UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

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 School Chorus Christmas Program Rehearsal
5:-7:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Nursing Hall)
6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Kinsey Mulloy Classroom)

Monday, December 7, 2015 6-8:00pm School Chorus Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:30pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 7:00pm School Chorus Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

4:30-5:30pm WATF Kids Activities (Kids Nook) 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) December 13 Bulletin Deadline

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 (UMYF) (Ice Skating)

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Robert Calhoun

McArn Item: Canned meats

Hostess: Marsha Butler

Acolyte: Sarah Allen

Greeters: M&M Ellison Outen Lobby Door Greeters: Pete Owens, Ellison Outen Altar Guild: Kim Williamson, Susan Marsh Cross Bearer: Mary-Charlotte Dusa Nursery: Caroline Berry and Alayna Carabo Flowers Next Sunday: Advent Poinsettias Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore Alternate Counter: Mary Burr Children's Church: Nancy Wagnon, Hannah Leach Next Week's Lay Reader: Lib Norton

Worship Attendance, Nov. 29— 139; Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—142

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December 6, 2015 2nd 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

Praise be to God! **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Love)

David, Michelle and Jacob Rohde

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Rev. Vickers

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O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Veni Emmanuel
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*Hymn No. 219 in the Hymnal

"What Child Is This"

Greensleeves

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

Rev. Vickers

*Postlude

*Benediction

*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, Linda Motley (Jenny Keefe's aunt), Pete Baker, 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. 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 ACTIVITIES — This afternoon the youth will meet at 5:00pm to 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.

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.

MERCYINME CLINIC SUNDAY — MercyinMe Free Medical Clinic, which has been operating in Cheraw for five years, will be receiving a special offering today. 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 — 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.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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