



# THE CONNECTION

## Parson to Person

We recently changed to Daylight Savings Time and it has set my mind to thinking about time. Time is a precious item and as we yearn for more time and try to manage time and strive to master time through schedules...maybe we do not stop long enough to understand the value of time.

1. To know the value of one year...ask the student who failed the final exam.
2. To know the value of one month...ask the mother of a premature baby.
3. To know the value of one week...ask the editor of a weekly news magazine.
4. To know the value of one day...ask the wage earner who has six children.
5. To know the value of one hour...ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
6. To know the value of one second...ask the person who survived the accident.
7. To know the value of one millisecond...ask the Olympic silver medalist.

Time is precious. Have you ever found yourself thinking, "I need more time?" Well, you're not going to get it. No one gets more time. There are 1,440 minutes in a day. No matter what you do, you won't get more today. Time moves forward regardless of circumstances and, in the game of life, creates a level playing field for everyone. Since you can't change time, you must instead change your approach to it. *(John C. Maxwell, Today Matters, pages 66-67)*

How are we spending our time? For some the glory of Easter comes and goes on Easter Sunday. For God and the church, Easter signals a beginning rather than an ending. The end of the story is not the Lord's resurrection. That's the start! Our entry into the Christ-story comes post-resurrection as the life of the church is built on the witness of disciples who loved the Lord.

The church continues to be built upon the witness of disciples who love the Lord. Can we make room for the church in our calendar? Can we find time to pray? Is there time to read the Bible? Can we employ ourselves in some form of mission? Will those who can sing make time to share their voices in the choir? Will more youth come on Sunday evenings and help the youth group that is growing grow more? Can we consider teaching Sunday School? Can we invite those we know are not churching to come to church? Can we make time on Wednesday evenings to join in fellowship with our Church family?

These are good ways to demonstrate that with Easter's beginning comes new devotion to Christ and his Church. Wouldn't it be wonderful to establish something new in our Easter Time? While much of Christendom seems to take a break from church following Easter, wouldn't it be great if we altered that trend?

*Ken Timmerman*

### Our Staff

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### COMING UP

\*Spring BBQ, Saturday, April 1, 11am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

\*UMM Breakfast, Sun., April 9, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

\*UMW Circle #4, Tuesday, April 11, 3:00pm, Parlor

\*UMW Circle #3, Tuesday, April 11, 7:00pm

\*Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 13, 7:30pm

\*Easter Egg Hunt, Sat. April 15, 10:00am, Church grounds

\*Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 16, 6:30am

\*J.O.Y. Club, April 20, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

\*Newsletter Deadline, Thurs., April 20, 12:00pm

## Memorials & Honorariums

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### ***IN MEMORY OF FRANCES LANEY***

M&M Herbert Watts, Bill Cornett, M&M Bill Eutsler, Jr.,  
Willard & Shirley Page, B.J. Moore, William & Janice  
Chewning, Elizabeth Anne Poole Bryant, M&M John  
Moore, M&M Keith Smith, Jay & Frankie Hughes, Ed &  
Lorena Kelly, Bill & Marie Rogers, James & Lynn Tweed,  
Hunter Electrical Service, Mary Burr

### ***IN MEMORY OF FRANCINE RIVERS***

M&M Keith Smith

### ***IN MEMORY OF KATHY S. WELCH***

M&M Keith Smith

### ***IN MEMORY OF SARA COOK***

Lynn Tweed

### ***IN MEMORY OF LANNY RAYFIELD***

James & Lynn Tweed

### ***IN MEMORY OF REV. ED DAVIDSON***

James & Lynn Tweed

### ***IN MEMORY OF DOT WATSON***

M&M Jerry Turner

### ***IN MEMORY OF EDDIE STUBBS***

M&M Jerry Turner, M&M Steven Humphries

### ***IN MEMORY OF BRANT THOMPSON***

M&M Jerry Turner

### ***IN MEMORY OF VIVIAN POSTON***

M&M Jerry Turner

### ***IN MEMORY OF DOUG WILSON***

Betty Hurst

### ***IN HONOR OF LIB NORTON***

Lynn Tweed

### ***IN HONOR OF ROACHEL LANEY***

William & Janice Chewning

## From the Director of Youth and Children

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### **UMYF**

**Thank you to all** who have volunteered for the past two months at our UMYF meetings! Special thanks to Jim Bennett and Syble Sanderson for doing double duty! They were Safe Sanctuary volunteers for the months of February, and supper volunteers during March. Thank you Christy Ruffner for Volunteering for the month of March for Safe Sanctuary duty. Thank you, thank you, to all who have prepared our

suppers! We are so blessed to have such a great church family!

**Attention All Safe Sanctuary Volunteers...please remember if you have a conflict with one of your assigned Sundays, call Ken or Sara and let one of the know, well in advance.**

### **UMKF**

We have been studying how the Bible is made up, and the many different events that took place in the book of

Genesis.

