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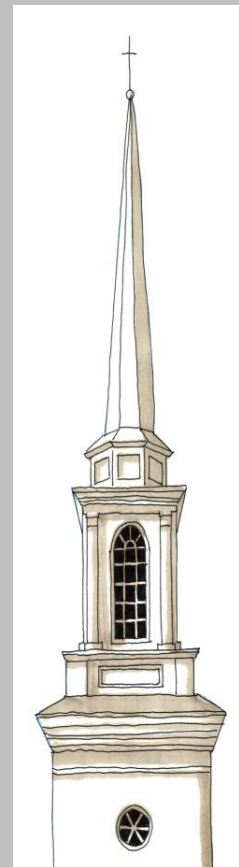
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On Palm Sunday, April 5, our worship will begin in the courtyard at 11:00 a.m. Members of the Youth Group will be handing palms to everyone. All are encouraged to wave palms in procession as the cross, choirs, and bells lead the way through the crowd. The crowd will make way as the cross approaches, allowing the procession to pass. As the choirs pass, the people follow behind and enter the sanctuary. During worship there will be many opportunities to wave your palm branches. The bulletin will instruct you at those times.

The palms are a symbol of Jesus Christ's procession into Jerusalem a week before his crucifixion and his later resurrection as told in the Gospels. They are a reminder of the branches laid down on the road before Jesus by the crowds as he rode into Jerusalem. The procession is symbolic of walking in Christ's footsteps.

Those who do not wish to be part of the procession may enter the sanctuary and be in prayer until the procession enters.

Plan to join us on Palm Sunday as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, waving palms and singing *Hosanna to the Son of David!*

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Lenten Organ Meditations

Again this year, FUMC is offering Lenten Organ Meditations on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent. These concerts are offered to the church and community as a time to set ourselves apart from the world as we consider what our almighty Father has done for us through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please make plans to attend this special time.

April 1 at Noon Andrew Fowler Keyboardist/Composer Andrew Fowler is a native of Myrtle Beach. With a Bachelor of Arts in piano performance from the University of South Carolina and Doctorate of music theory from the University of Texas at Austin, Fowler serves as Music Director of Trinity United Methodist Church in Conway, S.C. He is also composer-in-Residence and Pianist for the Carolina Master Chorale, and Music Director/Orchestrator for the Theater of the Republic. Fowler is an organist, as well as pianist. He is an avid interpreter of twentieth century American jazz and musical theater standards, as well as the classical keyboard canon. He and his wife, Scarlet enjoy any time spent with their five children, Nathan, Gwyn, Tiffany, Austin and Dalton.



Palm Sunday Celebration

Please remember to gather in the courtyard prior to the service.

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy is a shortened version of the Latin word *mandatum* which means commandment. At the last supper, Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment, to love one another as He had loved them. During our Maundy Thursday service we will have the opportunity to impart our love for each other as we remember our Savior's last supper. Following the service, we will strip the altar. The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and of what followed.

Nursery will be provided.

Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 13th.

Good Friday

April 10 from
9:00-12:00p.m.

The Sanctuary will be available for those who would like to spend time in prayerful remembrance of our Savior.

Vespers for the Passion of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Please plan to attend.
Nursery will be provided

Mission Emphasis: The children will be collecting new underwear and socks for both girls and boys as a part of our church wide missions for **Fostering Hope**. There will be a competition involving "dressing the child" standing in our upstairs commons area. And... every competition has a prize for the winner/winners! Come be a part of this clothing drive and be a blessing to others.

Girls of Grace Girls of Grace will begin again on the 4th Friday of the month: April 24th in the FLC from 6:00-8:00pm. This is for elementary aged girls only and the evening promises to be filled with excitement, giggles and of course, food! Please contact the church office if your child (children) will be coming... and remember, friends are invited!! [488-4251]

Boys of Awesomeness The Boys of Awesomeness will begin their spring outings with a fishing expedition at the Hucks (Charles and Kathy) pond. This outing will include a cookout dinner and a lesson in cleaning fish! The date will be announced in the near future... we need a weather-friendly Saturday or Sunday in order to catch the "BIG" one! BOA consists of elementary aged boys only and will also meet once a month. Signing up with the church office will be helpful in planning each event.



