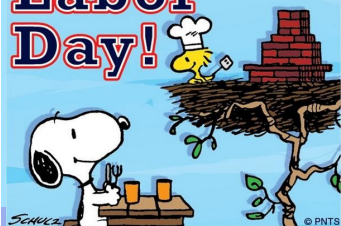


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Happy
Labor
Day!



THE CONNECTION

One of our great hymns of faith contains the following phrase: "...rich in things and poor in soul." I thought of that phrase as I had an opportunity to ride on the Inter Coastal Waterway Sunday evening with some dear friends. As I had the opportunity to let the wind blow through my hair and to enjoy the fellowship of friends I thought how blessed I am. *One is always rich when they have good friends. Rich in soul.*

I thought back to a time when Tom Britain had a child at Epworth Children's Home ask him if he was rich. Tom wondered what prompted such a question. The child essentially asked Big Tom if he had food on the table, nice clothes to wear, a roof over his head, and a bed in which to sleep. "If you do," said the child, "then you are rich!" *Having the essentials makes one rich. Rich in soul.*

I remember growing up in Graniteville and hard times coming as the company for which my dad worked changed administrations and my dad had to change his work...doing work that was reserved for men many years his junior. Yet, he went and never complained. And we never knew we were poor. Our parents provided what we needed and taught us to want what we had. Measuring life by "keeping up with the Jones Family" was no way to live. *Having parents that taught us the value of having what we already have makes one rich in soul.*

When shopping in a store Cooper, when he was little, would see something he wanted. We'd admonish him that some things are too expensive and he already had so much. One time he said, "It's only money!" And, in part, he was right. Too many prevent living "in the now" because they point to a time and day that is far into the future. Life unfolds now. And while preparing for the future is wise, we cannot put everything into the future. Life has to be lived in the now. We have the privilege this month to live in the present and the future with the coming of our

Parson to Person

Endowment efforts. While we have regular support for the church and its ministry through our weekly loyalty we have the chance to meet some future needs by sacrificial giving beyond our regular support. Listen carefully and prayerfully this month as words are spoken about it. This is a great time for people who are rich in soul.

Rich in soul is good because it does not lead to GREED. Wanting money and working for money is no sin. Having money and being materially rich is not a sin. Believing one never has enough and the only worthwhile pursuit in life is to get more puts us on a slippery slope. Greed overcomes the human heart at times by making the pursuit of material gain our sole pursuit that holds any value. The church teaches us otherwise.

The goal for being "rich in soul" is to allow our lives to become the Gospel. I'm pleased that our efforts to collect 139 back-packs for children in our schools exceeded our goal. We collected 207. These have been made available to children, and the Gospel reaches out once more. I'm thankful that our Sunday attendance is growing. Worship helps our hearts. The Nominating Committee will be making contacts with persons to serve the church in the September weeks that follow their meeting on September 7. Thank you in advance for loving the church and agreeing to serve. This is a grand church family with great hearts and very rich souls.

Speaking of family. Our church family will have a chance to have another Pictorial Directory created on September 28, 29, and 30. It's great that the former directory is already outdated. We are growing and things are increasing in number and spirit. Thanks for signing up and for participating.

All the positives add up and make for blessings from above. What a great time to be "rich in soul." *Ken Timmerman*

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COMING UP

*Nominations Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 7, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

*UMM Breakfast, Sunday, September 10, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*Staff Parish Meeting, Monday, September 11, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

*Circle Meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 7:00pm

*UMW Annual Meeting, 8:00am

*Newsletter Deadline, Thursday, September 21, 12:00pm

*Pictorial Directory Pictures, Thursday-Saturday, September 28-30

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF TOMMY LOVE

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT PRIVETTE

M&M Buddy Brooks

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRAUGHN

M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M John Moore, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Robert Calhoun, Delaware Resource Group (DRG), Richard and Hildegard Wittemann, Service Laundry Machinery, Inc., Marline & Sarah Tolson, Jim Bennett, M&M Preston Huntley, Dare Marsh, Mary Burr, M&M Larry Spears, Jackie McGee, William Moore, Jr., M&M Joe Witherspoon

IN MEMORY OF ANNE TOWNSEND

Jim Bennett

IN MEMORY OF LOIS BAKER

Mary Burr, M&M John Moore, M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Joe Witherspoon

IN MEMORY OF LORI WILDS CHASSEREAU

M&M Ellison Outen

IN HONOR OF FLO AND ELLISON OUTEN

Virginia Outen Miller

IN HONOR OF DAVID TOWNSEND'S BIRTHDAY

M&M Ellison Outen

IN HONOR OF GAILYA WILSON

M&M Ellison Outen

From the Director of Youth and Children

Our weekly meetings with UMKF will begin on September 13, at 6:30-7:30, and our weekly meetings with UMYF will begin on September 18 at 5:00-6:30. We will have our meals each week at Wendy's, so we ask for **each youth to bring money for his or her meal.** **Parents are asked to be at Wendy's at 6:30 to pick up your teen.**

The total money we collected for **"clean water in Peru"** was **\$113.30.** This was a mission which started with VBS, and continued through the rest of the summer. Thank you all who gave to this very needy cause.

An outing is planned for **UMYF to go to the State Fair in Columbia on October 15. Sign up by October 10** if you are interested in going. Sing up by calling the church

office, 843-537-7002, or me at 843-910-7987.

FUMC is scheduled to feed the Cheraw High Band and Cheerleaders on October 27. We will serve the groups here at FUMC. If you are interested joining in on the fun, please contact me, or Angie. (843-910-7987, or 843-537-7002)

The Shepherds Child Program was a huge success last year, and conversations have started with contacts at Cheraw Primary School. More information will follow. We ask that you keep this special program in mind.

The second Sunday of each month starting **September 10...** UMKF, UMYF, and members of our church family will come together at **9:30am at Palmetto Ridge** to share our love for Jesus with them. Our

group will have an open assembly for their worship service they have each Sunday. We will sing a few familiar hymns, and pass out a treat. Thank you to all of you who have committed to serve in this way.

Mark 12:29, "...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength..."

Sara

FUMC Happenings



Jenna Quick and Jake Mitchell joined on August 13. Their son Sawyer was baptized on the same day.



Blessing of the hands ceremony for the teachers and students going back to school.



Back-packs being brought to the altar.



Back-packs getting ready to go to the schools.



Serving in September

Hostess

Penny Quick

Head Usher

Todd Becker

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Lydia Lee (A) Alex Lee (CB)

Greeters

Sept. 3 M&M Robert Calhoun

Sept. 10 Syble Sanderson

Sept. 17 M&M Mike Elmore

Sept. 24 M&M Jeff Kollitz

Lobby Door Greeters

Sept. 3 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Sept. 10 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Sept. 17 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Sept. 24 Herbert Watts

Nursery

Sept. 3 Michelle Rohde

Sept. 10 Mary Charlotte Dusa

Sept. 17 Erika Kollitz

Sept. 24 Sally Smith

Lay Readers

Sept. 3 Joey Mills

Sept. 10 Eric Dusa

Sept. 17 Leighton Becker

Sept. 24 Alex Lee

Flowers

Sept. 3 OPEN

Sept. 10 Keefe

Sept. 17 Williamson

Sept. 24 Rayfield

Counters

Sept. 3 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith,
John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd
Becker

Sept. 10 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,
Sammy Quick

Alternate:

Sept. 17 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter
Crosby

Sept. 24 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Sept. 3 Canned vegetables

Sept. 10 Cereals

Sept. 17 Kool-Aid or other drink
mixes

Sept. 24 Condiments

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

Welcome back to school! The Child Development Ministry is welcoming in new children and saying a tearful goodbye to some others. We still have a few openings in the three and four year old classes, so if you or someone you know needs childcare come see us. We have a growing waiting list for all other classes.

Elaine Barnette will be

coming to take fall/winter pictures of the children the week of September 25. She does a wonderful job with each child! Some of our former students come back just to have their pictures done by her. If you are interested, call us. She has appointments for families in the afternoons, but they fill up fast. That is the same week that the church directory pictures are being done.

Come by and visit your Child Development Ministry. It would be my pleasure to show you what we are doing.

In Him,

Mimi

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 3 Connor Thornton Ruffner, John VanDeman
Sept. 4 Cameron Crawford
Sept. 5 Greg Sanderson, Megan Goodwin
Sept. 6 Kim Williamson, Jeffrey Foster
Sept. 7 Elizabeth Wagon
Sept. 10 Frances Anne Baker Watson, John Adams
Sept. 11 Mike Starling
Sept. 12 Sarah Therrell
Sept. 13 Sarah Jefferies Calhoun
Sept. 17 Margaret Jean Harris, Lawton Harris
Sept. 18 Nancy Wagon
Sept. 19 Ray Crouse

Sept. 20 Joey Mills

Sept. 21 Woody Rogers, Rebekah Williams

Sept. 22 Steve Barbour

Sept. 26 Shellie Buffington Leary

Sept. 27 Jenny Keefe

Sept. 28 Lauren Outen

Sept. 29 Katie Chapman

Sept. 30 Austin Sanderson

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 15 M&M Billy Wicker

Sept. 17 M&M Jimmie Williamson

Sept. 18 M&M Sam Eubanks, M&M John Goodwin, III

Sept. 20 M&M Anthony Harris

Sept. 26 Dr.&M. David Bersinger

Sept. 27 M&M Will Smith



J.O.Y. Club

The J.O.Y. Club will not meet in September, they will meet on Thursday, October 19.

A Note From the Music Director

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN OCTOBER FALL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE



“Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is.” “Nationwide is on your side.” “You

deserve a break today....at McDonald's.” If these jingles are familiar to you—then you have heard our first guest, Hank Martin, from Nashville. A singer, songwriter, and music producer who will be here at FUMC on October 1 for our *Fall Festival of Praise*. Invite your friends and family and plan to attend every Sunday night in October

to hear great music and testimony of God's love and faithfulness.

Mary Lynn



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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thursday, September 21, 2017
Noon

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

September Calendar

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Choir Practice, 9:00am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am

Monday, September 4, 2017

Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Sunday, September 10 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Life Line Screening
Nominations Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 10, 2017

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice, 9:00am, Choir Room
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am

Monday, September 11, 2017

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Circle #4 Meeting, 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Sunday, September 17 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am
WATF meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, September 17, 2017

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

Monday, September 18, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Sunday, September 24 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, September 21, 2017

October Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

Saturday, September 23, 2017

UMW Annual Meeting, 8:00am

Sunday, September 24, 2017

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

Monday, September 25, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Sunday, October 1 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday—Saturday, September 28—30, 2017

Pictorial Directory Pictures Taken