The Children have been learning new songs, and will be singing on April 8. **Mark your calendars!**

*Sara*

## Salkehatchie Summer Service

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**WHO?** Salkehatchie Summer Service is for high school and college age youth drawn primarily from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. Participants must be at least 14 years old by the beginning of the camp they attend. Adult leaders are also needed to offer guidance and support.

**WHY?** Many of our neighbors in South Carolina live in homes needing repair, and Jesus has called us to love our neighbor (Luke 10:29-37). South Carolina United Methodist Youth need to

experience Christian servanthood. And he said to all, 'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'" (Luke 9:23)

**HOW MUCH?** There is a \$230 fee per person. Each volunteer participates fully in the experience of serving, growing, learning and sharing together.

**WHEN?** FUMC participants have been attending the Foothills camp for the

past several years. Dates for this year's Foothills camp are July 1-8. If Foothills does not suit your schedule, other camps are available on other dates.

**HOW TO SIGN UP?** Go to the Salkehatchie.org home page and click on "2017 Registration Now Open."

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Shannon Johnson or Dawn Leach

## Perfect Attendance for February

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### WORSHIP

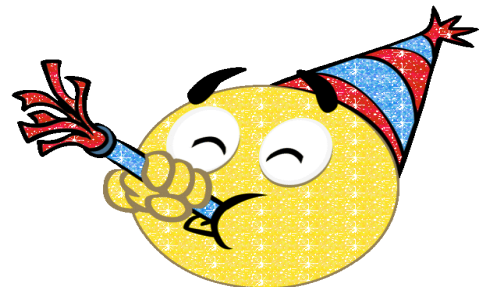
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Sanderson, Keith Smith, Linda Smith, Sally Smith, Bobby Spears, Shep Straughn, Becky Thompson, Tony Thrailkill, Jerry Turner, Jimmie Williamson, Kim Williamson, Gailya Wislon

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ashton Becker, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Mary Burr, Robert Calhoun, Jerry Carter, Bonnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Gini Eddins, Scott Eddins, Susan Eschenfelder, Carole Hennessee, Curtis Jones, Ruth Ann Jones, Walker Jones, Henrietta Kollitz, Manfred Kollitz, Amy Lewis, Harold Lomas, Emily Marsh, Susan Marsh, Paul Miles, John Moore, Pal

Moore, Lib Norton, Pete Owens, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Thomas Samuel, Greg Sanderson, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Keith Smith, Linda Smith, Sally Smith, Peyton Taylor, Jerry Therrell, Sarah M. Therrell, Tony Thrailkill, Jerry Turner



## What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

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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

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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

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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*



## New Members

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Jan Rogers, February 26, 2017



Farrah Lewis, March 19, 2017



Jed Reid, March 26, 2017

## Other Church Photos

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Children singing during worship.



FUMC Adult Choir sings during worship.



Spartanburg Methodist College Choir sings for FUMC



Late Winter snow at FUMC on March 12, 2017

## Serving in April

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### Altar Guild

Susan Eschenfelder and Zenda Rushing

### Hostess

Carole Hennessee

### Head Usher

Jeff Johnson

### Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Hollis Dusa (A) Mary Charlotte Dusa (CB)

### Greeters

April 2 M&M Jerry Therrell

April 9 M&M Manuel Assef

April 16 M&M Curtis Jones

April 23 M&M Jeff Johnson

April 30 Renie Seel

### Lobby Door Greeters

April 2 Pete Owens, Ellison Outen

April 9 Jerry Turner

April 16 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

April 23 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

April 30 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

### Nursery

April 2 Sally Smith

April 9 Mary Charlotte Dusa

April 16 Kim Williamson

April 23 Jean McLean

April 30 Alayna Carabo

### Lay Readers

April 2 Mary Charlotte Dusa

April 9 Hollis Dusa

April 16 Greg Sanderson

April 23 Lilly Melton

April 30 Margaret Jean Harris

### Flowers

April 2 Brenda Rayfield

April 9 Kim Williamson

April 16 Easter Lilies

April 23 Traynham Estate

April 30 OPEN

### Counters

April 2 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

April 9 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,  
Sammy Quick

Alternate: John Straughn

April 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,  
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter  
Crosby

April 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert  
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

April 30 Rhett Butler, Shelton  
Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

### McArn Items

April 2 Peanut butter

April 9 Breakfast foods

April 16 Drink mixes (Kool-Aid, etc.)

April 23 Condiments

April 30 Toiletries

## From the First Church Child Development Ministry

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Spring has sprung and the child development ministry is buzzing with activity. The children are busy making crafts, learning all they can, and preparing to graduate or move up to the next class.

