UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, September 20, 2015

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

12:00pm Youth Fundraiser Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

3:30pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) (Swamp Fox Theater)

Monday, September 21, 2015

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

4:30pm WATF (Wednesday At The First) Children's Activities (K-5th Grade) (Kid's Nook)

5:30pm WATF (Wednesday At The First) Meal

6:00pm Handbells (Choir Room)

6:30pm Adult Gathering

7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

September 27 Bulletin Deadline (12:00pm)

October Newsletter Deadline

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11:00am Worship Service

5:00pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Mike Elmore

Lobby Door Greeter: Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Altar Guild: Marianne Crawford

Nursery: Caroline Berry, Lesley Jean Watson Counters: Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternate Counters: David McLean, Walter Crosby Children's Church: Nancy Wagnon, Mason Tomberlin

Worship Attendance, September 13 — 115;

Worship attendance the same Sunday last year -144

Head Usher: Todd Becker Flowers Next Sunday: OPEN Acolyte: Hannah Leach

Cross Bearer: Kathryn Johnson McArn Item: Can spaghetti/ravioli Next Week's Lay Reader: Pam Baker

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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.

September 20, 2015 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Randy Madsen

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

Call to Worship (Responsive Reading)

Rev. Madsen

God is here, and God is able! Come to God in Jesus Christ, the Way of Life is open! **How great is our God, and great is His mercy!** Stubborn is God in His mercy, and free is God with His grace. **God is here, and God is able!**

Opening Prayer

Rev. Madsen

Thank you, O God, Creator of the universe, for a never-before day. Today, by the Resurrection Power of Jesus Christ, awaken our mortal living to the movement of your unstoppable new creation. Begin in our mortal lives this day a Spiritual fresh start, and awaken each of us to our place in your great vision. Have your own way in me, Lord. You are the potter. I am the clay. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise No. 110 in the Hymnal "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Ein' Feste Burg

Children's Sermon Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2: 7 Rev. Madsen

Psalter Reading No. 785 in the Hymnal (Read Responsively) Psalm 51:1-9 Rev. Madsen

*Affirmation Of Faith No. 881 The Apostles' Creed Greg Sanderson

*The Gloria Patri

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Greg Sanderson

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 369 in the Hymnal "Blessed Assurance" Assurance

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Greg Sanderson

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

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings, Offertory

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings with Prayer Greg Sanderson

*Gospel Reading John 8: 2-11 Rev. Madsen

Sermon "Stone Me Not" Rev. Madsen

*Hymn of Dedication No. 420 in the Hymnal "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Trentham

(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel,

pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)

*Benediction Rev. Madsen

*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 loving memory of Jimmie and Betty Ann Crawford in remembrance of their Anniversary by Jim, Marianne, Jim and Cameron 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.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Logan, Gary & Lacy Gause (Friends of Dee Dee Pickrel), DeAnna Starling, Hope Griggs, Betty Thrailkill (Shoulder surgery), Linda Motley (Jenny Keefe's aunt), Pal Moore, Rev. Jack Vickers. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES — Pastor Randy will begin a five-week series of sermons this morning entitled "Fresh Start."

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (UMYF) — Reminder that the youth will meet at 3:00 to go to the Swamp Fox Theater in Florence.

SKI TRIP DEPOSIT DUE — A \$100 deposit for the ski trip is due on Wednesday, September 30.

KIDS' GROUP MEETING — The Kids will meet each Wednesday from 4:30-5:30pm in the Kids' Nook. Come and bring a friend.

THANK YOU — I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my illness. — Wayne Therrell

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP — This year's Red Bird Mission Trip to Kentucky is scheduled for October 4—10. Your financial support, as well as your prayers, will be greatly appreciated.

WORLD COMMUNION SPECIAL OFFERING — This offering funds racial-ethnic Scholarships, with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. This offering will be taken up on Sunday, October 4, if you would wish to give to this special offering.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD — Each month there will be several items listed in the bulletin to purchase for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. These are suggestions and you may purchase them or purchase other items of your choice and turn them into the church office. September items are: yo-yo, harmonica, kazoo, jacks, jump rope, flash light, match box car, mini etch-a-sketch, and slinkey. Thank you, thank you, the box is filling up!!!

PUMPKIN PATCH — The Pumpkin Patch will be open from Saturday, October 17—Saturday, October 31. Please sign up with Sara Sanderson or the church office to help with this special activity.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FUNDRAISER LUNCH — The youth will have a fundraiser lunch after worship today. Please join us for a delicious lunch.

ORGAN RECITAL — You are cordially invited to hear a recital of organ music by American composers performed by Barbara C. Dickson on Sunday, September 20, at 3:00pm, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cheraw. Inspired by the 2013 visit of Ellen Smith, a missionary partially supported by First Presbyterian Church, Barbara felt led by God to offer to play a recital for fellow Christians in Russia or Ukraine. Ellen arranged for a Lutheran Church in Moscow to host the recital during the week of October 14-21. Prior to the recital in Cheraw, Barbara has played the program at Presbyterian Communities in Florence on August 19, and she will also play the recital at Presbyterian Communities in Columbia on a later date.

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 — Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, string beans, yeast rolls, dessert and tea.