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THE CONNECTION

A big "Thank You!" from Jack and Yolanda to our new church family for a wonderful welcome to Cheraw! Although moving can be a difficult task, your love and warm embrace have made us feel quite at home here already. Our prayer is for this to be a nurturing and productive ministry as well as life journey together for years to come!

As part of the Body Challenge / Spirit Challenge clergy group, I sat outside of the Starbucks in Mount Pleasant early one morning last fall and wrote on a single sheet of white paper. There alone with coffee, pencil, paper and God led me to complete our assignment of writing on a single page what I would want the world to hear from me.

God created the heavens and the earth. Creation did not happen by chance! God loves you and God loves me and wants a close relationship with each one of us for eternity. The way for us to have this most special relationship is through God the Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16" For us to have this saving relationship, we must accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, confess our sins, and lead a changed life not on our own power or will, but by the power and will of Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Each and every day we must put on the full armor of God which will be

strengthened as we spend more time working on our relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through prayer, worship, study and meditation over the Bible, and living in Christian community. This all sounds so simple, but it is not.

You will be tested in so many ways, such as family, finances, relationships, vocation, keeping Christ as your focus versus things of the fallen world as your focus. I have been and continue to be tested and impressed upon by the evil one, as you may or may not be, so keep your faith in God above all else knowing there is an eternal home for all who are faithful, all the while knowing we fall short of the standard set in Jesus Christ.

We must over and over again repent of our sin and rely on the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ who paid for our sins to pick us back up and help us move forward in our faithful service of obedience to the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

There is a song I appreciate a lot, not an old hymn, but one that reminds me I was carefully created for use in the Kingdom of God.

I shared the words of "*Rushing Wind*" with the group and hope to share this song with you someday such as on Pentecost Sunday if you will indulge me.

Peace and blessings to all!

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Jack*

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COMING UP

**Red Cross Blood Drive, Monday, August 3,
2:00-7:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall*

**United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast,
Sunday, August 9, 8:30am, in the Fellowship Hall*

**September Newsletter Deadline, Friday,
August 21*

Sign Up For OneCallNow

If you have not signed up for OneCallNow, please sign up. This is a church-wide calling system that is used to notify members of meetings, events, and other church related news. Individual groups can also be set up for notifications, such as reminders for the United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Sunday

School classes, and so on. But we need everyone signed up. Contact Angie in the church office to be added to the OneCallNow registry. If you would like your group set up, please contact me at 921-7098.

Thanks, *Susan Eschenfelder*.

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

The Preschool/Nursery has 90 children enrolled. There are kids everywhere! They are enjoying a fun summer making crafts, playing outside, and having weekly "Splash Days." On "Splash Days," the 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and summer care kids play in kiddie pools, sprinklers, and slide down an inflatable slide. They have a lot of fun!

The summer care program will come to an end on August 14. We have been blessed to have a few extra months with some of our graduates and will miss

them as they head off to "big school."

We recently had chapel with Pastor Jack. The children loved singing songs with him as he played his guitar and enjoyed hearing a Bible story. We look forward to more fun times learning God's Word.

In Him,

Mimi



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)

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 children. 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 cannot thank everyone enough for helping with VBS! What a success it was!

Special thanks to Michelle and David Rohde, Rebecca and Vincent Prevatte, Dee Dee Pickrel, and of course VBS would never be complete without, Nancy Wagon. Thanks to all of you for using your talents with us. Thanks to Gini and Scott Eddins for being in charge of registration. The MYF was also a big help, especially with game time! Thanks to Greer Eddins, Keyshawn Melton, Matthew Wicker, Benson Stubbs, Austin Sanderson, Ximena Perez, Leighton Becker, Margret-Jean Harris, and Rebekah Williams. Thank you!

Several of the Sunday school classes prepared meals each night. They were, the Ezar class, Kinsey Malloy class, the New Horizon class, and the Pairs and Spares class. The last night John Sanderson grilled burgers for all. Every meal was great and all of the kids, and

adults, enjoyed!