The three and four year old classes will attend the play, *Goldilocks* by Porkchop Productions, on April 19<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed seeing *The Emperor's New Clothes* in March. They always enjoy going to Theater on the Green.

We have 78 children in the

school, and the waiting list is growing all the time. We will be at full capacity as soon as three of the new-born children are ready to start.

Elaine Barnette is taking spring pictures and has a live bunny for the children to hold. She does a wonderful job with the children. She comes in the spring and fall to take the children's pictures. There are always afternoon appointments available if you would like to have family or individual pictures made. Just call our

office.

We have recently added some new part-time staff. We want to welcome Ashley Chavis, Donna Smith, Briana Rushing, and Cathy Ham. These ladies have been a much needed addition to our staff and have such a great love for children.

The child development ministry will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday to celebrate our Lord.

In Him,  
*Mimi*



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## Our Visitors

### February 19

Polly Atkinson, Sutton Boyd, Lily Branham, Maci Branham, Brent Humann, Emma Humann, Lauren Humann, Marc Humann, Keyshawn Melton, Ashlyn Nelson, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thraikill, Eli Townsend, Elizabeth Townsend, Michael Townsend, Nolan Townsend, Steve Townsend, Connie Williamson, Doug Williamson.

### February 26

Ruth Atkinson, Lily Branham, Maci Branham, Ok Yo Chang, Mimi Coffey, Drew Copeland, Alyssa Edwards, Laural Edwards, Harlie James, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Walker Jones, Hunter Lee, Collin McManus, Judith Miller, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Emily Skews, Tony Thraikill, James Wasserman, Leslie Wasserman.

### March 5

Ginger Caughman, Ok Yo Chang, Erin Coffey, Mimi Coffey, Will Coffey, Kathryn Godwin, Ron Greene, Chappell Hurst, IV., Johnnie Johnson,

Mary Johnson, Walker Jones, Thomas Samuel, Kiersten Shepard, Lawson Shepard, Tony Thraikill, Becky Wetternek, Sofie Wetternek.

### March 12

Drew Copeland, Cheyenne Douglas, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Hunter Lee, Keyshawn Melton, Thomas Samuel, Mary Elizabeth Watkins.

### March 19

Charlene Adelstone, Madeline Adelstone, Rodney Adelstone, Aubrey Bennett, Hayley Bennett, Joey Bennett, Buddy Brooks, Reba Brooks, Ok Yo Chang, Harriet Clark, Mimi Coffey, Hibry Eames, Alyssa Edwards, Jennifer Hemingway, Walker Jones, April Long, Juanita Moore, David Owens, Jerry Ritchie, Teresa Ritchie, Olivia Samuel, Thomas Samuel, Shelby Sansbury, Candice Sloan, Judy Springs

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

### BIRTHDAYS

April 4 Kayla Buffington Hearl  
April 6 W.K. (Keith) Smith, Jim Bennett  
April 9 Becky Thompson  
April 10 Anthony Harris, Steven Humphries  
April 13 Jensen Tomberlin  
April 18 Laura Harris  
April 19 Lindsey Sanderson Thomas, Amanda Carabo  
April 22 Sarah Miles, Mary Lomas  
April 23 Michelle Kessler  
April 29 Marianne Crawford  
April 30 Walter Crosby, Jim Crawford, IV

### ANNIVERSARIES

April 8 M&M Peter Swarr  
April 10 M&M Eric Dusa  
April 11 M&M Lawrence Hammonds  
April 13 M&M Paul Miles  
April 17 M&M Todd Becker  
April 18 M&M Zach Mills  
April 23 M&M Jerry Turner  
April 24 M&M John Sanderson  
April 26 M&M Jim Crawford, III, M&M David Tucker



*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary*



# April Calendar

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## **Saturday, April 1, 2017**

Spring BBQ, 11:00am-2:00pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, April 2, 2017**

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

## **Monday, April 3, 2017**

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

YMKF (K-5), 4:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

Sunday, April 9 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30, Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, April 9, 2017**

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

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Parlor Rented, 2:00pm

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

## **Monday, April 10, 2017**

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

YMKF (K-5), 4:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

Sunday, April 16 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30, Fellowship Hall

## **Thursday, April 13, 2017**

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

## **Saturday, April 15, 2017**

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00am, Church grounds

## **Sunday, April 16, 2017**

Sunrise Service, 6:30am, Sanctuary

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

## **Monday, April 17, 2017**

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

YMKF (K-5), 4:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

Sunday, April 23 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

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

## **Thursday, April 20, 2017**

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

May Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

## **Sunday, April 23, 2017**

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

## **Monday, April 24, 2017**

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

YMKF (K-5), 4:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## **Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

Sunday, April 30 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

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

## **Sunday, April 30, 2017**

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

Parlor Rented, 1:00pm

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

## **May Newsletter Deadline**

Thursday, April 20, 2017