Pastor's Ponderings

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After approximately 6 weeks of Tuesday/Thursday evening Committee meetings, our Church Council and Ministry Work Areas are set and ready to go to work. Over these past few weeks, our Committees have been getting trained on the various responsibilities associated with their tasks, and they have also been brainstorming on potential ministries to offer to FUMC and the Cheraw Community over the coming year.

Please review the following list of Church Council Officers in service for FUMC for the 2019 year. These are the individuals whom you are invited to contact if you have ideas/suggestions/concerns in the various service areas to which they are assigned.

If you have further questions related to our Church Council structure, please talk to Pastor Kim.

Chairperson of Church Council—Jim Crawford

Vice Chairperson of Church Council—John Wagnon

Child Development Ministries Chairperson— Sam Eubanks

Christian Education Ministries Chairperson— Holly Miles

Communications Ministries Coordinator— Susan Eschenfelder

Evangelism Ministries Chairperson— Marianne Crawford

Finance Committee Chairperson—Pam Baker

Lay Leader—Joey Mills Lay Member to Annual Conference—Gailya Wilson

Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference—Patti Fisher

Missions Ministries Chairperson—Shannon Johnson

Older Adult Ministries Chairperson—Mary Burr

New and Exciting Leadership for 2019

Recording Secretary—Susan Marsh Scouting Ministries Representative—John Moore Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson-Paul Miles Stewardship Ministries Chairperson-Ray Crouse Sunday School Superintendent—Jenny Keefe Treasurer—Herbert Watts Trustees Committee Chairperson—Sammy Quick United Methodist Men President—Theodore Burns United Methodist Women President—Lib Norton Worship Ministries Chairperson-Norma Cobb

At Large Members Rhett Butler, Henrietta Kollitz, Doug Marsh, John Moore, Penny Quick

And one final request...please keep these leaders in your constant prayers, as they attempt to do their best and give their all to the valuable ministries FUMC offers in this community.

Almighty God, pour out Your blessing upon these, Your servants, who have been given particular responsibilities in Your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in Your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, Who, did not think first of Himself, but gave Himself for us all. Let them share His ministry and consecration, that they may enter into His joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them, Your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessings

Pastor Kim

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Entire Congregation, Servants for Jesus Christ

COMING UP *UMM Breakfast, Sunday, March 10, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall *Blood Drive, Monday, March 11, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall *UMW Circle PM Group, Tuesday, March 12, 3:00pm, Parlor *Christian Education Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 6:00pm, Harris SS Classroom *UMW Circle #3, Tuesday, March 12, 6:30pm, Parlor *Parsonage Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 14

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IN MEMORY OF FLORA NELL JOHNSON

Jay Bennett, Jim Bennett, M&M Manfred Kollitz, M&M Pete Baker, M&M Rhett Butler

IN MEMORY OF BILL CROUSE

M&M Manfred Kollitz, M&M Pete Baker, Jim Bennett, M&M Rhett Butler

IN MEMORY OF RUTH MIDDLETON

Owen Furuseth, M&M Glenn Marsh, Jim Bennett

IN MEMORY OF SON TEAL

M&M Pete Baker

IN MEMORY OF JANICE FREEMAN

M&M Pete Baker

IN MEMORY OF FURMAN WARDLAW

M&M Pete Baker

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY MCCALL

M&M Pete Baker, Jakie Streater

IN MEMORY OF CLYDE GOODWIN

Jim Bennett

IN MEMORY OF RAY MCMANUS

Jim Bennett, Lynn Tweed

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES LANEY

Claywell Watson, Johnnie & Claywell Allen

IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR TUCKER

M&M Sammy Quick, Lynn Tweed

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA FOLK HAMMOND

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF ETHEL ANN STREATER

Chuck & Peggy Michaux

IN MEMORY OF REV. ED DAVIDSON

Ann Winters

IN HONOR OF LIB NORTON

Kinsey Mulloy Sunday School Class

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

The Child Development Ministry currently has 69 children enrolled. We expect to have over 70 children enrolled before the end of March.

We are working toward getting on the ABC Voucher program, which will bring more children in and enhance our ministry to the community. Being on the voucher program will enable parents who cannot afford to pay for childcare to enroll their children. It will also allow us to get training through the South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Care that will help our teachers in their daily care of the children. We are working toward being the best we can be. You are always welcome in the Child Development Ministry. Come by anytime and let these precious gifts from God bless your heart. They bless mine every day!

In Him,

Mimi

Resolutions Still Going Strong?

If you made a resolution to try to stay fit in 2019, First UMC is doing our best to help you out! Every Tuesday at 11am in the FUMC Fellowship Hall, Betsy Vaughn from the Chesterfield County YMCA leads an hour long exercise class for all willing participants!

There is no charge for the class, and weights, tension bands, along with other necessary exercise equipment are provided. Sturdy chairs are also available for those with balance and stability issues. You are invited to wear comfortable clothes and shoes as you will be stretching, bending, and marching to the tune of motivational music. You are also invited to bring a water bottle and sweat towel if you so desire.

If you care to give a donation at any time to the exercise class, please mark your gift: Adult Ministries/Exercise Class.

Hope to see you Tuesdays at 11am!



Let's Start Back!

If the weather will cooperate, we are hoping to pick up where we left off with our Walkie Talkie Fellowship!

To remind you what this is all about...every Tuesday at 8am we meet at the State Park and every Thursday at 8am we meet at Arrowhead Park, to walk and talk together for about an hour. Our gatherings start by meeting in the parking lots at each location—(House on the Hill/State Park and at the Memorial Statue/Arrowhead). We listen to a very brief devotion and then

we...take off!

At the State Park, we walk the slightly hilly road out to the trailhead and back, or we walk the golf cart path.

At Arrowhead, we walk round and round the circle path.

The State Park route is a bit more strenuous, but Arrowhead Park has benches which offer rest between laps.

Our first Tuesday back will be March 5th. Our first Thursday back will be March 7th. Please note the new meeting time of 8am! Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.



Serving in March

<u>Hostess</u>

Lib Norton <u>Head Usher</u> Theodore Burns <u>Acolyte and Cross Bearer</u>

Peyton Taylor (A) Hunter Lee (CB)

Lay Readers

March 3 Sawyer Becker March 10 Sammy Quick March 17 Jacob Rohde March 24 Sophia Prevatte March 31 Mary Charlotte Dusa <u>Greeters</u>

March 3 Emily Marsh March 10 Betty Thrailkill March 17 M&M Harold Lomas March 24 Angela Holliday March 31 M&M Manuel Assef

Lobby Door Greeters

March 3 Theodore Burns March 10 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills March 17 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler March 24 Herbert Watts, Jackie Furr March 31 Lyle Coffey, Thomas Samuel

<u>Nursery</u>

March 3 Renie Seel, Peyton Taylor March 10 Gail Eubanks, Kim Williamson March 17 Nancy Wagnon, Pat Barham March 24 Gini Eddins, Jennifer Tomberlin March 31 Cindy Sanderson, Trina Mills

> <u>Flowers</u> Month of March OPEN

Deposit Team

March 3 John Moore Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd Becker March 10 Roger Wolfe Alternates: Jim Crawford, Sammy Quick March17 Jeff Johnson Alternates: David McLean, Walter Crosby March 24 Thomas Samuel Alternates: Doug Marsh, Betty Hurst March 31 Rhett Butler Alternates: Shelton Rumph, Jerry Tucker **McArn Items** March 3 Canned vegetables

March 10 Baby items March 17 Canned meats March 24 Baby food March 31 Cleaning supplies

New Women's Study for Lent

Three women named Mary...each of whom has a lifechanging encounter with Jesus; Mary of Bethany prepares the way for Jesus' burial by anointing His feet with oil...and filling the air of a party with expensive perfume;

Jesus' mother, Mary of Nazareth, remains by Jesus' side from His first breath to His last, her love for her son never wavering; and let's not forget, of course, Mary Magdalene, who was delivered of seven demons, setting her on the path of becoming one of the most loyal students of the Master, supporting Him through His darkest hours, and then proclaiming the glorious news of His resurrection!

