

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, November 29, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service
 4:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Decorating and pizza party at Duffy's)

Monday, November 30, 2015

6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

4:30-5:30pm WATF Kids Activities (Kids Nook)
 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
December 6 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, December 5, 2015

6:30pm Kinsey Mulloy & Fred & Lorraine Harris Sunday School Class Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 6, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Worship Service (Children's Christmas Program)
 3:00pm United Methodist Women Christmas Party (Parlor)
 5:00pm Christmas Program Rehearsal
 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jay Leach
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter
Altar Guild: Sara Sanderson, Charlotte Crosby
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Allison Becker
Flowers Next Sunday: Advent Poinsettias
Counters: Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph
Alternate Counter: Jerry Tucker
Children's Church: Doug Carabo, Mason Tomberlin
Next Weeks Lay Reader: Micki Lockey
McArn Item: Canned spaghetti/ravioli

Head Usher: Eric Dusa
Hostess: Shep Straughn
Acolyte: Leighton Becker
Cross Bearer: Alayna Carabo

Worship Attendance, Nov. 22— 117;
Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—134

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.



November 29, 2015
1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Jack Vickers

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

Call to Worship

Rev. Vickers

Lift up your heads, O gates! **and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.**

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Rev. Vickers

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn No. 196 in the Hymnal "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Hyfrydol

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Bonnie Cundiff, Lay Reader

Psalter No. 756 in the Hymnal (Read responsively) Psalm 25: 1-10

Lay Reader

***Affirmation Of Faith No. 881**

The Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Vickers

***Hymn No. 89 in the Hymnal**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee "

Hymn to Joy

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings, Offertory

Rev. Vickers

***Doxology No. 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old 100th

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

Epistle & Gospel Reading

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 & Luke 21: 25-36

Rev. Vickers

Sermon Rev. Vickers

***Hymn No. 706 in the Hymnal** **“Soon and Very Soon”** Very Soon
(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. Vickers

***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), Logan, Gary & Lacy Gause (Friends of Dee Dee Pickrel), DeAnna Starling, Hope Griggs, Linda Motley (Jenny Keefe’s aunt), Rev. Jack Vickers, Pete Baker, Lindsey Griggs (Mary-Charlotte Dusa’s friend). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT — As in past years, donations will be accepted for a monetary Christmas gift for members of the church staff. Contributions may be dropped off at the church office, mailed, or placed in the offering plate. (Please clearly designate “STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT” on your check or on the envelope if making a cash donation.) The deadline for contributions is **Friday, December 18**. This is a good way to express our appreciation to the staff for the work that they do! *Staff-Parish Relations Committee*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES — This afternoon the youth will meet at 4:00pm to go to Duffy’s house to decorate for Christmas. We will have a pizza party there and return to the church at 6:30pm. Next Sunday, December 6, we will meet at 5:00pm and go to the nursing home.

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

LIVE NATIVITY DRIVE-THROUGH — Zoar United Methodist Church will hold its 16th Annual Live Nativity Drive-Through on Sunday, December 13 from 6:00-8:30pm. There is no charge for this event; however, food donations will be accepted for the Chesterfield County Food Bank.

MERCYINME CLINIC SUNDAY — MercyinMe Free Medical Clinic, which has been operating in Cheraw for five years, will be receiving a special offering on Sunday, December 6. They are asking all churches in Chesterfield County to designate this Sunday as “MercyinMe Clinic Sunday”. With our help they can continue to meet the needs of the uninsured in the county who fall through the cracks in the health care system. We are helping to do God’s work when we support MercyinMe.

ITEMS FOR MCARN FOOD BANK/FOUNDATION — Sharon at the McArn Food Bank/Foundation has asked for donations of gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, socks, blankets and toys. These can be placed in the baskets by the church office.

WEDNESDAY AT THE FIRST (WATF) BIBLE STUDY — No WATF activities this week.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Children’s Christmas Play, December 6, during worship service
Chancel Choir Christmas Concert, December 20, during worship service
Christmas Piano Concert, December 20, 6:30pm, Sanctuary