Easter Sunday Morning

Toddlers—Third Grade

Gathering at 10:30 in Courtyard

Egg Hunt at 10:45

You'll find a special place in the downstairs commons area to leave your baskets until after Worship. A special treat will be added to each basket that is left there!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Dear Members and Friends of FUMC,

I am very humbled and most honored to be in the position of Interim Children and Youth Director where I hope to do the work of Christ with our young folks! There seems to be a multitude of details to this job and I know I cannot do it without your input, hands and prayers. Please know that my door and mind are always open to you and the children.

In His Service,
Cindy Harper

April is already filling up with activities at FUMC!

Here is a look at current and upcoming events:

Rotation Sunday School

“Journey to the Cross” will continue through April 5th. The children are learning of Christ’s life from the joyous entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, his trial before Pilate and the pain of the cross. (The Resurrection is covered in the next rotation.)

“Easter: Go and Tell” will begin on April 12-May 17th. In this rotation, the children will experience Christ’s resurrection from all four Gospels. They will learn that Jesus lives and that we are all commissioned to make new disciples in all nations...with Jesus’ help!

If you have not had a chance to help in our Rotation Sunday School program, please prayerfully consider being a teacher (only 4 weeks in each rotation) or a shepherd (traveling each week with a certain age group).

3 and 4 Year Olds - Debbie Johnson

In April, our class will be studying Matthew 28:20 “I am always with you.” The Easter story continues as we find Jesus, our risen Lord. Our class is growing...we are now up to **FIVE!** Come and see how we are learning, singing and playing together as Jesus’ church family!

Outreach Committee

Report by: Toby White

Lenten Offering- As Easter is fast approaching, we hope that each of you has been considering your special Lenten Offering for this year. Your donation will provide assistance here at our Church (Good Samaritan’s Fund and Salkahatchie Youth Work Project), in our community (Churches Assisting People, Help 4 Kids, Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Fostering Hope, and Waccamaw Youth Center), and regionally and internationally (Daniel’s Indonesia Project and HUNGRIEF). If we each do our part, together we can help hundreds of those that need different types of assistance today. As we see daily on TV and in newspapers, those needing assistance are greater than they have been for many years. Please mark your check or envelope “Lenten Offering” and bring it to church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, or any other convenient time.

Eye Glasses Collection- Within the first two weeks after this on-going project was announced, we have already collected 40 pairs of eye glasses which have been sent to the UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) warehouse. Most of these will be sent to Haiti or another country in the Caribbean or in Central America. Keep the eye glasses coming as they are desperately needed.

Next Blood Drive- Sunday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CAP food items needed this month are: cereals, jelly, and pasta and sauce. Remember that these items listed are those most in need. All non-perishable items can be donated.

1	Emmy Hood
2	Beccy Ward
3	Jade Chandler
4	Paula Moore
	Walon Cox
5	Jack Driggers
	Mary Ruth Baxter
	Susie Goldfinch
	Grey Bracken
7	Nathan Nelson
8	Zack Dusenbury
11	Jay Wilburn
	Sophie Jackson
12	Jim Edwards
13	Ashlee Hendrix
14	Britt Stiltner
	Ellen Skipper
17	Julie Carter
18	Sydney Stegall
19	April Fanshaw
20	Brandon Elvis
21	Bert Ownen
22	Ted Coy
	Louise Goodwin
23	Dale James
24	Judy Hendrick
	Tammy Elvis
25	Inez Truett
27	Ginny Leigh Cannon
28	Lib Wellons
	Sarah Parker
29	Ron Kirby
	Bob Butler
	Jo Anna Fallaw

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A special thanks from Duc Watts... *Jill and I would like to thank everyone for all of the very heartfelt prayer that took us to Charleston and brought us back with such excellent results!*

Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Dunham in the death of her uncle, John Robb of Asheboro, NC, to Cindy Harper in the death of her uncle, Dan Benda of Virginia Beach, VA and to Frankie Hart at the death of her twin sister Mary Mott Herbert of Charleston. Please keep these families in your prayers.



A big thank you to the children that participated in the filming of our TV commercial for WPDE Channel 15! You were awesome!

★ Scholarship Applications Now Available

Attention graduating seniors or college students, scholarships are now available. Applications may be picked up from the church office and turned into the office *by April 15*.

CONGRATULATIONS...it's a GIRL!

Charlie Elizabeth Levy was born March 5. The happy parents are Charlie and Anna Levy, and the proud grandparents are Mike and Libby Saville.



