



THE CONNECTION

Celebrating ...and Sharing Our Uniqueness

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself was speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Then do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him, forever and ever! Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT

I invite you to think, as you're reading this, about your God-given gifts. You realize, don't you, that each and every person, including you, has been given unique gifts? This is the way God made you. And what makes these gifts "God-given", is when we use these unique traits and abilities to benefit others.

Let's amp our reflection up one notch...

What about your passions? Are you passionate...about anything?

Passions can be identified in a variety of ways...but one tried and true method is to ask yourself...

What topic of interest could I stay up all night talking about?

Another insight into our passions is to consider what...lights our fuse. What problem or ill in our world fires you up and makes you say... This just has to stop!

Your passion is...whatever it is that stirs your soul...

Finally then...and this is a favorite for many people...think about what you would describe is your unique style!

Style is the way we work and accomplish tasks, which can either help, or hinder our ability to work with joy!

Here are some questions related to ...personal style:

Do you like working alone or on a team?

Do you enjoy dreaming up projects or following a clearly defined plan?

Do you like working with people or instead, working on concrete tasks?

There is one more...uber important factor to throw into the mix of this self reflection...while I have your attention, and it is this:

What kind of attitude do you have toward life in general?

As we have already established, each one of us is born with a unique combination of gifts and passions that foster into the way we choose to serve others, for God.

But without a servant's heart...our motives will never be aligned with God's motives.

Let me explain...

The magnetic pull of the human personality is to look out for number one. This pull can show up anywhere...even when it comes to serving others, in the name, and for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Consequently, our attempts to be compassionate, generous, and other focused, must always have this covenant at its core...

"Let the same mind be in you, that was in Christ Jesus." Phil 2:5

In other words, our service to others for God, shouldn't be so much about the places we go or the things we do...primarily it needs to be about...the people we become through our service.

This is a lot to think about I know...and besides...why did I even bring it up?

Well, in answer to that question...we need you...at First UMC. We need your gifts...your passions...and your style...and we need your attitude of...a servant's heart.

Will you consider committing...or maybe re-committing to God and to this church by sharing your gifts, your passions, and your style with us?

I look forward to finding out more about who you are, what gifts you have, what passions stir your soul, as well as what type of style you claim.

I look forward to hearing your story. I look forward to learning how and where you'd like to serve. And I look forward to hearing from you...soon!

Blessings, *Pastor Kim*

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COMING UP

*Fellowship Hall in use, Saturday, August 18

*Angie Vacation, Monday—Thursday, August 6-9

*Adult Exercise with Betsy Baughn, 11:00am each Tuesday, beginning August 7, Fellowship Hall

*Support Group/Bible Study, each Thursday at 10:00am at 15Ate

*Palmetto Ridge Ministry, Sunday, August 12, 9:30am, Palmetto Ridge

*Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, Each Thursday beginning August 16

*Walkie Talkie Town, 7:30am, Each Tuesday beginning August 21

*Newsletter Deadline, Thursday, August 23, 12:00pm

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF LIBBY RUFF

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF JAMES R. WHITE

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF JAN EUTSLER SMITH

Bill and Barbara Eutsler

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

As we enter our final month of summer, your Child Development Ministry has so much to be thankful for. We have had great participation this summer with the school almost at capacity. We will be losing some children to other schools later in August, but hope to be able to fill those vacancies as quickly as they occur. If you know of anyone who has 3 or 4 year old

children and needs child development services, please send them our way.

The Summer Care Program will end when school starts, on August 16. The children have had a good time and have learned a lot. They had a field trip to Chuck E. Cheese's in July and will go to Discovery Place before the program ends.

We are getting low on plastic grocery bags. If you have any you would like to get rid of, just bring them on Sunday and leave them at the door to the school in the hall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe.

In Him,

Mimi

Serving in August

Hostess

JoAnne Morgan

Head Usher

Rhett Butler

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Ella Prevatte (A) Sophie Prevatte (CB)

Greeters

August 5 M&M Roger Wolfe

August 12 M&M Keith Smith

August 19 Gailya Wilson

August 26 M&M John Wagon

Lobby Door Greeters

August 5 Eric Dusa, Greg Sanderson

August 12 Sammy Quick, Jerry Tucker

August 19 John Sanderson, Harold Lomas

August 26 Roger Wolfe, Keith Stubbs

Nursery

August 5 Caroline Quick and Christy Ruffner

August 12 Caroline Quick and Lesley Jean Watson

August 19 Caroline Quick and Nancy Wagon

August 26 Caroline Quick and Erika Kollitz

Lay Readers

August 5 Eric Dusa

August 12 Leighton Becker

August 19 Alex Lee

August 26 Lib Norton

Flowers

August 6 Rev. L. Kim Eanes

August 12 Angela Holliday

August 19 Gailya Wilson

August 26 OPEN

Deposit Team

August 5 John Moore

Alternates: Thomas Samuel, Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

August 12 Roger Wolfe

Alternates: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

August 19 Jeff Johnson

Alternates: Betty Hurst, David McLean, Walter Crosby

August 26 Robert Calhoun

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

August 5 Peanut Butter & Jelly

August 12 Flour & Sugar

August 19 Corn Meal Mix

August 26 Canned meats

Endowment Fund Update

The Endowment Fund committee would like to thank the FUMC Child Development Center for their recent contribution to the Endowment Fund.

Have you considered leaving the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving.

Current Amount in the Endowment Fund
\$142,200.63

A Note from the Congregational Care Director

Adult Exercise Class begins on Tuesday August 7 with Betsy Vaughn. This class will meet each Tuesday at 11:00am.

