



THE CONNECTION

Happy September, Church Family!

With this new month, comes a variety of new opportunities to be involved both spiritually and communally at your First UMC/Cheraw.

Located in a variety of articles throughout this very newsletter, you'll find descriptions of new Bible Studies, weekend outings, fellowship opportunities, and mission activities which are calling out to you for your participation! I hope to see you at one or more of them!

As your new pastor, we have been in ministry together now over two months! Can you believe it? Now that some of the "transitional business" is over, I wanted to take a moment to assure you that I am eager and willing to serve you in a variety of ways!

If there is a new Bible or spiritual growth study you would like to see offered at First UMC, come and talk to me about it!

If there is a small group or large community gathering you would like to see First UMC host, come and talk to me about it!

If there is a church council or committee position you are interested in leading...or joining, please come and talk to me about it.

Our Annual Charge Conference is slated for late October, so over the next month, we will be focusing intentionally on recruiting some new leadership positions. Do you feel called to serve in a specific ministry area? Come and talk to me about it!

Finally, although we have a new staff position which focuses primarily on congregational care and nurture, please know that I am always available for any and all pastoral care needs you may have. Please be sure to let me know directly of any surgeries or health care issues/concerns you may have. I would feel privileged to pray with you over a visit in the hospital and/or your home. And I have two very good listening ears available if you have any spiritual/emotional concerns with which you are struggling.

I am here to minister with you...and to you...

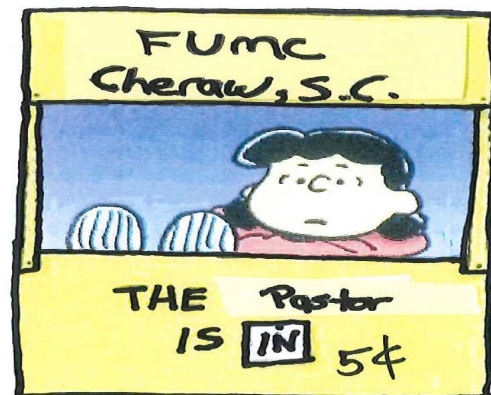
And speaking of...being here for you....

I want to let you know that I enjoy "walking to work" and on any given day when I don't have an appointment elsewhere, I will most likely walk from the parsonage to the church. So...if you don't see my truck at the church, please "come on in" anyway, because you'll probably find me sitting at my desk working on something...more than likely writing thank you notes for all the gracious ways you folks serve me...this church...and each other!

I'm so very glad to be here with you in Cheraw, at First UMC.

I'll see you around the neighborhood!

Blessings, *Pastor Kim*



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COMING UP

- *Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 3
- *UMM Breakfast, Sunday, September 9, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
- *Palmetto Ridge Ministry, Sunday, September 9, 9:30am, Palmetto Ridge
- *College-Young Adult SS Class begins Sunday, September 9 at 10:00am
- *UMW Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, September 9, 3:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- *Children's Ice Cream Social, Sunday, September 9, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- *J.O.Y Club, Thursday, September 20, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall
- *Newsletter Deadline, Thursday, September 20, 12:00pm

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER REDFEARN

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF PAM CHAPMAN

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF BOB KISER

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF DWAIN BERRY

M&M Keith Smith

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

It's back to school time, and the CDM has openings if you know of anyone who needs child care. We are adding a third 1 year old class and changing one of our 3 year old classes to a combined 2-3 year old class. We are excited for positive changes.

In September, we will be hosting a St. Jude fundraiser and Trike-a-thon. The children will learn safety rules throughout the week of Sep-

tember 10th and will bring their tricycles to school on the 14th for the Trike-a-Thon. The fellowship hall will be set up with road signs, businesses, and a store to stop by to pick up snacks. It's a lot of fun.

On September 26th, the 3 and 4 year old classes will go to Theater on the Green to see the play, *The Golden Goose*, by Porkchop Productions. The classes will walk to the

play, weather permitting. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you. We can always use chaperones, and it's free for adults.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We strive to make your school a place you can be proud of.

In His Service,

Mimi

Serving in September

Hostess

Penny Quick

Head Usher

Todd Becker

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Margaret Jean Harris (A) Lawton Harris (CB)

Greeters

September 2 Patricia Turner

September 9 M&M Robert Calhoun

September 16 Syble Sanderson

September 23 M&M Mike Elmore

September 30 M&M Jeff Kollitz

Lobby Door Greeters

September 2 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

September 9 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

September 16 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

September 23 Herbert Watts, Jackie Furr

September 30 Lyle Coffey, Thomas Samuel

Nursery

September 2 Caroline Quick and Allison Becker

September 9 Caroline Quick and Lesley Jean Watson

September 16 Caroline Quick and Nancy Wagon

September 23 Caroline Quick and Christy Ruffner

September 30 Caroline Quick and Erika Kollitz

Lay Readers

September 2 Sara Sanderson

September 9 Lydia Lee

September 16 Pam Baker

September 23 Peyton Taylor

September 30 Sawyer Becker

Flowers

September 2 Campbell

September 9 & 16 OPEN

September 23 Pastor Kim

September 30 OPEN

Deposit Team

September 2 John Moore

Alternates: Thomas Samuel, Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

September 9 Roger Wolfe

Alternates: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

September 16 Jeff Johnson

Alternates: Betty Hurst, David McLean, Walter Crosby

September 23 Robert Calhoun

Alternate: Doug Marsh

September 30 Rhett Butler

Alternates: Shelton Rumph, Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

September 2 Canned vegetables

September 9 Canned soups/spaghettis

September 16 Cereal

September 23 Crackers and cookies

September 30 Laundry detergents/softeners

Monday Morning...Theologian!

You attend worship weekly...You participate in the responsive liturgies...You listen to the scripture lessons...You reflect upon the sermon...and then you go home...but, do you ever have any questions about what you've experienced? In other words...do you ever desire to have more background about the scripture passage...do you ever long to ask some questions about the pastor's message?

Well, in the spirit of...the Monday morning quarterback, you are invited to gather every Monday morning at the church to discuss, question, ponder, and debate, the prior Sunday's worship experience—scriptures, songs, readings, message, even the prayers.

During our weekly gathering, we will delve deeper into scripture...we will answer questions

about the message...we will break down various aspects of the worship experience and discuss it further...hopefully so that our worship experience will “strengthen us” even longer throughout the week!

Monday Morning Theologian will begin September 10 at 10:30am. Talk to Pastor Kim for further details.

Wednesday's At The First Study

If you could describe a time in your faith journey, and/or an experience in a church that was most memorable, most inspiring, most meaningful to you, what would that be?

Was it a time, for example, when the church was stagnant, struggling, somewhat of a spiritual burden in your life?

Or rather, was that most memorable time in your faith journey, a time when your faith, and the church, was alive, exciting, and thriving?

If I had to guess, I would imagine that your fondest memories might come from the latter experience within the church. That is to say, religion is at its best when it leads us forward...when it guides us in our spiritual growth as individuals and in our cultural evolution as a species.

Unfortunately, in these times of

rapid and ambiguous change in our culture, the church has refused to respond...or, at least, respond effectively! To put it another way, more often than not, the arena of faith has become more of a cage than a guide...holding us back rather than summoning us onward...being a buffer to constructive change rather than a catalyst for it. This is not a good place for the church to be, especially when our “motto” is...to make disciples of all.”

Indeed, in a culture which needs wise spiritual guidance, the church is only willing to offer anxious condemnation and critique, along with a big dose of nostalgia for the lost golden age and the good old days.

Is it any surprise that people, by the millions, are pulling away from traditional religion entirely?

So are you interested in being an agent of change for the church? Are you interested in being a prophetic voice that boldly calls for hope, imagination, and new beginnings within the faith arena?

If so, join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, as we study scripture, ponder cultural influences, and discuss together, how we can continue to make a positive and inspiring difference for Jesus Christ...even in the 21st Century!

No need to register for this study. Just bring your Bible, open ears, and an eager spirit, willing to grow as we fellowship together each week.