Another BIG thank you to all the volunteers that helped prepare and serve during the Lenten Luncheons. Betty Woodward, Wilmarie Boatwright, June Brown, Dawn Clonts, Sue Dusenbury, Jan Gawith, Doris Hedgepath, Ashley Hood, Freda Jones, Libby Jones, Ann Myers, Kathleen McCracken, Jo Ann Smith, Helen White, Woody Woodward, Bobby Rabon, Levon Singleton. We couldn't do it without you!

Have you noticed? Our church looks much better since our new facilities manager took over. From shiny floors to freshly painted woodwork to fresh-smelling hallways, Mr. Phillip Edwards has done a spectacular job of taking care of our church home. Thank you Phillip for all your hard work. We appreciate you!

Youth news by Julie Carter

A trip to Surf's Up, a scavenger hunt, Pelicans Game and 30-Hour Famine are just some of the events planned for our youth at FUMC. Pelican Baseball Game: May 3rd—all church family is invited! 30 Hour Famine: TBA (after Easter)



Salkehatchie Fundraiser: On Saturday, May 30th, we will be having a pancake breakfast and car wash at Beef O Brady's of Conway from 8:30—10:30. Tickets will go on sale in April by the youth going to Salkehatchie on July 4-11, 2009. Please put this date on your calendar so that you can support the youth and adults going on this trip this summer. While you are enjoying a delicious breakfast, you can have your car washed too! Feel free to help sell tickets to your neighbors and co-workers. For more information, please contact Julie Carter at: julie.carter@fumcconway.org

Nursery News— There is a precious time of reading about Jesus and singing about Jesus during our nursery time. Would you like to be a part of this special moment and volunteer? See Mrs. Jan Kyzer! We also have a brand new exersaucer that was provided by a private donation, thank you! Our babies will love it! Please remember, gently used or new toys are always needed.



Welcome New Members! Brain and Jessica Hardee. Please be sure to take a moment to introduce yourself and help them feel welcome.

Recently transferred members: Brent Douglas Roof, Amanda Martin & Ladden Elizabeth Hausfeld, Scott and Helen Johnson, Jason Brandon Snurr, and Richard H. Lindsey (deceased).

Volunteers for April

Acolytes and Crucifers

April 5th Avery Carter
Corbin Jenkins
April 9th Dylan Jenkins
Zach Senn
April 12th Mattie Hucks
Ann Morgan
Fallaw
April 19th Thomas Hickman
Emily Steiner
April 26th Glenn Ross Gangi
Skottowe Fox

Sunday Morning Counters

Debbie Jenkins and
Patrick Carter

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Margret Thompson and
Maxine Dunn

Children's Church

April 5th Jim & Christi Edwards
April 9th Alicia Harper
April 12th Jim & Amy Johnson
April 19th Charles and Ann Myers
April 26th Jeff and Donna Mishoe

Sound Crew

Charlie Heacock & Jenni McAda

Altar Guild

Debbie Johnson
Libby Saville
Christie Edwards

Children and Youth

Sunday Supper

April 5th and April 12th *No Suppers!*
April 19th Bitting and Todd Families
April 26th Long and Harper Families

Nursery Volunteers

April 5th	April 12th	April 19th	April 26th
Amy Jackson	Alice Nelson	Jenny Chanaca	Lori Cox
Ann Morgan Fallaw	Maggie Harper	Anne Marie Martin	Haley Martin
Amanda Roof	Jan Bitting	Ann Myers	Amy Hickman
Dylan Jenkins	Thomas Hickman	Emily Todd	Julie Brooks

Memorials for April

In Memory of Betty Mills' Brother, John Robb.	Music Fund	Given by the Family Fellowship Class
In Memory of John Robb, uncle of Betty and Val Dunham and brother of Betty Mills.	Music Fund	Given by Charles and Sue Dusenbury
In Memory of Dan Benda, uncle of Cindy Harper and family.	Music Fund	Given by Charles and Sue Dusenbury
In Memory of Greg Martin, son of Julia and Bennie Land.	Sanctuary Fund	Given by the Stilley/Walsh UMW Circle
In Memory of Joe James to his mother, Betty James and to his wife, Sandra James & children.	Sanctuary Fund	Given by the Stilley/Walsh UMW Circle

The Hut Speakers for April

5th Dr. Val Dunham
12th *No Service for Easter Sunday*
19th Reverend Joanna Fallaw
26th Reverend Joe Daniels