Grief Share begins on Wednesday August 8 in the Parlor. This class will meet each Wednesday at 10:30 for thirteen weeks.

Adult Shopping Trip to South Park Mall is planned for August 27.

Support Group/Bible Study continues to meet on Thursdays at 10:00am at 15ATE.

Fellowship lunch with anyone who has lost a loved one will be

held on August 23. We will meet at Country Kitchen at 12:30pm. If anyone needs a ride, please call the church office, or let me know---843-910-7987.

Palmetto Ridge singing will be held at 9:30am, August 12.

A new Sunday School Class is forming for young adults. This class will begin on September 9. College students and young adults are invited to come when you can...we will meet upstairs.

Anyone who is interested in a Beth Moore Simulcast, which

will be held on September 15, please contact the church office or me before Monday, August 20... (843-910-7987 or 843-537-7002)

In Christ, *Sara*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11,
“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”**

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Micki Lockey
August 3 Gailya Wilson, Holly Miles
August 4 C.C. Quick
August 7 Drusilla Walker, Amy Lewis
August 8 Jim Crawford, III
August 9 Manuel Assef
August 10 Allison Becker, Judith Dixon
August 11 Jimmie Williamson
August 12 Stephanie Rogers, Mae Li, Lesley Jean Watson, Bill Eutsler, Jr.
August 13 Debbie Adams
August 14 Betty Thrailkill
August 15 Ron Cundiff, Jayson Lewis

August 18 Sawyer Becker, Robert Calhoun
August 19 Taylor Gunner Smith
August 20 Patsy Rushing
August 21 Margie Wannamaker
August 22 Jordan Williamson
August 23 David Dixon
August 25 Sarah Allen, Kristina Allen, Rebecca Baker
August 26 Katie Moore, Olivia Crawford, David Townsend
August 27 Brenda Rayfield
August 28 Ethel Ann Streater
August 29 Martha Starling

August 30 Heath Ruffner

August 31 Patti Rollings, Harley Rushing, IV

ANNIVERSARIES

August 4 M&M Jeff Kollitz
August 13 M&M Greg Sanderson
August 15 M&M Manuel Assef, M&M Curtis Jones
August 19 M&M Roger Wolfe
August 31 M&M Jakie Streater



What Accounts are for Memorials?

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:

Contingency Fund
Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund

Red Bird
Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Childrens Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First (WATF)
Relay for Life

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Grounds Upkeep Fund
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

Free Walkie Talkies Available!!!

Boy, do I have an offer for you!
You are invited to receive a free
Walkie Talkie every Tuesday
and/or Thursday of each week!

What? Please explain...
Beginning Thursday, August 16,
you are invited to join a walk-
ing/fellowship group each week
at 7:30am (get it—"walkie talk-
ies?")!
The primary purpose of this

group will be for fellowship
(talkie), but we will also walk
(walkie), at a reasonable AND
casual pace set by the group, for
approximately 45 minutes each
morning (Tuesday or Thursday,
your choice.)

There will be two Walkie Talkie
groups for your geographical
convenience:
"Walkie Talkie Group—Park" will

meet at the Cheraw State Park eve-
ry Tuesday morning at 7:30am.
"Walkie Talkie Group—Town" will
meet at First Church every Thurs-
day morning at 7:30am.
Please contact Pastor Kim for more
details and with any questions at:
cherawpastor@gmail.com, or just
talk to her in person!

Christian Education Notes

It's that time again! We are
kicking off our Back to School
Backpack Drive. Between
now and August 12, we are
asking for donations of filled
backpacks. You can pick up
a supply list for the local
schools in the hallway across
from the office, or at the back
of the church. Last year,
more than 250 needy children
in our community received

not only a backpack, but the
supplies necessary for a suc-
cessful start to the school
year. Our goal is to exceed
that this year. Each of us
would be heartbroken if we
could not provide for the chil-
dren in our own families. As
you look at your children or
grandchildren, please consid-
er buying and filling back-
packs in their honor to donate

to a child in need. Monetary
donations will be used to pur-
chase backpacks for middle
and high school students.

*FUMC Christian Education
Committee*

Grief Share To Begin

Grief Share will begin on Wednes-
day, August 8 from 10:30-12:00.
Grief Share is a 13 week program
geared to help those that have
lost someone close to them.

Please call Sara Sanderson at 843-
910-7987 or 843-537-7002 for
more information.

August Calendar

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Sunday, August 12 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, August 2, 2018

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday—Thursday, August 6-9, 2018

Angie Vacation

Monday, August 6, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 10, 2018

Adult Exercise with Besty Vaughn, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, August 9, 2018

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Palmetto Ridge Ministry, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, August 13, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Adult Exercise with Besty Vaughn, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 19 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, Meet at Cheraw State Park

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Saturday, August 18, 2018

Fellowship Hall in Use

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, August 20, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Walkie Talkie Town, 7:30am, Meet at FUMC

Adult Exercise with Besty Vaughn, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 26 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, Meet at Cheraw State Park

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

Fellowship Luncheon, 12:00pm, Country Kitchen,

September Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, August 27, 2018

Adult Shopping Outing, TBA

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Walkie Talkie Town, 7:30am, Meet at FUMC

Adult Exercise with Besty Vaughn, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 2 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Grief Share, 10:30am, Parlor

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, August 30, 2018

Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, Meet at Cheraw State Park

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm



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**SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Thursday, August 23, 2018
Noon