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THE CONNECTION

From the Pastor

THE IN-BETWEEN

Life is a series of beginnings and endings and in-betweens; a series of surprises that keep life fresh and exciting. I shall always be grateful for this Cheraw chapter of my life. The beginning came as surprise—a phone call from the District Superintendent saying, “I know you’re retired, but...” Now the ending of the chapter is approaching with blinding speed. How does time pass so quickly? And the in-between? Ah, the in-between time! The in-between time has been wonderful! It has been a time of new friendships, growing love, lives shared, and much laughter. Your loving welcome extended to me, Ruth Ann and our family is something that will always be cherished by all of us. It will be one of the special in-betweens of our in-between lives. Thank you!

We’re always in the in-between aren’t we? We live in the great in-between whose boundaries are marked by conception and death. Ruth and I are just a few days away from celebrating fifty years of married life. I well remember its beginning in a sanctuary of a church in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The

doors at the back opened and the most beautiful creation ever imagined by God walked to the front of the church and stood at my side and we promised to stand together until parted by death. The in-between from June 11, 1966 to June 11, 2016 has been amazing! It has given great adventures, great challenges, and great rewards. And God is not done with us yet! There is more to come!

The family of First Church is poised at the beginning of a new in-between as Rev. Ken Timmerman begins his ministry here on June 26. He, and you, are part of the in-between whose beginning is marked in 1728 and whose end will be marked by Jesus’ return. Together you will live an in-between marked by God’s goodness and powerful presence in the community of Cheraw, giving witness to all as you love another as God has loved you.

Thanks be to God for the blessings of the in-betweens!

With great affection,

Paul

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COMING UP

*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, June 12, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*United Methodist Women Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, June 12, 3:00pm, Parlor

Mud Pies, Sandcastles and Prayer!

Last month, I asked you to be in prayer for your church and your new minister and his family that will be coming in June. As Paul and I have been praying for you, I've thought of so many times in our lives that we have seen the miracles of prayers. Over the years of teaching young children I've always been amazed at their prayers and it reminded me of my children and grandchildren.

When I was a child, I loved making mud pies and sandcastles. The mud pies and cakes were always decorated with flowers or berries, the prettier the better. Such childhood activities use a wonderful part of your imagination that carries you into a make-believe world. A few years ago, Paul and I took some much needed vacation time and spent some time with our daughter Kristin and her family plus our oldest grandson Christian. We also were able to spend a short time with our son Ted and his family when we stopped to pick up Christian and then drop him off. Over the years I've had a lot of chances to play make-believe with my grandchildren. All of them liked to use my crutches as Tommy-guns as they fought all the bad guys. That particular vacation I spent a lot of time playing make-believe with Tessa. Her mind is quite creative.

Among the many things I love and have loved about my grandchildren are their prayers. As we travel, I pray continuously on the road. There were times on that trip we really needed it—tremendous rain storms, near misses with other drivers who were either tired or drunk, for the people in accidents we passed, etc. As we talked about how much we enjoyed our vacation, we talked about Tessa's prayers. Have you ever noticed when you are with a group of adult or older children from the church, we either wait for the minister to pray or everyone looks at someone else? There seems to be a fear that we may be called on to pray. There is no such fear with Tessa. Tessa loves to pray! She takes the verse in Philippians 1:4 (NIV) to heart—in *all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy!* At every meal when it was time for prayer there was always excitement in Tessa's voice as she would burst out with: "Can I pray? Let me pray. I want to pray! Please! Please! Can I pray?" As we grow older we seem to lose that excitement and enthusiasm for prayer. We may think that I Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV) Give *thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*, means "short and sweet" limiting our prayer to one general thank-you. Tessa's interpretation is that we should give thanks for everything. She no longer mentions everything that is on the table, but she still comes close. She mentions everyone by name, every food item, sometimes the dishes and silverware, the animals close by, the fish that are going to be

caught—in other words her prayers can be quite lengthy. Perhaps instead of wishing the prayer would be over while the food is still hot we should ask God for some of that child's excitement. Before meals, when the question is asked, "Whose turn is it to pray?" perhaps we should be shouting (at least internally) "Me, me, let me pray, I want to pray." It is my prayer that all of our grandchildren will have that kind of enthusiasm for praying. *Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.* Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

