

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, May 17, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)
Parlor Reserved

Monday, May 18, 2015

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Life Line Screening in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 20, 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)
May 24 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, May 21, 2015

12:00pm J.O.Y Club lunch (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, May 22, 2015

June Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 24, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Penny Quick	Head Usher: Doug Carabo
Lobby Door Greeters: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler	Hostess: Shirley Walton
Altar Guild: Laura Harris, Patti Taylor	Acolyte: Sarah Allen
Nursery: Caroline Berry, Kelly Dusa	Cross Bearer: Mary Charlotte Dusa
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell	McArn Item: Dry goods
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby	Flowers Next Sunday: Bonnie Huntley
Next Week's Lay Reader: Pam Baker	

Worship Attendance, May 10 —136; Worship attendance the same Sunday last year —189

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.



May 17, 2015
7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-2

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. **Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful singing.**

***Hymn No. 327 in the Hymnal**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory. **Have mercy and forgive us.** Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart. **Have mercy and change us.** Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others. **Have mercy and cleanse us.** Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry. **Have mercy and deliver us.** In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world. **Have mercy and forgive us.** Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by the Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy. **All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

Presentation of Scholarships

John Wagon

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 47

Lib Norton, Lay Reader

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Pastoral and Lord’s Prayer

Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 310 in the Hymnal**

“He Lives”

Ackley

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 24:44-53

Dr. McPherson

Sermon

“A Change of Heart”

Dr. McPherson

***Hymn No. 174 in the Hymnal**

“His Name Is Wonderful”

His Name Is Wonderful

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

***Benediction**

Dr. McPherson

***Postlude**

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

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), Rosa Chapman, Jackie Mayhew Family (Jane Mayhew’s stepson), Jack Baker (Charlotte Crosby’s brother-in-law), Tim Hardee (Jimmy Williamson’s friend), Edgar Barber (Chuck Barber’s brother), Ronnie & Kay Armstrong, Henry Rich (Becky Thompson’s brother). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SYMPATHY— Our sympathy goes to Jane Mayhew on the death of her stepson, Jackie Mayhew.

J.O.Y CLUB LUNCHEON — On Thursday, May 21 the J.O.Y Club will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. This will be a covered dish meal and the cost will be \$2.00 per person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 17 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) IS APPROACHING— VBS will be the week of June 21 in the evenings this year. Mark your calendars now for this fun and faith growing event.

WEAR YOUR ORANGE RIBBON — The orange ribbons that many people are wearing today are to raise awareness and to stand in solidarity with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

BLOOD DRIVE — Thanks to all those who gave blood on Monday, May 11. We had a total of 22 units collected.

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!

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.

LIFE LINE SCREENING , TUESDAY, MAY 19, TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT— Did you know? 1) Most people can’t identify a single risk factor or a warning sign of stroke, yet over 750,000 Americans will be affected by a stroke this year alone! 2) Nearly 80% of strokes can be prevented; 3) Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death and the #1 reason for nursing home admission.

You can prevent a stroke from happening today by signing up for the complete stroke screening package (which includes 4 screenings for vascular disease and an osteoporosis screening) for \$139 when Life Line Screening comes to First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

With 50 people already signed up, appointments spaces are very limited so please don’t miss your chance to confirm your appointment today before all slots are gone! Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to **1-888-653-6441**. **(SEVERAL COUPONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THESE SCREENINGS. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS.)**

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 — Pork tenderloin slices, chicken salad, pasta salad, broccoli salad, assorted crackers, cake and tea.