Begins September 12!

Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

Walkie Talkies...for Everyone!

Our Walkie Talkies groups are going strong!

Every Tuesday, we meet at the House on the Hill at Cheraw State Park, at 7:30am. We listen to a brief devotion, share a prayer, and then walk the park road out to the trailheads, before turning around to head back to our vehicles. This walk involves some areas of broken pavement and a few inclines,

but the scenery and seclusion of our surrounding are blessings!

Every Thursday, we meet at the Memorial Statue at Arrowhead Park at 7:30am. After a brief devotion and prayer time, we head out to go round and round the circle! The walking path is relatively flat with only a few sections of exposed roots. And you are bound to see a familiar neigh-

bor or two while you're out there!

Both walking opportunities last from 7:30-8:30am. So bring your bottle of water, lots of energy, and a conversation topic or two, and join us!

Talk to Pastor Kim for further information.

New Staff Position—An Update

As most of you know, a new staff position was created at First UMC back in May, 2018. This new staff position, Director of Congregational Care, replaced the former staff position of Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. Both the Children's Ministry at FUMC and the Youth Ministry at FUMC are now being led by volunteer teams, which have their own individual schedules, activities, and budgets. Pastor Kim is the staff liaison for both the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry at FUMC.

Our Congregational Care Director is Sara Sanderson. Sara's role in congregational care is to bring an intergenerational spirit

and presence to our current faith community.

Sara will oversee our Nurture and Care Committee, coordinating our laity visitation teams to shut-ins and others who remain disconnected from the weekly activities of the church.

Additionally, Sara will coordinate our small group outings such as trips for adults, women's groups, Palmetto Ridge visits, as well as full family activities, independent of specified children's and youth ministries activities.

Also, Sara will establish and coordinate activities on the church campus, such as exercise classes, WATF, special holiday meals/events, and faith workshop gath-

erings.

Finally, Sara will be the "point person" for our outreach ministry to those in need in our community, most especially, those who come to the church directly for assistance.

The Congregational Care Ministry has its own budget. And the Congregational Care Director reports to the Pastor. This staff position is under the direction of FUMC's Staff/Parish Relations Committee.

You are invited to congratulate and encourage Sara in her new ministry position at FUMC.

Women's Bible Study

We all want to live a great story, right?

Well...have you?

You are invited to join a new Bible Study which will invite us to examine our own...individual stories...in conjunction with the bigger narrative God Almighty has outlined for us!

The story of Joseph, as recorded in the Old Testament book of Genesis, chapters 37-50 will be our guide, as we discover how to re-read our own stories, and co-create them with God.

As we travel through this study we

will begin by exploring what it means to be a character in a great story.

As we journey on, we'll examine the "plot twists" in our own lives, both good and bad, and see how those have contributed to the great story we are living!

As we delve even deeper into this study, we'll ponder the influences that desire and identity play in great stories, and how our own desires can contribute to the development of our character.

And finally, toward the close of our six week session, we will discuss and reflect upon the direc-

tion we would like our stories to continue to unfold in the future.

All you will need for this study is your favorite Bible, and a heart willing to share some of your personal story.

We will begin on Thursday, September 20 and meet each Thursday at 2:00pm. No need to register, but if you have questions or comments, please talk to Pastor Kim!

Stay tuned in the bulletin for class location.

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:

\$145,765.47

A Note from the Congregational Care Director

Palmetto Ridge: September 9 at 9:30am. Come and join us! We have a great time singing timeless hymns with the residents!

Ignite: If you are wondering what this is, it is a Sunday school class for Young Adults, College – 30 years of age. This class will begin on September 9 in an upstairs classroom. Come and join us when you can.

Oils of the Bible: Would you like to know more about Oils of the Holy Scripture? Come join us on September 23 at 3:00pm in the Parlor. The speaker, Angela Lee is a native of Cheraw, and is very excited about coming back and sharing her knowledge of how the oils were used during biblical times.

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST:

This event will be held on September 15, in the sanctuary from 9:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Via Simulcast,** Beth Moore will lead three studies. Our day will be packed with discussion, lunch, and mini-breaks! Tickets are \$20 for the simulcast, lunch, and program materials. More information call Sara 843-910-7987.

Like to Speak and/or Write?

I am looking for volunteers to write a brief devotion for the church website (beginning during the Advent season), and/or present that devotion in a video... called a podcast. If you don't like to write but you are willing to read a devotion, we can use you! If you love to write but you would rather not be videotaped, we can use you too! ...write a devotion and let a child/youth/adult read it

on the video! This invitation is for all ages! Please contact me, 843-910-7987.

Exercise with Betsy Vaughn is going GREAT!

This class meets every Tuesday at 11:00am. Exercise is a great way to: fight fatigue, stress, depression, and body pain, but what I like most about this class is that we are sharing this time with each other. God wants us to take care of our bodies, and He wants us to work together in everything we do.

Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron so one person sharpens another."

People sharpen each other mentally, physically, and spiritually...so glad we are sharpening each other together!

Sara

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

BIRTHDAYS

September 3 Connor Ruffner, John VanDeman
September 4 Cameron Crawford Walton
September 5 Greg Sanderson, Megan Goodwin
September 6 Kim Williamson, Jeffrey Foster
September 7 Elizabeth Wagnon
September 10 Frances Baker Watson, John Adams
September 11 Mike Starling
September 12 Sarah M. Therrell
September 13 Sarah Jefferies Calhoun
September 17 Margaret Jean Harris, Lawton Harris

September 18 Nancy Wagnon
September 19 Ray Crouse
September 20 Joey Mills
September 21 Woody Rogers, Rebekah Williams
September 22 Steve Barbour
September 26 Shellie Leary
September 27 Jenny Keefe
September 28 Lauren Outen
September 29 Katie Chapman
September 30 Austin Sanderson

ANNIVERSARIES

September 15 M&M Billy Wicker
September 17 M&M Jimmie Williamson
September 18 M&M Sam Eubanks, M&M John Goodwin, III
September 20 M&M Anthony Harris
September 26 Dr.&M David Bersinger
September 27 M&M Will Smith



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

Children's Ministry Kick-Off Event!!

You are invited to an ice cream social for all families with small children (up to 5th grade)!!! We

will be discussing upcoming fall events for our children!! This is a very important gathering so

please plan to join us!! Sunday, September 9 at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Christian Education Notes

If you have a son or daughter that has started to college the Christian Education Committee would like to get their ad-

dress. Please call the church office or give the address to Holly Miles.

FUMC Christian Education Committee

Epworth Is Our Ministry!

Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? What about when a mother is struggling with addiction and is neglecting her children? Currently, over 70 children call Epworth home. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry

we share as United Methodists in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 122 years through the generous support of churches like ours ! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 9, to benefit the children who call

Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org. or find them on Facebook.

J.O.Y Club

J.O.Y. Club will meet on Thursday, September 20 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline for signing up is

Monday, September 17. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food.

Blessing of the Hands and Bookbags



September Calendar

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, September 3, 2018

Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, State Park

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

September 9 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Walkie Talkie Town, 7:30am, FUMC

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, September 9, 2018

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Palmetto Ridge Ministry, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

College-Young Adult SS Class Begins,
10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Parlor in use, 2:00pm

UMW Quarterly Meeting, 3:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

Children's Ice Cream Social, 5:00pm, Fel-
lowship Hall

Monday, September 10, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

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

*Sunday, September 16 Bulletin Deadline,
2:00pm*

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, State Park

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, September 17, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Walkie Talkie Town, 7:30am, FUMC

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

*Sunday, September 23 Bulletin Deadline,
2:00pm*

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, State Park

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

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

October Newsletter Deadline, 12:00pm

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Monday, September 24, 2018

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Walkie Talkie Town, 7:30am, FUMC

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

*Sunday, September 30 Bulletin Deadline,
2:00pm*

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Walkie Talkie Park, 7:30am, State Park

GSG Bible Study, 10:00am, 15Ate

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am



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**OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Thursday, September 20, 2018
Noon