

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, June 21, 2015
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Tuesday, June 23, 2015
Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, June 24, 2015
June 28 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, June 27—July 4, 2015
Salkehatchie Mission Trip (Bus Reserved)

Sunday, June 28, 2015
10:00am Welcome New Pastor (Fellowship Hall)
11:00am Worship Service

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY

Greeter: Norma Cobb	Head Usher: Theodore Burns
Lobby Door Greeter: John Sanderson, Harold Lomas	Hostess: Henrietta Kollitz
Altar Guild: Jean McLean	Acolyte: Lydia Lee
Nursery: Caroline Berry, Charlotte Crosby	Cross Bearer: Alex Lee
Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell	McArn Item: Kool-Aid and other drink mixes
Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby	Flowers Next Sunday: Wolfes
Children's Church: Father's Day	Next Week's Lay Reader: Shannon Johnson

Worship Attendance, June 14 — 132; Worship attendance the same Sunday last year —179

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.



June 21, 2015
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day Sunday

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 47: 1

Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson

Come, everyone! Clap your hands! **Shout to God with joyful praise!**

***Hymn No. 117 in the Hymnal**

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

St. Anne

Responsive Prayer

Dr. Kurt McPherson

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. **Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.** For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. **We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.** O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. **Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Dr. McPherson

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 9: 9-20

Susan Marsh, Lay Reader

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 4: 35-41

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

***The Gloria Patri**

Commissioning of Salkehatchie Missionaries

Pastor: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these members of our community begin their work among the people of the upstate, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

Congregation: We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the people of the upstate and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ.

Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

Pastor: Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

Missionaries: We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts. We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Dr. McPherson

*Hymn No. 514 in the Hymnal

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Webb

Offertory Prayer

Dr. McPherson

Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology No. 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old 100th

New Testament Reading

Roman 8: 31-39

Dr. McPherson

Sermon

“A Father's Love”

Dr. McPherson

*Hymn No. 377 in the Hymnal

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Ville Du Havre

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

*An Order of Farewell

Pastor: I thank you, the members and friends of First United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Pastor: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Rev. Jack Vickers. Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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 Rev. Dr. Kurt McPherson and family, and in honor of all fathers on Father's Day. Also, in celebration of our 48th wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Calhoun.

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. Ron Hampton (Lib Norton's friend), Wayne Therrell (Jerry Therrell's brother), Ronnie & Kay Armstrong, Henry Rich (Becky Thompson's brother), David Dixon, Adger Howle (Jane Mayhew's brother), Martha Bentley. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SYMPATHY — First Church expresses its sympathy to Mrs. Martha Bentley on the death of her son John.

PRAYER CARDS — Prayer Cards will be available today for you to pick up before and after worship service. Each card will contain the name of a **Salkehatchie** participant and a list of ways in which you can pray. Please consider picking up one or more of these and begin lifting up these servants daily in your prayers. Please have any notes you'd like to send to your Salkehatchie participant in the church office by Wednesday, June 24. Thank you, Debbie Adams.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED — If you are interested in teaching the Jr. High Sunday School class beginning the first Sunday in August, please contact Jenny Keefe.

NEXT SUNDAY—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.