



THE CONNECTION

From the Pastor

Out With The (Not So) Old and In With The New!

On April 17 Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson Robert Calhoun made the announcement that all had been waiting to hear—a new pastor is coming to First Church! Rev. Kenneth Timmerman will begin his time with First Church on June 26. Ken began his ministry in the South Carolina Conference in 1982 and has very successfully served appointments to Greeleyville-Lane, Fairfax, Gramling, First Church Myrtle Beach (Associate), St. Mark Greenwood, and First Church Myrtle Beach (Sr. Pastor). After wisely taking some time off for personal and professional refreshment Ken is re-entering active ministry here at First Church.

I've known Ken for just about thirty years and I am excited that he is appointed to First Church! Ken is a dynamic preacher, a caring pastor, a skilled administrator, and a man of deep faith. The future is bright for First Church with Ken as your spiritual leader.

It was fitting that on the same Sunday that Robert announced Ken's coming we considered God's word spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ***For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*** This past year has been difficult for First Church, but God is faithful and God has provided. It has been a great joy for me to be with you for a short time, a time that will be treasured and remembered with great fondness. I hope that you will now join in my joy that a permanent pastor has been appointed and will join your prayers with mine that God's plan for our future with hope will be realized even now and increase as Ken begins his ministry among us!

Pastor Paul

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COMING UP

*Memorial Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 4, 6:30pm,
Fred Harris Sunday School Classroom

*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, May 8, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*Blood Drive, Monday, May 16, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall

*J.O.Y. Club, Thursday, May 19, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

From the Pastor's Wife

The Church is God's Family

Many years ago when Paul was starting out in ministry, he was the director of youth and music at a large church in Indiana. The church had about 1000 members and we had three services. (Note to the choir--they sang at all three services!) It was an active church and from all appearances one of those churches that every minister would like to be assigned to serve. The Senior Pastor (Dick) was well liked. One of his strongest points was calling on people. One of his weaker points was favoring the "important" people. Our Associate Pastor (Dave) was loved immediately. He had a great sense of humor, a true love for everyone and was a fantastic preacher. He also didn't seem to have any weak points (he wouldn't have agreed).

Dick preached at the first and last services and Dave preached at the middle service. Slowly the second service began to grow in number, and then like a snowball rolling downhill it surpassed the other two services in attendance. The church was now ripe for Satan to step in and weave his spell. People were beginning to be unhappy with Dick and the complaining began. He spent too much time with certain people, he wasn't approachable, his sermons were boring, etc., etc. Some members now came up with the idea that Dave should be the Senior Pastor and Dick should become the Associate. I was not privy to the "behind the scenes," but the next thing that happened was an "unofficial" congregational meeting. Neither Dick nor any of his family were there. Paul and I were there. Dave and his wife were there. And a lot of the congregation were there. Dave didn't pull any punches. He talked about the dissension that was in the church and that if it didn't stop he would be moved to another church. Then, he turned to the Bible. He talked about prayer. All of us prayed. We may have thought our prayer life was more than adequate, but Dave asked

us to go beyond adequate. He asked us to spend fifteen minutes (preferably one-half hour) in special prayer every day for the next three months. He asked us to pray for Dick, for himself, and for Paul. He asked us to pray for each other and the future of the church.

Fortunately, those present heard that request and honored it. As God always does, He heard the prayers of his people. Dick's sermons got much better (or did the congregation's hearing improve?) and the congregation stopped its grumbling. All was well, for a short time. A couple of years passed and Dick was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of lung cancer. The surgeon took one look at the mass in Dick's chest and closed him back up. He informed Dick and his family that Dick had a matter of days. News spread fast. Within twenty-four hours, Dave and the rest of the staff organized a prayer vigil. For one year, there were one or more members at the church every minute of every day (that is 515,600 minutes) on their knees in prayer for Dick's healing. God gave Dick another thirty-five years on this earth. God hears our prayers.

You have had a lot of changes in the town of Cheraw. It has affected your life and the life of the church. I know that many of you have prayed for your church, but I'm going to ask you to go further. You may or may not wish to organize a prayer vigil, but I am going to ask that for the next three months you spend fifteen minutes a day in prayer for First Church. Don't pray for what you want, but for what God wants. Pray for your staff (paid and volunteer), pray for your programs, pray for your sick, pray for each other, and most importantly, pray for Rev. Ken Timmerman, who is coming in June. In just a few short months, Paul and I have witnessed your love and prayers--so I know you can do this. Let's pray until the light of God bursts out of our church doors to all who enter, to our community, and to the world.

