

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 13, 2015

8:30am UMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
1:30-7:00pm Youth and Children Ice Skating
2:00pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Monday, December 14, 2015

2-7:00pm Blood Drive
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
December 20 Bulletin Deadline
January Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, December 17, 2015

6:30pm Pre-School Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 18, 2015

7:00pm Men's Class Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 20, 2015

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
3:00pm Youth and Congregation Christmas Caroling
5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jerry Turner
Lobby Door Greeters: Jerry Turner
Altar Guild: Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh
Cross Bearer: Mary-Charlotte Dusa
Nursery: Caroline Berry and Kristina Allen
Flowers Next Sunday: Advent Poinsettias
Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe
Alternate Counters: John Straughn
Children's Church: Sara Sanderson, Sarah Allen
Next Week's Lay Reader: Ray Crouse
McArn Item: Spaghetti noodles & sauce

Head Usher: Robert Calhoun
Hostess: Marsha Butler
Acolyte: Sarah Allen

Worship Attendance, Dec. 6— 155;
Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—119

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.



December 13, 2015
3rd 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 (Responsive Reading)

Rev. Vickers

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! **For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**
Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, **and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Joy)

Thomas and Olivia Samuel

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Rev. Vickers

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn No. 238 in the Hymnal

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria

Children's Sermon

Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Readings

Zephaniah 3: 14-20 & Isaiah 12: 2-6

Lib Norton, Lay Reader

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

Lay Reader

*Gloria Patri

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Vickers

Hymn No. 240 in the Hymnal

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

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

New Testament and Gospel Reading **Philippians 4: 4-7 & Luke 3: 7-18** Rev. Vickers

Sermon Rev. Vickers

***Hymn No. 224 in the Hymnal** **“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”** In Dulci Jubilo
(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 (Dee Dee Pickrel’s friends), DeAnna Starling, Mike Starling, Hope Griggs, Lindsey Griggs (Mary-Charlotte Dusa’s friend), Walter Crosby, Frances Puryear (Sally Smith’s Aunt), Leslie Wise Vance & Allison Vance (Sally Smith’s friends), Becky Thompson, Cindy Brooks (Sally Smith’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

PIANO CONCERT – On Sunday, December 20, at 6:30pm, Dr. David Thompson and Shane will present a dueling piano concert featuring works (Christmas and Traditional Hymns) composed for one piano, four hands and two pianos. The church has graciously provided the funding to rent another grand piano provided by Fox Music in North Charleston, SC. Please mark your busy calendars, bring a friend or two, and enjoy an evening of great music.

David B. Thompson is currently Professor of Music at Limestone College in Gaffney, SC where he teaches private and group piano, music theory and history, accompanies the college chorus, and is Co-Chair of the Musical Theater major. Dr. Thompson completed his Masters and Doctorate in piano pedagogy at the University of South Carolina and his BA in piano performance at Limestone College. Dr. Thompson lives in Gaffney with his wife, Sharon and has two married children, Jenna and Will. He is especially proud of his granddaughters, Maci and Abigail.

YOUTH/KIDS ACTIVITIES — This afternoon the youth and kids will meet at 1:30pm to go ice skating and to the Festival of Lights in Florence.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at 5:00pm in the sanctuary.

KIDS’ GROUP MEETING — The Kids will meet at the church for a Christmas party and visit the nursing homes on Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm.

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

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT REMINDER — Just a reminder that we have automatic bank draft for your pledge. If you are interested in signing up for this, please see Angie in the church office. If you are already signed up, your bank draft will continue to be taken out next year, unless Angie is contacted otherwise.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS — In order for contributions to be posted to your 2015 giving record, they must meet one of three requirements: 1) The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31, 2015. 2) The contribution is dropped into the offering plate or delivered to the church office on or before December 31, 2015. 3) The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31, 2015.

The church office will be open December 21, 22, 29, 30, 2015 from 8:00am—3:30pm and December 31 from 8:00am—12:00pm to assist you with year-end giving matters. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016.

BLOOD DRIVE — First Church will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, December 14 from 2-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. To register, please go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw or call Angie at 843-537-7002.

ITEMS FOR MCARN FOOD BANK — Sharon at the McArn Food Bank 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.

POINTSETTIAS — Beginning Christmas Eve and for the rest of the Advent season, there will be white poinsettias placed in the sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation to the flower fund in honor or memory of someone, you can do so by marking your donation “Flower Fund” and placing it in the offering plate or dropping it off at the church office.

ADOPT A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS — If anyone would like to adopt a child on behalf of the Pee Dee Coalition for Christmas, please contact Pam Baker at 843-910-1883.

THANK YOU — Thank you to my church family for your thoughts and prayers during Pete’s sickness! He was released from the doctor last week and is doing much better. —*Pam Baker*

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS — The office will be closed Wednesday—Monday, December 23—28; the office will close at 12:00pm on December 31. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Chancel Choir Christmas Concert, December 20, during worship service. Christmas Piano Concert, December 20, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.