Each night we averaged about 25 kids, and the last night was the largest. We had 32 kids, 9 youth, and 12 volunteers. Also two officers from the Cheraw Police Department came and spoke to the kids, and handed out packets to each of them. They were fantastic!

The theme for the week was "Fun Run"-**Keeping the Faith**-. The first night the kids learned more about Jesus as the light, the second night they learned more about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. And the third night they learned more about Jesus as the Living Water. The last night was a review, and boy did they know their "stuff"!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

There is a trip to Carowinds for the youth planned for August 4. We will leave the church at 8:30am, and return at 6:30pm. Please signed up

before July 31 by letting me know, or by calling the church office.

Congratulations to Benson Stubbs for becoming an Eagle Scout!

Benson, Caroline, and Greer will be heading off to college in a few weeks ... we wish you the best! You will be in our prayers, and we will miss you greatly! You always have a family at First Church, and we are here to help you in anyway. We are just a phone call or a text away! GOOD LUCK to each of you!

In Christ's Love, Sara

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Serving in August

Hostess

JoAnne Morgan

Altar Guild

Kay VanDeman, Julia Tucker

Head Usher

Roger Wolfe

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Jacob Rohde (A) Austin Sanderson (CB)

Greeters

Aug. 2 M&M Keith Smith

Aug. 9 M&M Doug Wilson

Aug. 16 M&M John Wagnon

Aug. 23 Druie Walker

Aug. 30 M&M Jeff Kollitz

Lobby Door Greeters

Aug. 2 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Aug. 9 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

Aug. 16 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Aug. 23 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Aug. 30 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Aug. 2 Caroline Berry and Michelle Rohde

Aug. 9 Caroline Berry and Alayna Carabo

Aug. 16 Caroline Berry and Pam Humphries

Aug. 23 Caroline Berry and Jean Assef

Aug. 30 Caroline Berry and Mason Tomberlin

Children's Church

Aug. 2 Amy Lewis, Sarah Allen

Aug. 9 Michelle Rohde, Jacob Rohde

Aug. 16 Kristen Tarleton, Alayna Carabo

Aug. 23 Mary Lou Long, Leighton Becker

Aug. 30 Sara Sanderson, Mary-Charlotte Dusa

Lay Readers

Aug. 2 Micki Lockey

Aug. 9 Ruth Middleton

Aug. 16 Ray Crouse

Aug. 23 Jenny Keefe

Aug. 30 Jim Bennett

Flower Calendar

Aug. 2 OPEN

Aug. 9 Jones Family

Aug. 16 OPEN

Aug. 23 Sue McManus

Aug. 30 OPEN

Counters

Aug. 2 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Aug. 9 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

Aug. 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

Aug. 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Aug. 30 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

Aug. 2 Flour/Sugar

Aug. 9 Can meats

Aug. 16 Rice and other dry good

Aug. 23 Toothbrush and toothpaste

Aug. 30 Baby items/food

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

September Newsletter Deadline

Friday, August 21, 2015

Memorials

In Memory of John Bentley

M&M Keith Smith, Lib Norton, M&M
Ellison Outen

In Memory of Christy Marsh

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Billy Wicker,
M&M John Moore

In Memory of Dr. Ron Hampton

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of John McCallum

Lib Norton

In Memory of Woodie Hamden

M&M Keith Smith

In Memory of Carroll Shaw

M&M John Moore

In Honor of Flo Outen's Birthday

M&M Jerry Therrell

In Honor of Rev. David Townsend

M&M John Moore

In Honor of Pete Owens

M&M John Moore

Perfect Attendance for June

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Debbie Adams, Pat Barham, Henrietta Kollitz, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Linda Smith, Sarah M. Therrell, Patricia Turner, Jerry Turner, John Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, Jerry Carter, Doug Wilson, Herbert Watts, Roger Wolfe, Joey Mills, David Rohde, Paul Ludlow, Shane Robertson, Theodore Burns, Jean Assef, Marianne Crawford, Ruth Ann Jones, Trina Mills, Jennifer Tomberlin, Margaret Wolfe, Norma Cobb, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Brenda Rayfield, Ethel Ann Streater, Druie Walker, Jacob Rohde, Mary Lou Long, John Moore, Pal Moore, Susan Eschenfelder, Amy Lewis





