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THE CONNECTION

Parson to Person

James Harnish has recently written these words: A friend of mine was leaving the theater after seeing the movie *The Passion of the Christ*, when he noticed a man in tears, standing on the sidewalk, saying to no one in particular and to everyone in general, "Jesus suffered, so I don't have to." It struck my friend that the apostle Paul would have never said, "Jesus suffered, so I don't have to." Paul wrote, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3: 10-11)

When it comes to faith many people believe that only "good things are supposed to come" and that Christians live a charmed life. Some believe that the Gospel is always supposed to address satisfying "my needs," securing "my nation," protecting "my lifestyle," and ensuring "my temporal and eternal happiness." That is a far cry from the one who said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it." Some folks use the Gospel in ways that make it nothing more than a self-help program for everything from getting rid of excess weight to getting rich on the stock market, (Mark 8: 34-35) (*James Harnish, Living with the Mind of Christ, page 24*)

To be certain, God loves us and desires for our lives to be abundant. Abundant life, however, comes through what we "give" to the faith rather than what we "get" from it. Sacrifice is an important aspect of our relationship with God. Jesus exemplified this type of sacrifice, not only through the giving of his life on the cross, but in the way he gave of himself daily to people in need.

That's why it's good to have groups working for the good of others. It is in so doing that we follow our Lord's example of helping people. He said, "The poor will always be with you." It is not a situation that will be solved...only helped. To sacrifice a part of self to empower and bless another person who lives in misfortune is a Christ action. It requires sacrifice on our part. I am making our theme for 2017 "The Year of Submission." I pray we can all bring ourselves into submission to Christ in such a way that people in our town will notice. To come into submission to Jesus I believe we must seek substance rather than style. Some churches enjoy their style and ways. Our church is open to all who desire to come and find a relationship with Jesus. That simply means we have no dress codes or style codes to enforce. It is whosoever will may come. In the Year of Submission let it be our aim to grow in Christ that surrendering ourselves to his mercy is more important than any self-help we could get.

The best self-help the Gospel offers is through teaching us that "we must decrease and Christ must increase." What piece of us can we offer each week? "If we can't bear the cross, then we can't wear the crown."

Ken Timmerman

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COMING UP

*UMM Breakfast, Sun., Feb. 12, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*UMW Circle #4, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 3:00pm, Parlor

*UMW Circle #3, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:00pm

*J.O.Y. Club, Feb. 16, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

*Newsletter Deadline, Fri., Feb. 17, 12:00pm

*UMM Sweetheart Banquet, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF EDYCE BRASINGTON

Syble Sanderson, M&M Thomas McKinnon

IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY WALTON

Syble Sanderson, M&M Robert Calhoun, Kinsey Mulloy Sunday School Class

MIN MEMORY OF DOT WATSON

Jim Bennett, Ezer Sunday School Class

IN MEMORY OF JOE MARSH

Syble Sanderson, M&M Thomas McKinnon

IN MEMORY OF LARRY HEUSTESS

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF DOUG WILSON

Syble Sanerson, M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Thomas McKinnon

IN MEMORY OF ALLISON TOOLE

Ezer Sunday School Class

IN MEMORY OF REBECCA CASSIDY

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT BURR

Nancy Martin

IN HONOR OF LIB NORTON

Kinsey Mulloy Sunday School Class

From the Director of Youth and Children

UMKF (United Methodist Kids Fellowship) are having a blast learning to play hand bells and learning new songs to sing! What a blessing they are!!! 😊

FUMC will serve the Cheraw Academic Bowl Team supper on February 1, and February 8. The meal will be served at Cheraw High School at 4:00pm. If you would like to help in any way please contact Sara at 843-910-7987.

UMYF will serve at the Valentine Banquet on February 17. They will need to be in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm.

The date and time for UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) will change to Sundays 5:00pm – 6:30pm, starting on February 5. - In conversation, youth indicated they would like for meetings to be changed back to Sundays. - Below you will find a list of Safe Sanctuary Volunteers, and a list of snack supper volunteers. We ask that if you are not available for one of the Sundays of your month, please contact Sara, **we ask that you do not switch with anyone; but to call Sara and let her know.**

Please call Sara, or the church office if you would like to serve UMYF snack supper.

There has been several people who have volunteered, if you would please call I will assign a date for you to do your meal.

Safe Sanctuary Volunteers:

February: Jim Bennett

March: Christy Ruffner

April: Dawn Leach

May: Shannon Johnson

Snack Supper Volunteers:

February 5: Circle 4



Happy Birthday
Duffy
February 14.