***God is Good, All the Time!
All the Time, God is Good!***

Ruth Ann

From the Director of Youth and Children

Youth Sunday is this Sunday, May 1. This service will be a little different than past youth Sundays. We have three guests coming from Coker College to share their talents with us. Please make plans to attend. **Jake Williamson will bring our message, and other youth will serve during the service as well.** Please keep Jake and the other youth in your prayers.

As always, May is an exciting month for seniors. They are graduating and moving on to the next phase of life. Scholarship

Sunday will be on May 15, and we will recognize our graduates on May 22. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

MYF and MKF please watch the upcoming newsletters and bulletins for future events during the summer months.

In Christ, *Sara*

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, cards, food, and loving support of everyone. Lanny loved his church and family.

Brenda Rayfield

Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, food, cards, and especially your support. I love my church family.

Flo Outen

Scouting at First Church

BOY SCOUT TROOP 655

Meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Dan Stowe Scout Hut.

CUB SCOUT TROOP 653

They have a number of Dens and Tiger Cubs. They meet on various

days of the week, at various times, and at various locations.

Yours in SCOUTING,

John Moore

Charter Representative,
Phone number 843-537-2553



Become a Boy Scout

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

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

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 May

Altar Guild

Laura Harris and Patti Taylor

Hostess

Shirley Walton

Head Usher

Doug Carabo

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Mary-Charlotte Dusa (A)
Leighton Becker(CB)

Greeters

May 1 M&M Ray Crouse
May 8 M&M Thomas McKinnon
May 15 M&M Manfred Kollitz
May 22 M&M Jerry Tucker
May 29 M&M Lawrence Hammonds

Lobby Door Greeters

May 1 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns
May 8 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills
May 15 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler
May 22 Herbert Watts
May 29 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

May 1 Alayna Carabo
May 8 Christy Ruffner
May 15 Lesley Jean Watson
May 22 Jean Assef
May 29 Pam Humphries

Lay Readers

May 1 Pam Baker
May 8 Sammy Quick
May 15 Sarah M. Therrell
May 22 Greg Sanderson
May 29 Susan Marsh

Flower Calendar

May 1 OPEN
May 8 Jim Bennett
May 15 Dusas
May 22 Tomberlins
May 29 OPEN

Counters

May 1 Jane Mayhew, John Moore
Alternate: Mary Burr
May 8 Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick, Roger Wolfe
Alternates: John Straughn, Zenda Rushing
May 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst, Jerry Therrell
Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby
May 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield
Alternate: Doug Marsh
May 29 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph
Alternate: Jerry Tucker
McArn Items
May 1 Canned vegetables
May 8 Breakfast items
May 15 Crackers/cookies
May 22 Dry goods
May 29 Toiletries

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

It's hard to believe May is already here! We have an exciting month with 8 of the 16 children in the four year old class graduating. The big event is scheduled for May 19 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to come and get your hearts blessed by these precious children. We will miss the children who are leaving, but wish them the best.

With the weather warming up fast, we will start scheduling "Splash Days" very soon. The children love to put on their swim suits and splash around in the sprinklers and kiddie pools.

As always, we would love for you to come visit your school. The children will steal your heart, and the teachers are the best!



In Christ,
Mimi

June Newsletter Deadline

Monday, May 23, 2016

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF LANNY RAYFIELD

M&M John Moore, M&M Harold Lomas, M&M Ellison Outen, Michael & Barbara Cinnamon, M&M Pete Baker, M&M Jay Leach, Jerry Carter, Mary Burr, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Jerry Therrell, Jim Bennett, Christopher & Charlotte Watson

IN MEMORY OF BETTY DICKENS

M&M Harold Lomas, Mary Burr

IN MEMORY OF WATT BAKER

M&M Pete Baker

IN MEMORY OF MIKE BECKER

M&M Pete Baker

IN MEMORY OF STUART NICKLES

M&M Pete Baker

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY WINBURN

M&M Pete Baker

IN MEMORY OF CRYSTELLE MOODY

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF DR. C.B. BELL

M&M Ellison Outen

IN HONOR OF JERRY & PATRICIA TURNER'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