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

June 28

Dylan Brown, Ok Yo Chang, Lisa Chislolm, Courtney Davenport, Carolyn Gary, Angela Holliday, Kirsten Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Phillip Shepard, Nonie Turner

July 5

Donella Brigman, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Marie Davidson, Susan Davidson, Tom Davidson, Karen Hammer, Meredith Hammer, Michael Hammer, Tom Hammer, Emilio Marmol, Davidson McMurray, Jay McMuarry, Jennie Margaret McMurray, Marnie McMurray, Wiggins McMurray, Laney Parrott, Bre Powers, H.L. Robinson, Sarah Maubray, Dick Smith, Jen Smith, Jennie Smith

July 12

Ok Yo Chang, Kevin Chapman, Lucille Gray, Angela Holliday, Chappell Hurst, Bre Powers, Rain Rivers, Thomas Samuel, Bryan Townsend

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 1 Micki Lockey
Aug. 3 Gailya Wilson, Holly Miles
Aug. 4 C.C. Quick
Aug. 7 Drusilla Walker, Amy Lewis
Aug. 8 Jim Crawford, III
Aug. 9 Manuel Assef, Ester Furr
Aug. 10 Allison Becker, Judith Dixon
Aug. 12 Stephanie Rogers, Mae Li, Lesley Jean Watson, Bill Eutsler, Jr.
Aug. 13 Debbie Adams
Aug. 14 Betty Thrailkill
Aug. 15 Ron Cundiff, Jayson Lewis
Aug. 16 Kevin Pickrel
Aug. 18 Sawyer Becker, Robert

Calhoun

Aug. 19 Taylor Gunner Smith
Aug. 20 Patsy Rushing
Aug. 21 Margie Wannamaker
Aug. 22 Jordan Williamson
Aug. 23 David Dixon
Aug. 24 Doug Wilson
Aug. 25 Sarah Allen, Kristina Allen, Rebecca Baker
Aug. 26 Katie Moore, Olivia Crawford, David Townsend
Aug. 27 Brenda Rayfield
Aug. 28 Ethel Ann Streater
Aug. 29 Martha Starling
Aug. 30 Heath Ruffner
Aug. 31 Patti Rollings, Harley Rushing, IV

ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 4 M&M Jeff Kollitz
Aug. 13 M&M Greg Sanderson
Aug. 15 M&M Manuel Assef
M&M Curtis Jones
Aug. 19 M&M Roger Wolfe
Aug. 31 M&M Jackie Streater



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

August Calendar

Sunday, August 2, 2015

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

Monday, August 3, 2015

Blood Drive, 2—7pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Sunday, August 9 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Thursday, August 6, 2015

McArn Food Bank Children's Ministry,
2:00pm

Sunday, August 9, 2015

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am,
Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Sunday, August 16 Bulletin Deadline
12:00pm.

Thursday, August 13, 2015

McArn Food Bank Children's Ministry,
2:00pm

Sunday, August 16, 2015

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

Monday, August 17, 2015

School begins

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Sunday, August 23 Bulletin Deadline,
12:00pm

Friday, August 21, 2015

September Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, August 23, 2015

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Sunday, August 30 Bulletin Deadline
12:00pm

Sunday, August 30, 2015

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

Thank You Notes

I want to thank each of you for all the cards sent, prayers offered and food for my children and I during our most difficult time. Without you we could not have made it.

Martha Bentley

Lillie, PJ, Sophie, and I want to thank you for the wonderful covered dish luncheon and extremely generous love offering you gave to us during our last two weeks with you. We are grateful for the time we spent at First Church and will forever treasure the relationships we made while living in Cheraw. May God continue to richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kurt McPherson

We would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and cards during the illness and passing of Jackie Mayhew.

*Jane Mayhew, Joan Mayhew
Easterling, and Wendy Mayhew*