



THE CONNECTION

Parson to Person

Some time ago I heard Daniel Rodriguez sing "American Hymn" on television. Because I am an American citizen the lyrics and tune evoked deep emotions within my heart. Here are the words:

I have seen a summer day that slowly opens like a rose...Along a quiet road that wanders by and I smiled and wonder'd where it goes. I have stumbled through the night alone as any man can be...Then found a silent canyon full of stars...and in my heart I heard them telling me I was home.

The gentle winds the rains that fall the tallest trees and I'm part of it all. I've seen the silver mountain tops and golden prairies on my way. Now everywhere I go across the land I stand so proudly in the sun and say...I am home.

I've dreamed of Eden all my life...I find it more and more each day. Now everywhere I go across the land I stand so proudly in the sun and say...I am home.

Who among us doesn't have pride in our country? It's important and it's vital, but nationalistic pride is also local. The one we worship and follow lives beyond local and is global. The whole of creation is God's. While we live in and love America...we long for home which is heaven. As we celebrate our nation let us remember to glorify God. Glorifying God invites us to work for the best interest of the entire world, for we are one family in heaven's eyes. Every brother and sister I have does not look like me nor think like me nor hold the values and ideals I hold. I pray my life can be a witness to the truth of

God and influence all people for my mission is to win the whole world to Christ. And I pledge my life to that pursuit each day.

I love America. I worship God. One is my home; the other is my life. Reformation Sunday comes on the last Sunday of October. It will be the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The Church is of God, but in days long ago it had too many fingerprints of human beings as rules and regulations which stifled the Spirit of God. Rather than loving the church, people feared the church. Popes were administrators rather than pastors or shepherds and their personalities broaden the gap between the pulpit and the pew. Indulgences were created as a means of making money promising to pray people from Purgatory into Heaven. Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the power and efficacy of Indulgences on the doors of Wittenburg Chapel in Germany in 1517. The Reformation was begun.

The Protestant Reformation brought back to center stage the Gospel of Christ and kindled evangelistic fervor. The Hymn for this Reformation is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." We will sing this as a reminder that "On earth is not his equal." In Cheraw we will continue to do what is required to build up the Church of God and to do as John Wesley stated as our mission. "We have nothing to do but to save souls."

Ken Timmerman

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COMING UP

*Finance Committee Meeting, Monday, October 2, 5:00pm, Fred Harris SS Classroom

*Church Council Meeting, Monday, October 2, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

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

*Circle Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 7:00pm

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

*Charge Conference, Tuesday, October 17, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

*Newsletter Deadline, Thursday, October 19 12:00pm

*Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29, 5:00pm

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF ANNE TOWNSEND

Fred Harris Sunday School

IN MEMORY OF DAVID SANDERSON

M&M Ellison Outen

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRAUGHN

Chuck & Peggy Michaux, Fred Harris Sunday School, Dan Tillman, Bill Tillman, M&M Jim Crawford, M&M Thomas Rollings, M&M Tavener Threatte, Gailya Wilson, M&M Manfred Kollitz, M&M Joe Witherspoon, Rubye S. Glymph, M&M Jerry Turner, M&M Jack Van Deman, John Van Deman, M&M Harold Lomas

IN MEMORY OF MARY "BUTCH" LANEY

M&M Harold Lomas

IN MEMORY OF LOIS BAKER

Chuck & Peggy Michaux, Nina Martin Family, Betty Thrailkill, Martha & Bert Dawkins, M&M Jim Crawford, M&M Thomas Rollings, M&M Tavener Threatte, Gailya Wilson, Jack & Ethel Eckenstien, Billy & Kate McBride, M&M Larry Spears, M&M Manfred Kollitz, M&M Joe Witherspoon, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Keith Smith, Nell & Preston Huntley, M&M Jerry Turner, M&M Buddy Brooks, M&M Harold Lomas

IN MEMORY OF JEAN HARRIS

M&M Harold Lomas

IN MEMORY OF SALLY SCHUMPERT

M&M Harold Lomas

IN MEMORY OF BILL EUTSLER

M&M Harold Lomas

IN MEMORY OF PETE OWENS

M&M Harold Lomas, M&M Thomas Rollings

IN MEMORY OF LORI WILDS CHASSEREAU

M&M Ellison Outen

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN ATKINSON

M&M Keith Smith

IN HONOR OF FLO OUTEN

M&M Thomas McKinnon, M&M Harold Lomas

IN HONOR OF JOHN WAGNON

M&M Buddy Brooks

IN HONOR OF RUTH "SIS" FUNDERBURK

M&M Harold Lomas

IN HONOR OF SUE MCMANUS

M&M Harold Lomas

From the Director of Youth and Children

We have an exciting October planned here at FUMC! **You don't want to miss this!**

—Fall Festival of Praise will be held October 1, October 8, and October 15 at 6:00pm

---Sing-a-Long at Palmetto Ridge 9:30am– 9:45am on October 8.

---UMYF outing is planned...we will leave the church at 12:30pm to travel to the State Fair in Columbia and re-

turn at 9:30pm. Tickets are \$7, and we will stop for fast food on our way to the fair. Please call 843-537-7002 or 843-910-7987, by October 16 if you wish to join in on the fun!

---We will serve the Cheraw High Band and cheerleaders on October 27 in the fellowship hall. Please call 843-537-7002 or 843-910-7987, if you would like to help.

---Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 29 at 5:00pm. Please come early

and have your trunk decorated by 5:00pm. The more trunks we have, the more fun it is for the kids! Please come and help---decorate your trunks.