As parents and grandparents, we need to be **teachers** and **doers** of the word. We can teach children all sorts of useful information about the world and about living in the word, but if we don't teach them the word of God, we leave a very shaky foundation for them to build their life on. If we are not doers of the word then why should they believe us? We need to be doers—we need to set an example. Our children and all children need to see Jesus living in us. They need to see excitement in us when we talk with the Lord. If we are still living on this earth when Jesus returns wouldn't you be excited, even joyous to talk to Jesus in person? If the answer is yes, then are you just as excited to talk to Him in prayer? As parents and grandparents and even aunts, uncles and cousins we can have great influence in the lives of children. That is why it is so important that we live God's word. Back when Christian was little, I read a survey that said that 95% of children in the United States said they believed there was a God. 50% said they went to church every week and 80% said they prayed regularly. That may have only been a "Now I lay me down to sleep. . ." prayer, but it was a prayer. I'm afraid those percentages may have changed in the last ten years, and if so, it is even more important for us to be teachers and doers of the word.

There are two other Bible verses I think it is important that children know and understand. They are: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* Philippians 4:6 (NIV) and, *For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.* Matthew 18:20 (NIV). We can teach children that we go to God for more than just food and clothes and to thank him for the good things, but that we go to God with all our needs and we thank him for everything. We can thank God for being with us even when things aren't always so good.

So teach your children that despite what goes on in the rest of the world, we can make our concerns known to God, we can be thankful for the good God gives and for being with us during the bad. More importantly, we can be excited and eager to pray no matter how long we pray; no matter what the results may be. If we pray for rain, we may have to deal with some mud. Personally, I think Tessa and I could make some beautiful mud pies!

From the Director of Youth and Children

I hope everyone has a GREAT summer!

We will have activities for UMKF and UMYF throughout the summer. Please watch for text, emails, and be sure to read your bulletin for updates.

Please let me know if you are interested in being a safe sanctuary volunteer for events during the summer months. You

can text/call/or email me, or Angie. Angie's hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (you can also leave a voice mail for her). Safe sanctuary volunteers can be anyone in our congregation. This is a vital part of this ministry.

VBS is tentatively planned for July 25 – July 28. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this ministry for

our church.

In Christ, *Sara*

Relay for Life Results

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016
Luminaries	\$1600	\$1700	\$1900	\$2080
BBQ Sales	\$1202	\$1087	\$1180	\$881
Donations	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
Total	\$3802	\$3787	\$4080	\$3961

Merciless Methodist Team
 David & Jacob Rohde—Furnished gas cooker & heaving loading
 Jerry Turner—Cook & organizer
 Thomas McKinnon—Cook
 Sharon McKinnon—Head Seller
 Walter Crosby—Cashier
 Charlotte Crosby—Cashier & Seller
 Pal Moore—Made slaw & seller
 John Moore—Furnished truck, loaded & unloaded

Charlie Ruffner—Drink man
 Sara Sanderson—Cashier & Seller
 Jackson Rushing—Furnished tent
 Zenda Rushing—Furnished tent & seller
 John Sanderson—Loader
 Jimmy Duffy—Smiles
 Roger Wolfe—Onions
 Mary Burr—Cashier & put up with Duffy

Angie Smith—Money & luminary collector

Thanks to all, *Jim Bennett*

What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund
Red Bird

Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First (WATF)
Relay for Life
Grounds Upkeep Fund

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Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

Good Neighbor

The Men's Class at FUMC is offering a helping hand. Do you need any help to change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard, wash the car, or go to the store? Whatever your need, give us a chance to be a good neighbor to you. We're not professionals and will not bill you for services, but

we are handy at doing many things. Our intent is not to take any work away from our local businesses and service professionals, but to simply offer a helping hand. This service is available to all FUMC members, and anyone you know who is in need of help.

You may contact Roger Wolfe at 843-537-7496.

..help change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard,.....

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")



Giving to those less fortunate

Serving in June

Altar Guild

Jean McLean

Hostess

Henrietta Kollitz

Head Usher

Theodore Burns

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Margaret Jean Harris(A) Lawton Harris(CB)

Greeters

June 5 Penny Quick

June 12 Shirley Walton

June 19 Mabel & Jeff Foster

June 26 Norma Cobb

Lobby Door Greeters

June 5 Ellison Outen, Pete Owens

June 12 Jerry Turner, C.C. Quick

June 19 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

June 26 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

June 5 Sarah Allen

June 12 Michelle Rohde

June 19 Amanda Carabo

June 26 Erika Kollitz

Lay Readers

June 5 Shannon Johnson

June 12 Joey Mills

June 19 Rhett Butler

June 26 Bonnie Cundiff

Flower Calendar

June 5 Communion

June 12 Sanderson

June 19 Eutsler

June 26 Wolfe

Counters

June 5 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

June 12 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe

Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing

June 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby

June 26 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

June 5 Corn meal/flour

June 12 Canned meats

June 19 PB&J/Condiments

June 26 Drink mixes (Kool-Aid, etc.)

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

It's a busy time in the Pre-school & Nursery! We will be starting our summer care program for ages 5-7 years on June 6. Eight children graduated on May 19 from the pre-school, and three of them will be attending summer care. We hope to be able to serve 12-14 in summer care, in addition to the normal enrollment.

Younger children will be moving up within the school to the next class, and new children will be admitted.

Each classroom is full with a total of 81 children enrolled. There are 98 on the waiting list.

The children will enjoy a lot of outdoor play throughout summer. They will have "Splash Days," in

which they can bring their swimsuits and play in kiddie pools.

Come by and see us. Your heart will be blessed!

In Christ,
Mimi

July Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF LANNY RAYFIELD

M&M Tavener Threatte, Don & Wanda McElveen,
M&M Robert Calhoun, Rev. & Mrs. David Townsend

IN MEMORY OF VERA BRADY MEADOWS

George and Roe Boothby

IN MEMORY OF BETTY DICKENS

Mary Burr

IN MEMORY OF BETTY JEAN HUNTLEY

M&M Ellison Outen

IN MEMORY OF HELEN HAMDEN

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF TIM & BRENT CHAPMAN

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES PITTMAN

Rev. and Mrs. Anne Townsend

IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE GRAY

M&M Keith Smith, FUMC Fred & Lorraine Harris
Sunday School Class, M&M Ellison Outen

IN HONOR OF FLO OUTEN

Virginia Caughman

Perfect Attendance for April

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ashton Becker, Nancy Wagnon, Ellison Outen, Sammy Quick, Jerry Carter, John Sanderson, Jerry Therrell, Pete Owens, Harold Lomas, Jim Bennett, Manfred Kollitz, Roger Wolfe, Herbert Watts, Joey Mills, David Rohde, Vincent Prevatte, Shane Robertson, Dennis Chapman, Mabel Foster, Judy Jones, Curtis Jones, Edith Quick, Anne Townsend, Drucilla Walker, Leighton Becker, Jean Assef, Susan Eschenfelder, John Moore, Sawyer Becker, Carole Hennessee, Linda Smith, Sarah M. Therrell, Gloria Chapman.

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Theodore Burns, Jane Campbell, Ok Yo Chang, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Bonnie Cundiff, Debbie Elmore, Michael Elmore, Susan Eschenfelder, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Harold Lomas, Mary Lou Long, Sharon McKinnon, Thomas McKinnon, John Moore, Pete Owens, Vincent Prevatte, Edith Quick, Syble Sanderson, Linda Smith, Bobby Spears, Sarah M. Therrell, Anne Townsend, Jerry Turner, Nancy Wagnon, Drucilla Walker, Herbert Watts, Margaret Wolfe.