Perfect Attendance for December

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jean Assef, Mack Atkinson, Martha Bentley, Robert Calhoun, Jerry Carter, Lyle Coffy, Jim Crawford, Marianne Crawford, Mary Crouse, Bonnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Gini Eddins, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Carole Hennessee, Angela Holliday, Pam Humphries, Ruth Ann Jones, Jenny Keefe, Henrietta Kollitz, Manfred Kollitz, Amy Lewis, Harold Lomas, Emily Marsh, Susan Marsh, Joey Mills, John Moore, JoAnne Morgan, Lib Norton, Pete Owens, Vincent Prevatte, Shane Robertson, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Thomas Samuel, Cindy Sanderson, Greg Sanderson, John Sanderson, Renie Seel, Linda Smith, Martha Starling, Shari Stubbs, Jerry Therrell,

Sarah M. Therrell, Julia Tucker, Jerry Turner, Herbert Watts

WORSHIP

Jean Assef, Manuel Assef, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jerry Carter, Jim Crawford, Marianne Crawford, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Gini Eddins, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Dallas Keefe, Jenny Keefe, Dawn Leach, Jay Leach, Harold Lomas, Susan Marsh, Sharon McKinnon, Thomas McKinnon, Cheryl Postlewait, Vincent Prevatte, Jacob Rohde, Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith, Martha Starling, Keith Stubbs,

Shari Stubbs, Anne Townsend, David Townsend, Herbert Watts, Kim Williamson

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sarah M. Therrell

WORSHIP

Sarah M. Therrell, Sharon McKinnon

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 February

Altar Guild

Amy Lewis

Hostess

Flo Outen

Head Usher

Keith Smith

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Alex Lee (A) Lydia Lee (CB)

Greeters

Feb. 5 M&M Rhett Butler

Feb. 12 M&M Walter Crosby

Feb. 19 M&M Anthony Harris

Feb. 26 Emily Marsh

Lobby Door Greeters

Feb. 5 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

Feb. 12 Jerry Turner

Feb. 19 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Feb. 26 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Feb. 5 Christy Ruffner

Feb. 12 Lesley Jean Watson

Feb. 19 Jean Assef

Feb. 26 Pam Humphries

Lay Readers

Feb. 5 Lydia Lee

Feb. 12 Pam Baker

Feb. 19 Drew Copeland

Feb. 27 Sawyer Becker

Flowers

Feb. 5 OPEN

Feb. 12 Emily Marsh

Feb. 19 & Feb. 26 OPEN

Counters

Feb. 5 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Feb. 12 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,
Sammy Quick

Alternates: John Straughn

Feb. 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter
Crosby

Feb. 27 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Feb. 5 Breakfast foods

Feb. 12 Canned spaghetti and ravioli

Feb. 19 Canned soups

Feb. 26 Toiletries

From the FUMC Pre-School and Nursery

The Child Development Ministry is just about full with only 2 openings. We have openings in the one year old classes that will be filled with children moving up from the nursery. The nursery will then be filled from the waiting list. We continue to be blessed with great families and great employees.

The playground is in need of sand, so we will be having that delivered soon and spread on the playground. Some of the fathers have agreed to help with that. If any men in the church would like to help, please call me.

The children are getting ready for Valentine's Day by making crafts. If you have a chance, come walk through and see them and the work they are doing. You will fall in love with these sweet faces!

In Him,

Mimi



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December 18

Ok Yo Chang, Mimi Coffey, Teran Gamble, Angela Holliday, Cameron Hurst, Chappell Hurst, IV., Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Luke Lehr, Stephanie Lehr, Allison Nettleton, Shawn Nettleton, Jan Rogers, Todd Rogers, Thomas Samuel, Jacob Shuler, Wendy Shuler, Cooper Timmerman, Sara Dee Timmerman, Becky Wetternek, Elizabeth Wetternek, Sofie Wetternek, Taylor Williams.

December 25

David Dellinger, Jonah Dyson, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Keyshawn Melton, Thomas Samuel, Ann Shearer, David Shearer, Will Shearer, Becky Sides, Ricki Thurman, Bob Tietze.

January 1

Polly Atkman, Lily Branham, Masi Branham, Buddy Brooks, Ok Yo Chang, Marc Humann, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Fran Lewis, Jed Reid, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thraillkill.

January 8

Ok Yo Chang, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Stephen Johnson, Jed Reid, Jan Rogers, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thraillkill, Steve Townsend.

January 15

Buddy Brooks, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Smith Dillon, Tim Dillon, Angela Holliday, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Collin McManus, William Paschall, Jed Reid, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thraillkill, Steve Townsend, Becky Wetternek, Sofie Wetternek.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 4 John Moore
Feb. 6 Susan Allen
Feb. 7 Bryan Moore Crawford, Cameron Crouse
Feb. 9 Ernie Hancock, Sue McManus, Alex Lee
Feb. 10 Francis M. Laney
Feb. 14 Jimmy Duffy
Feb. 16 Shellie Mears
Feb. 17 Jake Williamson, Sammy Quick
Feb. 18 Keith Stubbs, John Sanderson
Feb. 23 Brianna Houser
Feb. 24 Scott Tomberlin
Feb. 25 Tavener Threatte
Feb. 28 Will Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 14 M&M David Hearl
(Kayla Buffington)
Feb. 26 M&M Jackson Rushing



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

February Calendar

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Sunday, February 5 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm.

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 6:30

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, February 6, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:00am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Sunday, February 12 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 6:30

Sunday, February 12, 2017

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

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, February 13, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:00am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Sunday, February 19 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 6:30

Thursday, February 16, 2017

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

Friday, February 17, 2017

UMM Sweetheart Banquet, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

Monday, February 20, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:00am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

February 26 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF for UMYF, 6:30pm

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

Monday, February 27, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:00am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

March Newsletter Deadline

Friday, February 17, 2017