



Lost and Found

A box of lost and found
items has been placed in
the lobby by the office. If
you think you may have
left something at the
church, please check this
box.



Memorials

May Newsletter Deadline

Friday, May 22, 2015

In Memory of Bill Eutsler

M&M Thomas McKinnon, M&M Heath Ruffner, M&M George Adams, M&M Mickey Sullivan, Nancy McInnis

In Memory of Ed Davidson

M&M Thomas McKinnon, M&M Ronald Cundiff, M&M Larry Spears, M&M Mike Elmore, M&M Heath Ruffner, M&M George Adams, M&M Mickey Sullivan

In Memory of Herb Foster

M&M Ronald Cundiff

In Memory of Robert Kimrey

M&M Ronald Cundiff, M&M Mickey Sullivan

In Memory of Jack Edwards

M&M Ronald Cundiff, M&M Heath Ruffner

In Memory of Sara Cook

M&M Ronald Cundiff

In Memory of Buddy Stevens

Jim Bennett

In Memory of Nancy Robeson

M&M Keith Smith

Perfect Attendance for March

SUNDAY SCHOOL (March)

Jean Assef, Margaret Wolfe, Jenny Keefe, Todd Becker, Ellison Outen, Jerry Turner, John Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Jerry Therrell, Doug Wilson, Harold Lomas, Herbert Watts, Jim Bennett, Roger Wolfe, David Rohde, Shane Robertson, Sawyer Becker, Carole Hennessee, Lib Norton, Flo Outen, Sarah M. Therrell, Norma Cobb, Judy Jones, Curtis Jones, Cheryl Postlewait, Brenda Rayfield, Anne Townsend, Druie Walker, Ashton Becker, Austin Sanderson, Jacob Rohde, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis, John Moore, Michelle Rohde.

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Ashton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jim Bennett, Jimmy Duffy, Susan Eschenfelder, Ruth Ann Jones, Harold Lomas, Sharon McKinnon, Thomas McKinnon, Lib Norton, Ellison Outen, Flo Outen, Cheryl Postlewait, Vincent Prevatte, David Rohde, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Anne Townsend, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker, Margaret Wolfe, Roger Wolfe.





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

Our Visitors

March 29

Michele Anderson, Lily Branham, Bill Caughman, Ginger Caughman, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Gabrielle Darwin, Sofie Dusa, Amy Duvall, Lucille Gray, Jackie Hunter, Joan Hunter, Chappel Hurst, Courtney Pauley, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Kiersten Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Chris Thrailkill.

April 5

Dustin Branham, Lily Branham, Ok Yo Chang, Marie Davidson, Tom Davidson, Tim Dillon, Amy Duvall, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, John Folger, Laura Folger, Lucille Gray, Lawrence Hammonds, Harlie James, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Emily Keeney, Hayden Keeney, Christopher Kenny, Fowler Laney, Jed Reid, Danielle Roertson, Wayne Robertson, Olivia Samuel, Thomas

Samuel, Jessica Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Phillip Shepard, Becky Sides, Hannah Watkins, Mary Elizabeth Watkins, Mary Lynn Watkins, Jean Page Watson.

April 12

Ok Yo Chang, Leon Chestnut, Nancy Chestnut, Lisa Chislolm, Drew Copeland, Amy Duvall, Sofia Duvall, Angela Holliday, Donna Johnson, Jasper Johnson, Kelli Johnson, Hunter Lee, Charles Owens, Cindy Owens, Thomas Samuel, Allie Stubbs, Alex Watson.

April 19

Lily Branham, Ok Yo Chang, George Coker, Angela Holliday, Denise Jones, Joseph Jones, Thomas Jones, Walker Jones, Emma Leviner, Thomas Samuel.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Mickey Sullivan
May 2 Jimmy Outen
May 3 Ron Buffington
May 7 Shelton Rumph
May 11 Kathy C. Hancock, Jerry Turner, Chuck Barber
May 13 Mary Crouse, John Robert Smith
May 14 Jay Lewis
May 16 Benson Stubbs
May 17 Ellen Eschenfelder, Michael Wagon, Roger Wolfe
May 18 Dee Dee Pickrel, Jamie Lewis, Tyler Goodwin
May 19 Zenda Rushing
May 20 Amy Smith
May 21 Amy Eschenfelder

May 22 Brandon Jones, Kristian Pickrel

May 23 Sean Eubanks, Mary-Charlotte Dusa

May 25 Rebecca Miles

May 26 Jean Assef, Betty Board, Henrietta Kollitz

May 28 Jean McLean, Gretchen Powell Kollitz

May 30 Cindy Sanderson

May 31 Mary Crawford, Terrell Stubbs

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1 M&M Austin Carnell (Kim Starling)

May 13 M&M Ernie Hancock, M&M Justin Harpe

May 17 M&M Brant Thompson

May 22 M&M Adam Humphries

May 31 M&M Bryan Mears



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

May Calendar

Friday, May 1, 2015

Relay for Life, 5:00pm, Chesterfield High School Football Stadium

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut

Monday, May 4, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm, Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 10 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Parlor Rented

Sunday, May 10, 2015

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

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut

Monday, May 11, 2015

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

United Methodist Women Circle #1, 10:00am, Parlor.

United Methodist Women Circle #3, 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm, Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 17 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, May 17, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut

Parlor Rented

Monday, May 18, 2015

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Life Line Screening, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm, Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, April 24 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm.

Thursday, May 21, 2015

J.O.Y Club Lunch, 12noon, Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 22, 2015

June Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall & Youth Hut

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

WATF Children's Activities, 4:30-5:30pm, Kid's Nook

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal, 6:00pm, Choir Room

WATF Adult Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 31 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, 2015

Lockey/Sartor Rehearsal and Wedding

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Genesis Service, 8:45am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF), 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut