

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, March 6, 2016

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
3:00pm United Methodist Women Quarterly Meeting (Parlor)
5:00pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) (Youth hut/Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 7, 2016

2-7:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
3:00pm *Deadline for WATF Meal reservations*
6:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting (Scout Hut)

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

7:30pm United Methodist Women Circle #3 (Home of Jane Mayhew)

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

4:30pm WATF MKF Activities
5:30pm WATF Meal
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:30pm Bible Study
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
12:00pm *Sunday, March 13 Bulletin Deadline*

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

FUMC STAFF

Rev. Paul Frey, Interim Pastor (pdfrey44@gmail.com)
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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.



March 6, 2016
4th Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing

Prelude

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

Greeting and Announcements

Pam Baker

Opening Prayer

Rev. Paul Frey

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 617 in the Hymnal (vss. 1-4) "I Come with Joy"**

Dove of Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Frey

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32

Rev. Frey

Meditation With Open Arms

*Response to the Word

Rev. Frey

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:
**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

***Offertory**

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

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

Rev. Frey

Old 100th

The Invitation Page 12 in the Hymnal

Confession and Pardon

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

***Hymn No. 617 in the Hymnal (vs. 5) "I Come with Joy"**

Dove of Peace

***Benediction**

***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 church office at 843-537-7002.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), DeAnna Starling, Mike Starling, Lindsey Griggs (Mary-Charlotte Dusa's friend), Walter Crosby, Susan Eschenfelder, David Townsend, Charles Pittman (Holly Miles' father), Barbara Chester (Vincent Prevatte's friend), Sarah Jefferies Calhoun, Royce Rivers (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.**

WATF MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY— The Wednesday at the First meal will begin at 5:30pm this Wednesday. **The menu will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and tea.** The meal 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 (843-537-7002) 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.

The **WATF Bible Study** will begin at 6:30pm.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH — Anyone who would like to help with children's church, please contact the church office. We thank Allison, Nancy, Mary Lou and Michelle who have already volunteered.

LENTEN LUNCHESES — Lenten Lunches are held at noon on Wednesday in the First Baptist Family Life Center. The schedule is as follows:

March 9, Sara Sanderson, FUMC

March 16, Jerry Hardison, Emmanuel Temple

March 23, Joe Arnold, Faith Presbyterian

ITEM NEEDED — The preschool is in need of another freezer. If anyone has a freezer they would like to donate to the preschool, please contact Mimi Coffey or Linda Moore in the preschool at 843-537-2212.

GETTING READY FOR PALM SUNDAY — Palm Sunday is coming soon, March 20. On Wednesday, March 16, the Worship Team is scheduling an open workshop to make the palm crosses for everyone to wear on Palm Sunday. It will be from 3-5:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This event will be for anyone who would like to participate; you can make one or several. It takes sharp knives, cutting boards, and sharp scissors to make the project work. Some will be supplied or you can bring your own favorite tools. The crosses will be put in a plastic bag with a wet paper towel and refrigerated until Palm Sunday. If any questions, call Cheryl Postlewait at 843-537-6552.

ATTENTION YOUTH — Don't forget to pay for your ticket by March 18.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: M&M Jerry Therrell

Lobby Door Greeters: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Altar Guild: Bonnie Cundiff, Ruth Ann Jones

Next Week's Lay Reader: Bonnie Cundiff

Flowers Next Sunday: Gini Eddins

Counters: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternate Counter: John Straughn

Nursery: Caroline Berry & Erika Kollitz

Head Usher: Rhett Butler

Hostess: Lib Norton

Acolyte: Austin Sanderson

Cross Bearer: Jayson Lewis

McArn Item: Baby items

Worship Attendance, Feb. 28 — 130; Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—104

RELAY BREAKFAST — The Relay for Life Committee of Chesterfield County will be having a pancake breakfast at Fatz on Saturday, March the 19 from 8am to 10am. The money raised will go to cover the cost of the Survivor Luncheon that will be held April 9. The cost of the tickets are \$6.00. You may buy them from me or you may pay at the door. I hope that you will help to support this worthy cause. If you are a cancer survivor, we ask that you please go on line and register so that we can send you an invitation to the luncheon. If you need assistance with this, you may contact me or Jim Bennett. If you have filled out the form last year, we ask that you fill it out again this year. Please pass this information along to your friends and neighbors. Thank you.

Jenny Keefe, Co–Chair for the Relay for Life event

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS — We are in need of some help in the Sunday School Department. We need some people who would like to help out our young people. We just need one Sunday a month of your time to help teach the Jr. High Class. We also need someone who will agree to sub for us. We have many teachers who come every Sunday and give of their time to our young people, but sometimes they need a day off. We have some people who have agreed to help, but they cannot do it every Sunday. Our church will only grow stronger if we support our young people. So, I ask you to prayerfully considered working with these wonderful students. You will be a blessing to them and you might just find them to be a blessing to you. The materials are here for you; please contact me or Angie and let us know how you could help. The young people of this church are our future. Please help us to keep the church growing strong. Thank you.

Jenny Keefe, Sunday School Superintendent

MERCILESS METHODISTS — We show no mercy against cancer!!! The 2016 Relay for Life of Chesterfield County is Friday, April 29 at Chesterfield High School Football Stadium; the goal for Chesterfield County is \$135,000. **What's your life worth?** How can you help? 1) We need bottled water and cans of soft drinks; you may drop them off at the church office but mark **RELAY**. 2) We need you to buy **lots** of luminaries in honor or memory of someone you love.

SALKEHATCHIE 2016!!!! — It's coming!! The dates for Foothills Salkehatchie are July 2-9. Registration is not yet open, but start making your plans and encouraging the younger youth to attend with us. Keep checking the website (Salkehatchie.org) for when you can begin to register. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Johnson, Dawn Leach, or Debbie Adams.

THANK YOU — I would like to express my sincere thanks for the concerns, cards, visits, and food and especially prayers during my recent heart surgery and recovering period. This has meant a lot to Charlotte and myself through this period to have such a wonderful church family. We are so blessed to be members of First United Methodist Church. May God bless you all.

Charlotte and Walter Crosby

UMW — The quarterly meeting of the United Methodist Women will be on Sunday, March 6, 3 p.m., church parlor. We will have a mid-afternoon salad break, so please bring items for the salad bar.

Our program will be presented by Drucilla Walker on the “Prayer Shawl Ministry.” We want to support this program with a love offering taken at the meeting.

Our mission project for this meeting is small items for the folks at Palmetto Ridge Assisted Living. They could use tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant (men and women), lotion, body wash, night caps for the women, combs and brushes.

All women of the church are invited.

WINTER JAM — Don't forget to sign up with Sara for Winter Jam by March 18.

ATTENTION YOUTH — If you would be able to help with the Relay for Life on April 29, please let Sara know as soon as possible.