UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, May 3, 2015

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

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

7:00pm Pastor Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Monday, May 4, 2015

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

Wednesday, May 6, 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 10 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Parlor Reserved

Sunday, May 10, 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) (Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut)

BLOOD DRIVE — First United Methodist Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 11 from 2:00pm—7:00pm in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate blood or double red cells, please call the church office at 537-7002 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Ray Crouse Lobby Door Greeters: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Altar Guild: Laura Harris, Patti Taylor Nursery: Caroline Berry, Allison Becker

Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore Alternate Counter: Mary Burr Next Week's Lay Reader: Eric Dusa

Children's Church: Amy Lewis, Sarah Allen

Head Usher: Doug Carabo **Hostess:** Shirley Walton **Acolyte:** Sarah Allen

Cross Bearer: Mary Charlotte Dusa McArn Item: Canned vegetables Flowers Next Sunday: Jim Bennett

Genesis Attendance, April 26 — 48; Worship Attendance, April 26 —104; Total both services — 152

Worship attendance the same Sunday last year -150 (No Genesis service)

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson, Pastor (kamcpherson@umcsc.org) Angie Smith, Administrative Assistant (fumcangiesmith@gmail.com) Sara Sanderson, Director of Children/Youth (saralsanderson@hotmail.com) Mimi Coffey, Director of Preschool/Nursery (fmpsn2212@yahoo.com) Dr. Shane Robertson, Director of Music (srobertson@chesterfieldschools.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 3, 2015 5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship Isaiah 55: 1a, 6

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters... seek the Lord while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.

*Hymn No. 89 in the Hymnal "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn To Jov

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Opening Prayer

As the sun rises, so does our prayer, loving God. With each new dawn, renew our trust in you, our delight to do justice, and our gladness to be in your presence. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Children's Sermon Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading Psalm 22: 25-31 Jensen Tomberlin, Lay Reader

1 John 4: 7—21 Lay Reader **Epistle Reading**

*Affirmation Of Faith No. 881 The Apostles' Creed Lay Reader

*The Gloria Patri

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

Message

*Hymn No. 569 in the Hymnal "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Offertory Prayer Dr. McPherson

Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

*Gospel Reading John 15: 1-8 Dr. McPherson

Sermon "The True Vine" Dr. McPherson

Observance of Holy Communion Page No. 12 in the Hymnal

*Hymn No. 172 in the Hymnal "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Gordon

*Benediction Dr. McPherson

*Postlude

*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Kurt, Lillie, P.J. and Sophie McPherson by Jim and Marianna Crawford.

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 (Jane Mayhew's stepson), Jack Baker (Charlotte Crosby's brother-in-law). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME NEXT SUNDAY! — Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call our mothers, and maybe even take them out for lunch. Most of the more than seventy-five children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Faithful Methodists from the past and present have invested in comprehensive care for every child who calls Epworth home. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments.) This offering is our opportunity to support this vital 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.

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.

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.

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 <u>dbadams53@msn.com</u>, 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 Debbie after church to get yours!

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 — Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

Sudden Numbness, Difficulty Speaking, Severe Dizziness, Loss of Coordination, Sudden Loss of Vision, Sudden Intense Headache, Brief Loss of Consciousness

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call <u>1-888-653-6441</u> or visit <u>www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners</u>. (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 — Baked chicken, wild rice, cabbage, fritters, fat back, dessert and tea.