M&M Steve Barbour

Perfect Attendance for March

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jim Bennett, Mary Burr, Rhett Butler, Robert Calhoun, Jerry Carter, Gloria Chapman, Norma Cobb, Mary Crouse, Bonnie Cundiff, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Carole Hennessee, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Amy Lewis, John Moore, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Pete Owens, Sammy Quick, Brenda Rayfield, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Thomas Samuel, Keith Stubbs, Shari Stubbs, Jerry Therrell, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Anne Townsend, Jerry Tucker, Julia Tucker, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker

WORSHIP

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jim Bennett, Betty Board, Harry Board, Mary Burr, Robert Calhoun, Jerry Carter, Norma Cobb, Bonnie Cundiff, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Carole Hennessee, Amy Lewis, Sharon McKinnon, Thomas McKinnon, Pal Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Pete Owens, Cheryl Postlewait, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, Syble Sanderson, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Anne Townsend, Jerry Turner





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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

March 27

Emily Anderson, Michele Anderson, Leslie Blackmon, Patti Board, Dustin Branham, Harlie Branham, Lily Branham, Masi Branham, Melanie Brown, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Kevin Chapman, Linda Coffy, Lyle Coffy, Drew Copeland, Blake Davis, Jackson Davis, Smith Dillon, Tim Dillon, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Brian Graner, Dick Graner, Kay Graner, Chappell Hurst, IV, Jonnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Emily Keeney, Hunter Lee, Ali Lewis, Tony Loesch, Peyton Lumpkin, Kelsey Martin, Dustin McGriff, Laura McGriff, Klint McManus, Keyshawn Melton, Alayah Parris, Danielle Robertson, Avonlea Samuel, Christnda Samuel, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Carter Shepard, Kiersten Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Becky Sides, Betsy Tetsch, Iris Tetsch, Cindy Veach

April 3

Ok Yo Chang, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Kevin Chapman, Brandon Hill, Angela Holliday, Natasha Leak, Keyshawn Melton, Hailley Singletary, Tony Thrailkill, John Trussel, Kathy Trussel, Dorothy Watson, Carter Wells

April 10

David Bennett, Mel Bennett, Ok Yo Chang, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Drew Copeland, Lucille Gray, Alise Hurst, Chappell Hurst, IV., Hunter Lee, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel

April 17

Ok Yo Chang, Dennis Chapman, Gloria Chapman, Linda Coffy, Lyle Coffy, Mary Hart, Angela Holliday, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Dorothy Watson

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Mickey Sullivan
May 2 Jimmy Outen
May 3 Ron Buffinton
May 7 Shelton Rumph
May 11 Kathy C. Hancock, Jerry Turner, Chuck Barber
May 13 Mary Crouse, John Robert Smith
May 14 Jay Lewis
May 16 Benson Stubbs
May 17 Gail Eubanks, Ellen Eschenfelder, Michael Wagnon, Roger Wolfe
May 18 Dee Dee Crocker, Jamie Lewis, Tyler Goodwin
May 19 Zenda Rushing
May 20 Amy Smith
May 21 Amy Eschenfelder

May 22 Brandon Jones, Kristian Pickrel
May 23 Sean Eubanks, Mary-Charlotte Dusa
May 25 Rebecca Miles
May 26 Jean Assef, Betty Board, Henrietta Kollitz
May 28 Jean McLean, Gretchen Powell Kollitz
May 30 Cindy Sanderson
May 31 Mary Crawford, Terrell Stubbs

ANNIVERSARIES

May 1 M&M Austin Carnell (Kim Starling)
May 13 M&M Ernie Hancock, M&M Justin Harpe
May 17 M&M Brant Thompson
May 22 M&M Adam Humphries
May 31 M&M Bryan Mears



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

May Calendar

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5-7:00pm, Youth Hut

Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting, 6:30pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Trustee Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Fred Harris Classroom

Parlor Rented

Monday, May 2, 2016

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Fellowship Hall Rented

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

WATF (Wednesday At The First) Children's Activities (K-5th Grade), 4:30pm, Kid's Nook

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Memorial Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Fred Harris Classroom

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 8 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, May 8, 2016

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

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, May 9, 2016

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 15 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5-7:00pm, Youth Hut

Monday, May 16, 2016

Blood Drive, 2-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 22 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Thursday, May 19, 2016

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

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

United Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5-7:00pm, Youth Hut

Monday, May 23, 2016

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Boy Scout Hut

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Handbells, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Adult Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, May 29 Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, May 30, 2016

Office Closed Memorial Day Holiday