

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, September 6, 2015**

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

**Monday, September 7, 2015**

*Office closed Labor Day Holiday*

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

7:00pm United Methodist Women Circle #3 (Home of Patricia Turner)

**Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

4:30pm Kids Activities (Kid's Nook)  
*September 13 Bulletin Deadline (12:00pm)*

**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

8:30am United Methodist Men Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

**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.

**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 Slinky. Thank you, thank you, the box is filling up!!!

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Greeters:</b> M&M Robert Calhoun	<b>Head Usher:</b> Todd Becker
<b>Lobby Door Greeter:</b> Robert Callhoun, Theodore Burns	<b>Flowers Next Sunday:</b> Huntley
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Marianne Crawford	<b>Acolyte:</b> Hannah Leach
<b>Nursery:</b> Caroline Berry, Christy Ruffner	<b>Cross Bearer:</b> Kathryn Johnson
<b>Counters:</b> Jane Mayhew, John Moore	<b>McArn Item:</b> Can vegetables
<b>Alternate Counter:</b> Mary Burr	<b>Next Week's Lay Reader:</b> Ray Crouse
<b>Children's Church:</b> Sara Sanderson, Alex & Lydia Lee	

**Worship Attendance, August 30** — 111;  
**Worship attendance the same Sunday last year** —101

**FUMC STAFF**

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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 6, 2015**  
**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

Greg Sanderson

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

**Call to Worship** (Responsive Reading)

Greg Sanderson

Trust in the Lord and do good. **May the Lord give strength to the people!** O taste and see that the Lord is good! **God is our refuge and strength.**

**Unison Prayer**

Greg Sanderson

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come Creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.

**\*Hymn No. 367 in the Hymnal**

**"He Touched Me"**

He Touched Me

**Children's Sermon**

Greg Sanderson

**Psalter Reading No. 846 in the Hymnal (Read Responsively) Psalm 124**

Youth, Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation Of Faith No. 881**

**The Apostles' Creed**

Lay Reader

**\*The Gloria Patri**

**Pastoral and Lord's Prayer**

Greg Sanderson

**Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings, Offertory**

Greg Sanderson

**\*Doxology No. 95**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Old 100th

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings with Prayer**

**\*Gospel Reading**

Mark 7: 24-30

Greg Sanderson

**Sermon**

“A Beggar At A Banquet”

Rev. Robin Dease

**Invitation to Celebrate Holy Communion Page No. 12 in Hymnal**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*(All are invited to partake in Holy Communion. Please come down the center aisle, starting with the pews closest to the altar, after receiving the elements, you are encouraged to kneel or stand at the altar and pray. Please return to your seat by using the outside aisles.)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn No. 618 in the Hymnal “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

Let Us Break Bread

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

**\*Benediction**

Greg Sanderson

**\*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.

**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, Wayne Therrell (Jerry Therrell’s brother), Elaine Liscombe (Sarah M. Therrell’s friends), 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.**

**WELCOME TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER** — We would like to welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. Robin Dease, as our special guest speaker. Rev. Dease is over the Hartsville District of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.

**CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES (K-5th Grade)** — The children will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 4:30pm in the Kid’s Nook.

**UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (UMYF)** — You will ***NOT*** meet this afternoon.

**SYMPATHY** — First Church would like to extend its sympathy to member Betty Hurst and Nursery Worker Caroline Berry upon the death of their sister, Roger Barbara Kimrey.

**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 on Sunday, September 20 after worship. Please make plans now to join us for a delicious lunch that Sunday.

**PROMOTION SUNDAY** — The children will move to their new classes next Sunday, September 13. The breakfast and other events will be done at a later date.

Summarized convictions from the booklet ‘The Lord’s Supper’ by F. Levon Hucks

-----The Lord’s Supper is the normative pattern of Christian worship. It is the uniquely Christian pattern. The full service of Word and Table has been the chief form of worship for the vast majority of Christianity since the earliest days of the church.

-----The Lord’s Supper proclaims the entire span of the gospel and the saving work of Christ. This includes not only his death, but also his life and ministry, his passion, his resurrection, his post-resurrection of appearance, his present covenant with us, and the expectation of the eschatological messianic banquet. The Lord’s Supper is a thankful celebration of all the saving work of Christ in all places and all ages.

-----The Lord’s Supper is basically actions and symbols, not words. These symbols and action witness to the unity of the body as the people of the Church gather around the table of our common Lord. These symbols show the extension of incarnation experience; it is an act of giving, not taking.

-----The Lord’s Supper is a meal. The bread and wine are actually real food and real drink as they would be with any meal. It has its roots in the early Christian ministry, such as the meals Jesus shared with his followers, the feeding of the five thousand, and the wedding feast in Cana. The meals were characterized by joy and gladness.

**DON’T FORGET EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY** — Next week is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children’s Home. This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day’s pay to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. 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](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on Facebook.