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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.

We're on the Web!
www.cherawfirstumc.org

Our Visitors

April 24

Ok Yo Chang, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Drew Copeland, Lucille Gray, Angela Holliday, Chappell Hurst, IV., Hunter Lee, Jed Reid, Danielle Robertson, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel.

May 1

Julie Anderson, Ok Yo Chang, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Kevin Chapman, Lyle Coffy, Bob Dickens, Laura Edwards, Keyshawn Melton, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Kiersten Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Cindy Veach, Louise Williamson.

May 8

Lilly Branham, Lyle Coffy, Drew Copeland, Claude Laney, Todd Lomas, Thomas Samuel, Cindy Veach.

May 15

Ok Yo Chang, Dawn Chapman, Debra Chapman, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Kevin Chapman, Sullivan Chapman, Linda Coffy, Lyle Coffy, Carol Crouse, Ruth Ann Frey, Elisha Hare, Angela Holliday, Katelyn Knight, Hannah Laney, Fran Lewis, Keyshawn Melton, Brian Plyler, Joey Plyler, Pam Plyler, Thomas Samuel, Ann Shearer, Angie Smith, Carlyle Smith, Helen Smith, Michael Smith, Robert Smith, James Thurman, Linda Thurman, Huey Wallace.

May 22

Susie Burgess, Ok Yo Chang, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Kevin Chapman, Drew Copeland, Carol Crouse, Bob Dickens, Fran Lewis, Keyshawn Melton, Tyla Quick, Jed Reid, Danielle Robertson, Thomas Samuel, Alex Watson, Louise Williamson.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

BIRTHDAYS

June 2 Brooke Watkins Freeman
June 3 Julia Jones
June 5 Martha Bentley, Jerry Therrell, Mike Pittman
June 6 Elizabeth (Beth) Barber
June 8 Catrenna Buffington
June 10 Susan Baker, John Wagnon
June 14 Sarah Lee
June 16 Susan Eschenfelder, Kelly Dusa
June 20 Diana Starling
June 21 Lesley Houser
June 23 John VanDeman, III
June 24 Homer Stanton
June 25 Zachary Mills
June 26 Clay Barbour, Harrison Goodwin, Paige Lockey Sartor
June 27 Sheri Stubbs

June 28 Amy Goodwin

June 29 Lydia Lee

June 20 M&M Jeffery Johnson

June 25 M&M John Wagnon,
M&M Dallas Keefe

June 26 M&M Jerry Tucker

June 27 M&M Mickey Sullivan

ANNIVERSARIES

June 6 M&M John VanDeman,
M&M Sammy Quick

June 7 M&M Jerry Therrell

June 9 M&M James Tweed

June 10 Rev.&M. David Townsend

June 12 M&M Scott Tomberlin

June 14 M&M John William Leary, M&M David Dixon

June 17 M&M Shelton Rumph

June 18 M&M Robert Calhoun



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

June Calendar

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

MKF Activities, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Kid's Nook

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 5 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Sunday, June 12 Bulletin Deadline, 9:00am

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, June 6, 2016

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Angie Vacation

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Angie Vacation

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

MKF Activities, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Kid's Nook

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 12 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm

Angie Vacation

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Angie Vacation

Friday, June 10, 2016

Angie Vacation

Sanctuary reserved

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Sanctuary reserved

Sunday, June 12, 2016

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Women's Quarterly Meeting, 3:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 13, 2016

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

MKF Activities, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Kid's Nook

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 19 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, June 16, 2016

J.O.Y Club, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, June 20, 2016

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

MKF Activities, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Kid's Nook

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, June 26 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, June 27, 2016

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

MKF Activities, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Kid's Nook

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 3 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm