

# THE CONNECTION

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**CHURCH-WIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY:** Please come to a church-wide birthday party at 6:00 on July 21st in the Fellowship Hall. We will have cake and ice cream, cake decorating for the kids, birthday month decorated tables, and Bible Bingo! It promises to be a fun time of fellowship for all! Please plan to attend.

**TRAFFIC PROBLEM?:** Please join us on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 10am-noon for a special community awareness conference on Human Trafficking. The Living Word Ministries on Zoar Road in Chesterfield is hosting this FREE gathering, and lunch is included! Please call Scott or Lani Adams at 843-623-6743, by August 4<sup>th</sup> to register!

**SUMMER SERVICE OF PRAISE:** Traveling a lot this summer? Away for the weekends? Each Wednesday, FUMC will be offering a mid-week worship service beginning at 6pm. This will be an informal service of singing, prayer, scripture, and preached word. If you would like to participate by offering special music, or readings, or talents, or dance, please let Pastor Kim know. These services will run every Wednesday, July through August.

**CAMP PEE DEE RETREAT CENTER, OPEN SWIM:** During the month of July, Camp Pee Dee is offering open swim time for all ages every Sunday from 1pm-4pm. The cost is by donation to pay for lifeguards. Please consult the poster in the church lobby for more details!

**FACEBOOK FAN?:** First UMC is looking to update our FACEBOOK page on a more regular basis! If you would like to post something on the FUMC Facebook page to share with our faith community, please submit your post to Angie at [fumcangiesmith@gmail.com](mailto:fumcangiesmith@gmail.com).

**MEMORIAL GIFTS:** If you would like to give an "in memory" gift to FUMC, you may designate it to any area listed below: Contingency Fund, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Adult Exercise Class, Salkehatchie, Summer Service, Bus Fund, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, Building Upkeep Fund, Parsonage Upkeep Fund, Grounds Upkeep Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and named Scholarships. Call the church office for more information.

**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.

**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: \$200,271.45.

**TUESDAY WALKIE TALKIES!** Every Tuesday at 8am our walking group meets at the House on the Hill at Cheraw State Park. We walk for approximately an hour over the hills and through the woods! Restrooms are available along the route. You are invited to bring your own water bottle. Please talk to Pastor Kim for details.

**ON-SITE EXERCISE ANYONE?** Please join our Senior Exercise Class every Tuesday at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Standing exercises and chair exercises are both offered. Stretch bands and light weights are provided. Call the church office for more information.

**PICKLEBALL LEAGUE!** Please join us every week at the Cheraw Tennis Courts as "church ladies" from the Cheraw Community practice and play Pickleball. Please consult the weekly calendar for day and time. Talk to Pastor Kim for details.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** Please join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for this fellowship and sharing opportunity. All who have experienced a journey through grief and/or are currently traveling a grief path are encouraged to attend. Talk to Pastor Kim for more information.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We gather and study together every Thursday afternoon at 2pm in the Harris Sunday School room. Please join us for this study/discussion group led by Pastor Kim. No homework required!

**THURSDAY WALKIE TALKIES!** Every Thursday at 8am our Walkie Talkie group meets at Arrowhead Park on State Road in Cheraw. We talk and walk around the circular track for approximately an hour. Restrooms are available at the Park. You are invited to bring your own water bottle. Please talk to Pastor Kim for details.