Sara

Serving in October

Hostess

Marianne Crawford

Head Usher

John Sanderson

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Mary Charlotte Dusa (A) Hollis Dusa (CB)

Greeters

Oct. 1 Amy Lewis

Oct. 8 M&M David McLean

Oct. 15 M&M Doug Marsh

Oct. 22 M&M Todd Becker

Oct. 29 M&M Jay Leach

Lobby Door Greeters

Oct. 1 Ellison Outen

Oct. 8 Jerry Turner

Oct. 15 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

Oct. 22 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

Oct. 1 Caroline Berry, Ericka Kollitz

Oct. 8 Caroline Berry, Lesley Jean Watson

Oct. 15 Caroline Berry, Nancy Wagnon

Oct. 22 Caroline Berry, Christy Ruffner

Oct. 29 Caroline Berry, Michelle Rohde

Lay Readers

Oct. 1 Lib Norton

Oct. 8 Austin Sanderson

Oct. 15 Lydia Lee

Oct. 22 Pam Baker

Oct. 29 Drew Copeland

Flowers

Oct. 1 Bennett

Oct. 8 Eddins

Oct. 15 D. McManus

Oct. 22 Outen

Oct. 29 S. McManus

Counters

Oct. 1 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith,
John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd
Becker

Oct. 8 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,
Sammy Quick

Alternate:

Oct. 15 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter
Crosby

Oct. 22 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

Oct. 29 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

Oct. 1 Canned meat

Oct. 8 Spaghetti noodles and sauce

Oct. 15 Dried beans

Oct. 22 Paper products

Oct. 29 Toiletries

New Nursery Program to Begin in October

ATTENTION PARENTS: Starting Sunday, October 1 we are very excited to be starting a new nursery program during the Sunday school hour in the newly renovated nursery for children Kindergarten age and younger. If you have a child that is a little older and is more comfortable being with their sis-

ter or brother, they are welcome too. We will be teaching Bible stories with felt boards, like many of us learned on as kids. The children will be involved in putting the felt figures on the board while the story is being told. There will be coloring and activity sheets given out to go with the stories. We

are so excited to be starting this new class and we hope that the children, parents, and grandparents will be too. Please come and support this new class and help us grow our Sunday School classes and our church.

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

School is back in full swing at FCCDM. We still have some room in one of the three year old classes. If you know of anyone who needs child care for that age, send them our way.

There are some fun activities planned for October. On October 4th, the three and four year old classes will go to Theater on the Green

to see the play, *The Three Little Pigs*.

On October 12th, the Cheraw Fire Department will bring a fire truck to the school and talk about fire safety. They do this every year, and the children love it!

On October 18th, the four year old class will go to McLeod Farms in McBee to the pumpkin patch. They

each will get to pick a pumpkin to bring home.

As always, we invite you to come visit your school.

In Him,
Mimi

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 1 Jerry Tucker
Oct. 4 Sharon McKinnon
Oct. 7 Amber Nicole Morgan
Oct. 8 Mary Burr, Shannon Johnson
Oct. 9 Brantley Butler Reames
Oct. 10 Pal Moore
Oct. 12 William Lee
Oct. 13 Edith Quick
Oct. 14 J. Clyde Goodwin
Oct. 17 Lyle Coffy

Oct. 20 Curtis Jones
Oct. 21 Julia Tucker
Oct. 22 Zach, Joel and Seth Keefe
Oct. 23 Doug Carabo
Oct. 27 Betty Hurst, Andrew Lewis
Oct. 28 Alex Lewis
Oct. 29 David Bersinger
Oct. 30 Sara Sanderson
Oct. 31 Tony Harris, III

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 2 M&M David McLean
Oct. 4 M&M Heath Ruffner
Oct. 6 M&M Jap Roddy
Oct. 7 M&M Manfred Kollitz
Oct. 8 M&M Jeffrey Furr
Oct. 15 M&M Phillip Shepard
Oct. 16 M&M Keith Stubbs
Oct. 24 M&M Tom Rollings
Oct. 26 M&M Ellison Outen



J.O.Y. Club

J.O.Y. Club will start this month on Thursday, October 19. Come enjoy a good meal and program. Hostesses

will be Beth Witherspoon, Nell Huntley, Martha Greene. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00 per

person.

A Note From the Music Director

FALL FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

October brings special guests to FUMC.

October 1 Hank Martin

October 8 Robbie Vance

October 15 Rev. Dr. Bill Boucknight

Each service begins at 6:00pm in our sanctuary and ends with a “meet and greet” reception in our Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

October 15 will be FUMC “gift and talent” night. Please bring crafts, hobbies, goodies, or pictures of you or of what you’ve made. We want to know you better, we will display these things in the fellowship hall.

Any questions call Angie at the church office or me at 843-910-1099.

Our choir is growing. God has

blessed us recently with some beautiful new faces and voices. There is still room for more!

We have started practicing our Christmas music. If you would like to join us—come on at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights in the choir room.

Mary Lynn



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**NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Thursday, October 19, 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

October Calendar

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF, 6:00-7:30pm
Fall Festival of Praise, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
(Refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall)

Monday, October 2, 2017

Finance Committee Meeting, 5:00, Fred & Lorriane Harris SS Classroom
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut
Church Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Sunday, October 8 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am
WATF meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, October 8, 2017

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF, 6:00-7:30pm
Fall Festival of Praise, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
(Refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall)

Monday, October 9, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Sunday, October 15 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am
WATF meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF, 6:00-7:30pm
Fall Festival of Praise, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
(Refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall)

Monday, October 16, 2017

Blood Drive, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Charge Conference, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Sunday, October 22 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, October 19, 2017

November Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
UMYF State Fair Outing, 12:30-9:30pm

Monday, October 23, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Sunday, October 29 Bulletin Deadline, 10:00am
WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
UMKF, 6:30-7:30pm, Kid's Nook
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am
Trunk or Treat, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

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