What a trio! What a Savior!

Please join us every Thursday at 2pm, beginning March 7th, as we examine how these ancient scenarios unfold through the



eyes of three women who embody love, loyalty, and legitimacy-as witnesses to the greatest miracle ever to happen-the Easter miracle called...the Resurrection! Please contact Pastor Kim for more information.

New Study-Wednesdays at the First

Beginning March 13th, our Wednesdays at the First gathering will include a new Lenten study...addressing some of the major concerns we have in these uncertain times. Economic instability, violence, natural catastrophes, and hate, all alter the lines and landscapes of our communities. And our individual lives are often just as unsteadywith broken relationships, faltering plans, and failing systems of communication. Because we are wired with a desire to control our destiny, most of us find uncertainty to be quite uncomforta-

ble!

As a specific Lenten journey, every Wednesday night we will study one Gospel story which highlights Jesus' courage, obedience, and hope, even in the face of His inevitable destination of the cross. In exploring these stories together, we will hopefully discover signposts for our own personal journeys through this life of uncertainty—signposts which read: Move Forward! Trust! Stay the Course! Be Encouraged! Please join us for this seven week journey through Lent...and our final destination...the joy of the resurrection!

The study begins March 13th at 6:15pm. Please join us on the first Wednesday of Lent— March 6th—for a pancake supper at 5:30pm followed by an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30. Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

Fireflies Children's Ministry

Our Fireflies are moving right along through all this crazy weather. We enjoyed our ice skating trip and look forward to bowling this month. We have several upcoming events planned. On Wednesday, March 6th the 'Fireflies' will be sponsoring the Wednesday at the First meal. We will have another "Pancake Breakfast Supper" as we get ready for the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday service will follow immediately after the supper. Please come out and support our "Fireflies" with your donations and presence. Dinner begins at 5:30pm; worship starts at 6:30pm.

We are planning to go to the Strikers Bowling in Rockingham, NC on Sunday March 10th. We will plan to leave around 3:00pm and return 5:30/6:00pm. The church Easter Egg Hunt will tentatively be on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Time will be announced at a later date. And we will not have our Sunday 'Fireflies' meeting on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

With warmer weather approaching (I hope) we would love to plan an afternoon at Cheraw State Park for the families-some time in March/April. Time and date will be announced at a later time. Also--several of the 'Fireflies' families have signed up to attend the Family Camp at Asbury Hills. If you and your child would like to attend you can go on the Asbury Hills website and apply. Also, if you would like to send your child to a different camp please do so. Our 'Fireflies' fund will help pay for 'some' of the registration fee. At this time it will depend on how many kids are going and how much each camp costs so a definitive scholarship amount cannot be set at this time. Please call me if you have questions.

Please continue to keep our 'Fireflies" in your prayers as we study the Bible and Jesus' teachings. Also, if you know of any children ages Kindergarten-5th grade please invite them to meet with us at FUMC every Sunday 5:00-6:15.

They can contact me as well at (843-910-0811). Jennifer Tomberlin

Sympathy and Thank You

First Church extends its sympathy to Lorie and Phil Thrailkill upon the death of Lorie's father, Bill Furchess and to Christian and Betsy Thrailkill Tetch upon the death of Christian's mother, Ute Tetch.



We would like to sincerely thank our awesome church family for all the acts of love and lifting of prayers for us during the loss of Ray's dad. You are such a blessing to us! With love and thanks, Ray & Mary Crouse

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APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Monday, March 18, 2019

UMW Rada Products

The UMW have a new shipment of RADA Products. See JoAnne Morgan if you are interested in purchasing any of these new items.

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: \$192,372.48

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Jake Crouse March 3 Noah Williams March 4 Trina Mills March 5 George Adams March 8 Alice Seel March 10 Beulah Threatte March 14 Ashton Becker March 20 Mabel Foster, R. Walker Laney March 21 Paul Miles March 22 Margaret Stanton March 23 Leighton Becker March 24 Laura Adams McGriff March 26 Jackson Rushing, Gabriel Watson March 27 Kathryn Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

March 3 M&M C. C. Quick March 10 M&M Homer Stanton March 16 M&M Mike Starling March 17 M&M George Adams, M&M Ron Cundiff March 21 M&M Doug Carabo March 27 M&M Jimmy Outen



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 Adult Exercise Class Salkehatchie Summer Service Bus Fund Youth Ministries Childrens Ministries 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.

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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 we'll 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

















March Calendar

Friday, March 1, 2019

11am-1pm Office open

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Sunday School, 10:00am Worship, 11:00am (Communion) Youth, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall and Youth Hut Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook

Monday, March 4, 2019

Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Pastor Kim's Day Off

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Walkie Talkies, State Park, 8:00am Adult Exercise, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall *Sunday, March 10 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm* Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Fireflies Lenten Pancake Supper, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service, 6:15pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Walkie Talkies, Arrowhead Park, 8:00am Women's Study, 2:00pm, Parlor

Friday, March 8, 2019

Office closed

Sunday, March 10, 2019

UMM Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall Sunday School, 10:00am Worship, 11:00am Youth, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook

Monday, March 11, 2019

Blood Drive, 2-7pm, Fellowship Hall Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall *Pastor Kim's Day Off*

<u>Tuesday, March 12, 2019</u>

Walkie Talkies, State Park, 8:00am Adult Exercise, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall *Sunday, March 17 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm* UMW PM Circle, 3:00pm, Parlor Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall Christian Education Committee Meeting, 6:00pm, Harris SS Class Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut UMW Circle #3, 6:30pm, Parlor <u>Wednesday, March 13, 2019</u>

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall WATF Bible Study, 6:15pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Walkie Talkies, Arrowhead Park, 8:00am Women's Study, 2:00pm, Parlor Parsonage Committee Meeting, 6:00pm, Parsonage

<u>Friday, March 15, 2019</u>

11am-1pm Office open

<u>Sunday, March 17, 2019</u>

Sunday School, 10:00am Worship, 11:00am Youth, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook

<u>Monday, March18, 2019</u>

Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

April Newsletter Deadline

Pastor Kim's Day Off

<u>Tuesday, March 19, 2019</u>

Walkie Talkies, State Park, 8:00am Adult Exercise, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall *Sunday, March 24 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm* Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall WATF Bible Study, 6:15pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 21, 2019

J.O.Y. Club, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall Women's Study, 2:00pm, Parlor

Friday, March 22, 2019

11am-1pm Office open

Saturday, March 23-26, 2019

Hartsville District UM Day with Bishop at Bethel UMC Sumter, 9:30am

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Sunday School, 10:00am Worship, 11:00am Youth, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook

Monday, March 25, 2019

Plarn Meeting, 5:00pm, Kinsey Mulloy Classroom Cub Scouts, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut *Pastor Kim's Day Off*

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Walkie Talkies, State Park, 8:00am Adult Exercise, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall *Sunday, March 31 Bulletin Deadline, 2:00pm* Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

WATF Meal, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall WATF Bible Study, 6:15pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Walkie Talkies, Arrowhead Park, 8:00am Women's Study, 2:00pm, Parlor

Friday, March 29, 2019

11am-1pm Office open

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Sunday School, 10:00am Worship, 11:00am Youth, 5:00pm, Youth Hut/Fellowship Hall Fireflies Children's Ministry, 5:00pm, Kid's Nook