

Pastor's Ponderings



THE CONNECTION

Please Join Us!

Dear Friends—

There are a couple of invitations I would like you to consider, as we enjoy this season of gratitude and Thanksgiving...

On Wednesday, November 7th, we will gather for a midweek Service of Prayer and Testimony.

In a distinctive Wesleyan and North American style of worship, we will fellowship together to pray, sing, hear scripture, and share our prayer joys and concerns.

You will not be required to share any prayer requests/concerns—only if you are comfortable doing so. And there will also be a time in the Service where you will be invited to share about personal experiences in which prayer radically impacted your life! Again, personal sharing is not required...only encouraged!

This 6:30pm Service will replace our WATF gathering on

November 7th.

On Wednesday, November 14th, you are invited to join us for...A Love Feast. The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry. The Love Feast also celebrates the Koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

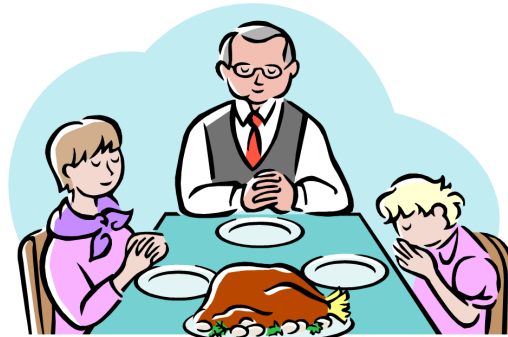
Also as part of The Love Feast, there will be a time for prayer, scripture reading, singing, and personal witness (voluntary).

This 6:30pm Service will replace our WATF gathering on Wednesday, November 14th.

Both of these services are highlighted in the United Methodist Book of Worship.

Please join us at 6:30pm on November 7th and November 14th!

In mutual ministry—
Pastor Kim



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COMING UP

- *UMM Breakfast, Sunday, November 11, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall
- *Palmetto Ridge Ministry, Sunday, November 11, 9:30am, Palmetto Ridge
- *Charge Conference, Sunday, November 11, 3:00pm, Sanctuary
- *PM Circle Meeting, Tuesday, November 13, 3:00pm, Parlor
- *Circle #3, Tuesday, November 13, 7:00pm
- *December Newsletter Deadline, Thursday, November 15, 12:00noon
- *J.O.Y Club, Thursday, November 15, 12:00noon, Fellowship Hall

A Note from The Congregational Care Director

I have always enjoyed Halloween. I think it is fun to dress up, whether it is something spooky or funny does not make any difference to me. My family and I have worn costumes and spooked up our yard for many years on Halloween. Kids and adults have run screaming from our yard with terror in their eyes, and candy flying out of their buckets, but they always come back the next year for more. One year we did not do our scary yard and a LOT of folks were upset about it. Even before my son Austin was born, my Husband John and I would dress up and give out candy to the kids. One-time John let me transform his appearance into a werewolf, I put Karo syrup all over his body and stuck freshly cut human hair on him from head to toe. (Yes, he had shorts on.)

It is just fun to do something different once in a while... just for fun....and yes, it does matter. Some might think this type of event has no impact on others, but it does. Kids remember people being nice, adults remember others showing interest. And in some weird way, a community of love is felt among all.

FUMC, Cheraw will

participate in the “Cheraw Kids Halloween Walk” which be held on October 30th from 3:30-5:00. We will set up at the corner of Third and Market Street and pass out candy, and we will also pass out candy and message cards in the same area on October 31st 5:00-7:00. Please come and join us for the fun!

1 Corinthians 10:31, “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

Operation Christmas Child boxes are due by 6:00 p.m. on November 18th. Suggested shipping is \$9.00 for each box. You will find labels and boxes beside the main office.

Operation Christmas Child has been a part of my life for the past 10 years. That's how long my son and I have been going and working at the distribution center in Charlotte N.C. We missed one year, and we could surely feel the void of not being there. The work at the center is simple, individuals look through each box on their assembly line to make sure nothing is harmful in the box, and items are added if there is not

enough “stuff” in the box. At the end of the line the boxes are put into shipping boxes and sealed. The boxes are then ready to go to another part of the world. The most important part of the boxes is the love in each one; showing another individual that yes, they matter, and they are loved by our creator; God. If you want to be part of this process, please let me know. **We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 21st, and will return at 5:00 p.m. This event is for all: Adults, young adults, and youth.**

TIME TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Please join us to **decorate the fellowship hall for Christmas November 26th at 1:00.**

Decorate Duffy's: November 27th at 6:00. Main event: Duffy!

Sara Sanderson

Serving in November

Hostess

Shep Straughn

Head Usher

Eric Dusa

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Hunter Lee (A) Peyton Taylor (CB)

Greeters

November 4 M&M Jay Leach

November 11 M&M Eric Dusa

November 18 M&M Greg Sanderson

November 25 JoAnne Morgan

Lobby Door Greeters

November 4 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

November 11 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

November 18 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

November 25 Herbert Watts, Jackie Furr

Nursery

November 4 Caroline Quick and Allison Becker

November 11 Caroline Quick and Lesley Jean Watson

November 18 Caroline Quick and Nancy Wagnon

November 25 Caroline Quick and Erika Kollitz

Lay Readers

November 4 Greg Sanderson

November 11 Margaret Jean Harris

November 18 Susan Marsh

November 25 Lawton Harris

Flowers

November 4 & 11 OPEN

November 18 Dallas & Jenny Keefe

November 25 Eric and Kelly Dusa

Deposit Team

November 4 John Moore

Alternates: Thomas Samuel, Micki Lockey, Todd Becker

November 11 Roger Wolfe

Alternates: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick

November 18 Jeff Johnson

Alternates: Betty Hurst, David McLean, Walter Crosby

November 25 Robert Calhoun

Alternate: Doug Marsh

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November 4 Pork & Beans

November 11 Baby wipes

November 18 Baby diapers

November 25 Baby food

J.O.Y Club

J.O.Y Club will celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 15, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Vonceil Holloman will be our caterer this

month. Cost of the meal will be \$10,00 per person. Deadline for signing up is Monday, November 12th, by noon with your caller or with Mary Burr 843-537-

3920 or Renie Seel 843-344-1841. Come join us for good food, fun, and fellowship.

In Memory or Honor of

IN MEMORY OF PAM CHAPMAN

Mary Burr

IN MEMORY OF MILLIE GANDY

Mary Burr

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

The Child Development Ministry currently has 60 children enrolled. We are accepting children in the infant classes and the one year old classes. If you know of anyone in need of child care, please give them our contact information.

The children are going to trick or treat in the school on Halloween

day. They will dress in their costumes and walk to each classroom to collect candy. This is a fun day for all. Even the teachers dress up. Come by and see us that day, or go to our Facebook page for pictures. Our Facebook account name is First Church Child Development Ministry.

The CDM will be closed November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving. We are grateful for the children and families we serve, and we are thankful for you. Have a blessed time with your families.

In His Service,

Mimi

Walkie Talkies...Still Walking and Talking!!!

Our two weekly walking groups are continuing to meet regularly, despite some weather challenges, and even with the cold temperatures rushing in out of nowhere!

On Tuesdays at 7:30am, we meet at Cheraw State Park, at the House on the Hill. After a brief devotion, we walk for approximately an hour, which calculates to about three miles! Most recently, we've been getting a head start on the golfers and enjoying the beauti-

ful scenery along the cart path of "the back nine".

On Thursdays at 7:30am, we meet at Arrowhead Park, off of State Road in Cheraw. Again, after a brief devotion, we walk round and round the circle path, talking and laughing and sharing words of hello with our neighbors.

Please join us! Depending upon the changes which inevitably come once Daylight

Savings Time ends, we may need to "adjust" our start time just a bit. Make sure to check our weekly Sunday bulletin to stay informed of any potential start time changes.

And please invite friends! This is an ecumenical, community activity!

Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

Children's Ministry News

Our "Fireflies Children's Ministry" at FUMC has one mission...to spread our Christian light throughout our world like confetti...

Our upcoming plans include:

November 4th—Books of the Bible Study
November 11th—Books of the Bible Study
November 18th—Books of the Bible Study

There will be no gathering on November 25th.

On December 2nd, the Fireflies will host an Advent Breakfast Supper! (Please see more information below.)

On December 9th, we will enjoy an ice skating outing!

And on December 16th, we will participate in the choir presentation during Sunday morning worship, followed by a Christmas Party that evening from 5:00pm-6:15pm.

Please plan to join us on December 2nd for our Advent Breakfast Supper! Yes, this is the same date as the Cheraw Christmas Home Tour, but please plan to join us that evening from 5:00-7:30pm.

Dinner will be served, along with a brief presentation by the children singing Christmas carols!

All donations will go toward camp scholarships for children to attend various summer camps at Asbury Hills.

More information will be provided in upcoming Sunday bulletins!

Please plan to join us for our Advent Breakfast Supper on December 2nd!

We thank you for your continued support of our Fireflies Children's Ministry!

Thursday Bible Study

Throughout the month of November, we will continue to meet each Thursday afternoon in the Parlor for our spiritual growth study entitled...What's Your Story?

As we examine the story of the Old Testament character, Joseph (Genesis 37-50), we will simultaneously examine our own personal "faith stories" God is writing for us and with us!

As we gather together over the next four Thursdays, we will reflect upon and discuss: life changing events that we have experienced...scars that have caused us to "become" who we are...positive events that have arisen out of negative circumstances...as well as naming and claiming the identity with which we are most comfortable...all the while, studying and examining what Joseph did

when confronted with these same challenges in the midst of his story.

Please join us each Thursday at 2pm if you'd like to add "your story" to the mix!

Questions? Talk to Pastor Kim!

Community Crock Night/Thanksgiving Service

In addition to our Thanksgiving Sunday tradition, please mark November 18th on your calendars for the **Community Crock Night**. We will gather in the

Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm prior to our Thanksgiving worship service at 6:30pm. You are invited to bring a crock pot of your favorite soup or chili (and a ladle)

to share. Bread, drinks, and desserts will be provided. The community is welcome. Feel free to bring a friend!

Monday Morning Theologian

Throughout the month of November, we will continue to meet each Monday at 10:30am in the Parlor...with the exception of Monday, November 12th. There will be NO STUDY on Monday, November 12th.

During our time together throughout the weeks of November, we will continue to ponder

and discuss themes of Biblical Stewardship, such as...saving, giving, and offering what we have both cheerfully and genuinely! Toward the end of the month, in line with the themes of our Sunday morning worship celebrations, we will move into a study and discussion on the themes of gratitude and thanks-

giving.

Please join us for this honest and insightful small group fellowship experience.

Contact Pastor Kim if you have any questions!

Wednesdays At The First!

We have finished our initial study series entitled...A Way of Life. A huge thanks to all of our September/October WATF participants who shared heartfelt and insightful feedback over the topics of: faith convictions, disagreeing in love, and witnessing about our beliefs. Throughout those weeks of our gatherings, we had spirited and reflective conversations!

We will not meet for

WATF through the month of November with the exception of November 28th. On the 28th, we will begin a new four week study series geared specifically toward the Advent Season. Please join us!

As we continue to plan for future gatherings of Wednesdays at the First, please keep this ministry in your prayers. And be sure to look for updates of our re-start in our weekly Sun-

day bulletins!

Talk to Pastor Kim for more information, please!

Note: Please read the Pastor's article in this newsletter to find out what you are invited to experience on Wednesday, November 7th and Wednesday, November 14th!



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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, November 19, 2018

12:00noon

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:

\$165,282.83

A Note from the Music Director

Psalm 100

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

As a child, maybe you, like I, memorized Psalm 100. We referred to it as our "Thanksgiving Psalm" because every Thanksgiving, we (my umpteen cousins and I) would put on a play for our whole family. Psalm 100 was always recited during our play.

As an adult, I realized just what

a perfect Thanksgiving Psalm it really is! Psalm 100 calls us : to praise Him; to thank Him; to serve Him; and to be mindful that we are not on our own. We have The Shepherd whose loving kindness is everlasting and whose faithfulness is to all generations! Wow!! We have so much to be thankful for! Don't we?

As we prepare for the upcoming Advent season at FUMC, I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider joining our choir so that you can "Make a Joyful Noise" unto the Lord with us!

The Christmas musical this year is "Peace Has Come" by Mary McDonald. It is such a beautiful musical. And guess what? It's not too late for you to come and join us. There is a chair for you! We will be so thankful to have you!

My prayer is that our Thanksgiving 2018 will be filled with Psalm 100 wherever we go!

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Mary Lynn Watkins

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Alanna Leviner
November 2 Charlie Ruffner
November 3 Norma Cobb
November 6 Dannie Lee
November 9 Mason Tomberlin, Randell Rumph
November 10 Jake Keefe
November 12 Joyce Quick, James Keefe, Ruth (Sis) Funderburk
November 13 Patricia Turner
November 15 Betty Canipe
November 17 Harry Board
November 18 Carole Hennessee, David McLean

November 19 Caroline Crouse
November 21 Nathan Rogers, Ruth Middleton, Nance Kimrey
November 24 Gwen Sullivan, Eric Dusa
November 25 Kim Roddy
November 26 Bonnie Cundiff, Jeff Kollitz
November 27 Martha A. Griggs
November 28 Thomas McKinnon
November 29 Shep Straughn, Linda Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

November 6 M&M Woody Rogers
November 17 M&M Keith Smith
November 24 M&M Jay Lewis
November 30 M&M Harry Board



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 in which your memorials can be received:

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
Grounds Upkeep Fund
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

We thank you for considering these ministries as options for your additional financial gifts.

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

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

November Calendar

Thursday, November 1, 2018

ALL SAINTS DAY

Walkie Talkies Town, 7:30am, Arrowhead Park

Support Group/Bible Study, 10:30am, Parlor

Your Story Small Group, 2:00pm, Parlor

Sunday, November 4, 2018

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Stewardship Celebration Luncheon, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Youth, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall

Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook

Monday, November 5, 2018

Monday Morning Theologian, 10:30am, Parlor

Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Nominations Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, Fred Harris Classroom

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Walkie Talkies Park, 7:30am, State Park

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

Sunday, November 11 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

CDM Handbells, 9:45am, Choir Room

CDM Chapel, 10:00am, Choir Room

Prayer Service, 6:30pm, Parlor

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Pastor Kim to Deep & Wide Conference/Charlotte

Walkie Talkies Town, 7:30am, Arrowhead Park

Support Group/Bible Study, 10:00am, Parlor

NO Your Story Small Group today

Sunday, November 11, 2018

VETERAN'S DAY

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Palmetto Ridge Ministry, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Charge Conference, 3:00pm, Sanctuary

Youth, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall

Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook

Monday, November 12, 2018

NO Monday Morning Theologian today

Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Walkie Talkies Park, 7:30am, State Park

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

Sunday, November 18 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

PM Circle Meeting, 3:00pm, Parlor

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Missions Ministry Team, 5:30pm, Fred Harris Classroom

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Circle #3 Meeting, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

CDM Handbells, 9:45am, Choir Room

CDM Chapel, 10:00am, Choir Room

Love Feast, 6:30pm, Parlor

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Walkie Talkies Town, 7:30am, Arrowhead Park

Study Group/ Bible Study, 10:30am, Parlor

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

December Newsletter Deadline, 12:00noon

Your Story Small Group, 2:00pm, Parlor

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, 6:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Community Crock Night, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Monday, November 19, 2018

Monday Morning Theologian, 10:30am, Parlor

Sunday, November 25 Bulletin Deadline, 10:30am

December Newsletter Deadline, 12:00noon

Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Walkie Talkies Park, 7:30am, State Park

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

OCC Distribution Center Outing, 8am-5pm

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 22, 2018

Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Child Development Ministry Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 23, 2018

Child Development Ministry Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

Advent Decorating, 4:00pm, Sanctuary

Youth, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall

Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook

Monday, November 26, 2018

Monday Morning Theologian, 10:30am, Parlor

Decorate Fellowship Hall, 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom

Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Walkie Talkies Park, 7:30am, State Park

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

Sunday, December 2 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

CDM Handbells, 9:45am, Choir Room

CDM Chapel, 10:00am, Choir Room

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

WATF Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Walkie Talkies Town, 7:30am, Arrowhead Park

Study Group/ Bible Study, 10:30am, Parlor

Your Story Small Group, 2:00pm, Parlor