



# THE CONNECTION

Johnny Miller, former tour professional and current NBC Chief Golf Analyst, has a book entitled *I Call the Shots*. In his book he writes about something he calls “Welcome to Smackdown Golf.” He writes: “The best U.S. Open performance of all time was by Tiger Woods at Pebble Beach in 2000. The worst performance at a U.S. Open was also provided by Woods that same year. Teeing off on the 18th hole at the conclusion of the second round, Tiger pulled his drive to the left of the famous par 5 and onto the beach. That’s when he let himself have it with as vile a stream of profanity as I’ve ever heard on a golf course. Tiger is not the first golfer to swear after a bad shot, and a case can be made that maybe the microphone shouldn’t have been positioned so close to him. What surprised me though was the way some people flew to his defense when the episode came widely to light. I heard things like “He’s only human” and “It just shows how competitive he is.” When someone pointed out that some kids were probably tuning in to see their hero and role model, the reply was, “Every kid has heard those words before.” The implications of the outburst came and went pretty quickly...clearly, a lot of people thought it was OK. Here’s the deal: Tiger’s swearing was not OK. Johnny Miller is pretty clear! He then goes on to explain his position by posing this question: Did the incident elevate golf or bring it down?

Golf is losing some of its magic because the *smackdown principle* of lower standards is being invoked. What’s happening in golf seems to be reflective of what is happening to society. Lower standards are becoming common place because they are easier to implement. Representing golf at one time called for clean shaven faces and putting one’s best effort forth in all manners of behavior. Today, “grunge” has taken over and language has dropped to new lows. A gentlemen’s game has fewer and fewer gentlemen playing. The explanation is “that’s just the way it is today” or “it’s the way of the world.” I beg to differ. WE are asked as Christians not

to “buy into” the ways of the world, but to adhere to the teachings of Christ and raise the world’s standards.

The church invites people to high standards ordained by God. The Scriptures speak to this as God declares: “Your ways are not my ways.” Each Christian has an opportunity through commitment to the faith to elevate life. It can’t be done by the employment of lower standards. The church doesn’t practice *smackdown principles*. All people are individuals of sacred worth to God. The church is a place where people can be free of some of the things that happen outside the church’s doors. The church is a family and that family depends upon each other. Kindness and security are the things to discover in the church fellowship. Tolerance is not the same thing as love. God calls the church to be a place where love is the rule of life. God’s love. Not the limited versions of human love that are far below the standards of God’s eternal love. We make a mistake when we think our love and God’s love is the same. God’s love has standards and those standards come from the life of Jesus and the cross. These are the types of things that we have been talking about in our Confirmation Class. We cannot talk about real love without talking about Jesus. We cannot experience real love without the cross. We cannot receive genuine grace without the cross. Other understandings of grace are cheap grace. The church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time for the conduct of worship and the due administration of his Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace that the church alone supplies. (The 1996 United Methodist Hymnal)

It begs the question. Does our faith elevate the love of God or lower it?

Ken Timmerman

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## COMING UP

\*UMM Breakfast, Sun., June 11, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

UMW Quarterly Meeting, June 11, 4:00pm

Vacation Bible School, June 12-15, 5:30-8:00pm

\*Newsletter Deadline, Tuesday, June 20, 12:00pm

## Memorials & Honorariums

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### ***IN MEMORY OF PETE OWENS***

M&M Charles Haley, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Steven Humphries, M&M John Moore, Malloy Evans, Laura & Charles Haley, Herbert Watts, Cordele Concrete Products, Frank & Mary English, Dan Tillman, III, William R. Tillman, Kirk Crawford, Jim Bennett, M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Roger Wolfe, Mary Burr, M&M John Wagnon

### ***IN MEMORY OF RICHARD JOHNSON***

M&M Jeff Johnson

### ***IN MEMORY OF MIRIAM MICHAELS***

FUMC Fred & Lorraine Harris SS Class

## From the Director of Youth and Children

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VBS information:

Date: June 12– June 15.

Time: 5:30-8:00

Adult class time: 6:00

Supper will be provided by our Sunday School classes who wish to volunteer. Supper will be at 5:30 June 12 – 15 at 5:30. Adult class will be held in the parlor with Reverend Ken Timmerman June 12 – 15 at 6:00. Supper is for all ages!



Kick off for VBS will be held at Moorees Cheraw Country Club on Sunday, June 11, 3:00 – 6:00. Supper will be provided during this time. This event is for all ages!

Thank you to all who

helped in any way with the fundraiser for Holly Copeland. Whether you donated funds, volunteered during the lunch, or donated items...we could not have done it without your help! It was a huge success! Our church family is the best!

My Dad taught me the importance of a church family a long time ago. He said, "I don't care where you go, but always go to church, you need to always have a church family..." (For those of you who knew my Dad, you know he was guiding, but with a commanding tone.) My Dad had come to learn that showing love to others, and taking care of the body of Christ was very important. A lot of people today state that they do not need a church..." they say, "I am spiritual, not religious" That statement is one that perplexes me, it sounds very grand doesn't it? --- Jesus does not command

us to go to church, but He does tell us what it is like if we are part of one. --- 1 Corinthians 12:26-27, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Christians are the church... Margaret, Roger, and Drew, we are very blessed to have the honor of loving you guys, and very blessed to have you in our church family...

In Christ's Love,  
*Sara*

## Salkehatchie Summer Service

**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

## A Note From the Interim Director of Music

### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 25, at 4:00pm as our FUMC Choir, along with instrumentalists, and singers from the community will present, "I Love America", a celebration of freedom musical, in our Sanctuary.

We will be practicing on Tuesday nights at 7:00 in our choir room. If you would like to sing with us (I promise you will have fun and receive a blessing) - come on and

join us during the month of June! It's easy!

Special soloists, flag-waving, sing-a-long, and food will make-up our jubilant celebration for the 4th of July.

### SPECIAL SUNDAYS

\*June 11—Men to fill the choir loft

\*June 18—VBS Children fill the choir loft

\*July 23—Women to fill the choir loft

\*August 6—Senior Adults to fill the choir loft.

In His Love, *Mary Lynn*

## Relay For Life Results

YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
LUMINARIES	\$1600	\$1700	\$1900	\$2080	\$2300
BBQ SALES	\$1202	\$1087	\$1180	\$881	\$401
DONATIONS	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
RIBBONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5
BUSINESS SIGNS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
TEE SHIRTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$441
FOOT PRINTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$134
CORPORATE SPONSOR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1000
TOTALS	\$3802	\$3787	\$4080	\$3961	\$5381



## 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*

# Congratulations Graduates and Scholarship Recipients

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*Austin Sanderson*  
*Jacob Rohde*  
*Sarah Allen*  
*Matthew Wicker*  
*Aubrey Armstrong*

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

*Michael Wagon*

BS Degree in Economics and Minor in  
History from Clemson University

*Stephanie Rogers*

Second Masters in Educational  
Leadership from Wintrop University

*Joel Keefe*

BS Degree in Exercise Science, Cum Laude  
from University of South Carolina

*Zachary Keefe*

BS Degree in Sports Entertainment and  
Management, Magna Cum Laude from the  
University of South Carolina

*Keyshawn Melton*

Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from  
Spartanburg Methodist College

*Seth Keefe*

Graduating from the SC State Police  
Academy

*Kristina Allen*

Graduated from George Washington  
University, with a MSN Degree

## A PRAYER FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

As your classes and grading are now  
complete, may you strive towards excel-  
lence in all you do.

As the speeches conclude, may your  
voices rise up to pronounce justice and  
peace in the world.

As the fanfares cease, may you sing of  
joy, even in the dark and lonely places.

As the applause quiets, may you cele-  
brate and lift up those around you.

As you graduate, may your achieve-  
ments grow and cause growth in your  
communities.

And may we all know of the overwhelm-  
ing blessings of the One who created all  
things. Amen

—UM Resources

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*Sincere Dixon, Lucy Brasington*  
*Scholarship*

*Sarah Allen, Maxcy Hook Medical*  
*Scholarship*

*Jacob Rohde, Hubert Norton*  
*Scholarship*

*Michael Smith, Charlie Scott Laney*  
*Scholarship*

*Devin Berry, Stephen Scott Burr*  
*Scholarship*

*Lauren Pearson, Anne Eutsler*  
*Scholarship*

*Elizabeth Cox, C. Anthony and Jean*  
*Harris Scholarship*

*Austin Sanderson, Streete 1*  
*Scholarship*

*Matthew Wicker, Streete 2*  
*Scholarship*





# Serving in June

## Hostess

Henrietta Kollitz

## Head Usher

Heath Ruffner

## Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Zachary Carabo (A) Alayna Carabo (CB)

## Greeters

June 4 M&M Manfred Kollitz

June 11 M&M Jerry Tucker

June 18 Mabel & Jeff Foster

June 25 Norma Cobb

## Lobby Door Greeters

June 4 Ellison Outen

June 11 Jerry Turner

June 18 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

June 25 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

## Nursery

June 4 Sarah Allen

June 11 Michelle Rohde

June 18 Amanda Carabo

June 25 Erika Kollitz

## Lay Readers

June 4 Joey Mills

June 11 Alayna Carabo

June 18 Rhett Butler

June 25 Sarah Allen

## Flowers

June 4 OPEN

June 11 Calhouns

June 18 OPEN

June 25 Wolfes

## Counters

June 4 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith,  
John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd  
Becker

June 11 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,  
Sammy Quick

Alternate: John Straughn

June 18 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,  
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter  
Crosby

June 25 Robert Calhoun, Herbert  
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

## McArn Items

June 4 Drink mixes (Kool-Aid, etc.)

June 11 Peanut Butter & Jelly

June 18 Toiletries

June 25 Paper Products



## From the First Church Child Development Ministry

We are looking forward to June 5, 2017 when our Summer Care program will begin. We are allowed to have 13 children in that program, and it looks like it will be filled to capacity. Briana Rushing will be teaching that class for us this summer. She is a substitute teacher who is already employed by the Child Development Ministry. The program will run through August 18.

If you missed our graduation on

May 18, you missed a blessing! The children did a wonderful job of performing. They sang, recited scripture, and played hand bells. I think it might have been our best yet!

I'm excited to report that we now have a security camera system. There is a camera in each classroom. The monitor in the office records, so we can go back and observe any incident that has occurred. In a couple of months we plan to add more

cameras on the playground and at the entrance. The safety of the children is so important, as is the reputation of our staff. This system protects everyone.

The CDM will be full this summer, and the waiting list is growing. If you know anyone who needs child care, tell them to call to have their names placed on the waiting list.

In His Service,

*Mimi*

### BIRTHDAYS

June 2 Brooke Watkins Freeman  
June 3 Julia Jones  
June 5 Martha Bentley, Jerry Therrell,  
Mike Pittman  
June 6 Roger Fisher  
June 7 Patty Fisher  
June 10 Susan Baker, John Wagnon  
June 14 Sarah Lee  
June 15 Julia Watson  
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 Harrison Goodwin, Paige  
Lockey Sartor  
June 27 Sheri Stubbs  
June 28 Amy Goodwin  
June 29 Lydia Lee

June 12 M&M Scott Tomberlin  
June 14 M&M David Dixon  
June 16 Rev.&M Ken Timmerman  
June 17 M&M Shelton Rumph  
June 18 M&M Robert Calhoun  
June 20 M&M Jeffery Johnson  
June 25 M&M John Wagnon,  
M&M Dallas Keefe

### 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 26 M&M Jerry Tucker  
June 27 M&M Mickey Sullivan

### Merciless Methodist Update

Update from Relay for Life—Friday, May 5.

Thanks to the following:

Keefe Family

Jenny—Tee Shirts, Footprints, Directors  
of Relay for Life in County.

Dallas—Played in band.

Kaleb—District Supervisor for Relay For  
Life.

Jerry Turner—Head Cook.

Thomas McKinnon—Assistant Cook.

Sharon McKinnon—Salesperson.

Micki Lockey—Salesperson.

Zenda Rushing—Salesperson.  
Charlotte Crosby—Salesperson.  
Lyle Lovett Coffy—Cashier.  
Walter Crosby—Cashier.  
John & Pal Moore—Slaw.  
Roger Wolfe—Onions.  
Jackson Rushing—Tent and  
played in band.  
David Rohde—Load & unload  
trucks.  
Jacob Rohde—Load and unload  
trucks.  
John Sanderson—Load truck.

Rev. Ken Timmerman—Getting  
Jimmy Duffy to Relay.

Angie Smith—took up money.

And each one of you who gave  
money!!!

Thanks a million!!!!

Captain Jim Bennett



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### July Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Noon

**We're on the Web!**  
**[www.cherawfirstumc.org](http://www.cherawfirstumc.org)**

# June Calendar

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## Sunday, June 4, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 11:00am

## Monday, June 5, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Sunday, June 11 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm  
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

## Sunday, June 11, 2017

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall  
Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 10:00am  
VBS Kick-Off, ????, Pool  
UMW Quarterly Meeting, 4:00pm, Parlor

## Monday, June 12, 2017

Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00pm  
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00pm

## Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Sunday, June 18 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm  
Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00pm

## Thursday, June 15, 2017

Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00pm

## Sunday, June 18, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 10:00am

## Monday, June 19, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
*July Newsletter Deadline*

## Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Sunday, June 25 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm  
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

## Friday, June 23, 2017

Fellowship Hall in use.

## Sunday, June 25, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am  
Worship, 10:00am

## Monday, June 26, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

## Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office  
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Sunday, July 2 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm  
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

## New Members

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Keyshawn Melton. Joined April 30, 2017



Mimi Coffey. Joined May 7, 2017