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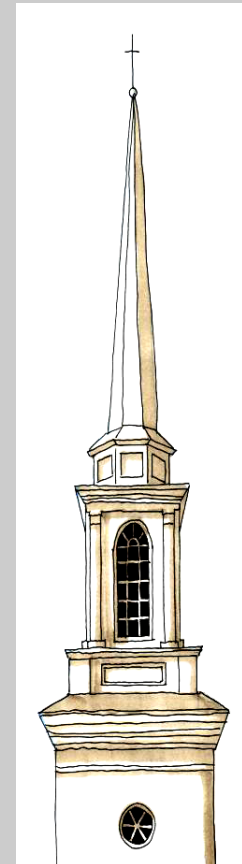
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Prayer Protection for Our Church Family

Holy Father, in the name of Jesus, we give thanks for Your Holy Spirit. We are Your witnesses at First United Methodist Church in Conway, South Carolina until the end of the earth. We fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to Your throne of grace that we may receive the mercy and find the grace we require to become completely unified in an endeavor to seek You, our Holy God. We choose to read through Your Holy Bible together, share our gleanings with each other, and give all our praise and thanksgiving to You for these glorious blessings worth so much more than any amount of gold. We choose to obey the Words of our Creator.

Father, thank You for sending forth Your commandments to the earth. May Your Word continue to grow and spread so there will be many new believers in our family. We pray to You for our welfare. Do not let false prophets and diviners who are in our midst deceive us; we shall pay no attention and attach no significance to them. Holy Spirit, open our eyes and direct them to turn to the Light, away from the power of the evil one and all his army; then we will receive forgiveness and be released from our sins. We desire a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Jesus.

Father, we pray for deliverance and salvation for each member of this church family who is following the course and fashion of this world. Father, forgive us, for we know not what we do. We trust You to be our examiner and our judge, according to Your Word.

Thank You, Father, for the guardian angels assigned to this place that war for us in the heavenlies. We boldly claim the strength of Your mighty power in the armor that You have provided for us. The prince of the power of the air, the god of this world who blinds the unbelievers' minds is a defeated foe. We declare on the authority of Your Word that You have disarmed the evil powers and authorities of the world. You have triumphed over them by the Cross. In the name of Jesus, we stand victorious over the principalities, power, rulers of the darkness of this world, and all spiritual wickedness in and around First United Methodist Church of Conway.

We ask the Holy Spirit to sweep into our sanctuary and convince us with demonstration about sin and righteousness – uprightness of heart and right standing with You, our God – and about judgment. By Your blessings through the influence of Your appointed leaders and Your gracious favor on this endeavor, this church family is protected and exalted. Amen. Written by: Beccy Ward

Outreach Projects

The response for the Christmas Project this year was excellent in spite of the economy as it appears that the total will be over \$1800; "Thank You" to those that have contributed. The money will benefit the boys at the Waccamaw Youth Center including hooded sweatshirts, movie theatre gift certificates, and some of the items on the Center's Christmas "Wish List" as well as frozen turkeys and hams for the Christmas dinners of the families that are assisted by Help 4 Kids. Many of you have also contributed toys for Help 4 Kids to insure that all of the children will receive some Christmas presents.

The next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for Sunday, April 18.

Remember that **used prescription glasses** can be brought to church at any time and placed in the designated box at the Outreach Collection site. "Gently Used" coats and sweaters can also be brought any-time.

CAP food items most in need for January include cereals and jelly.

YTTB Reading Guides



Year Through the Bible Reading Guides are available and located throughout the church on the various entry/information tables. Please be sure to get your copy today. (Guides are also available via the web site.)

YTTB

A Year through the Bible January Readings

Jan 1:	Genesis 1-2
Jan 2:	Genesis 3-5
Jan 3:	Genesis 6-9
Jan 4:	Genesis 10-11
Jan 5:	Genesis 12-16
Jan 6:	Genesis 17-20
Jan 7:	Genesis 21-24
Jan 8:	Genesis 25-28
Jan 9:	Genesis 29-32
Jan 10:	Genesis 33-36
Jan 11:	Genesis 37-39
Jan 12:	Genesis 40-42
Jan 13:	Genesis 43-44
Jan 14:	Genesis 45-47
Jan 15:	Genesis 48-50
Jan 16:	Exodus 1-2
Jan 17:	Exodus 3-4
Jan 18:	Exodus 5:1-6:27
Jan 19:	Exodus 6:28-8:32
Jan 20:	Exodus 9-10
Jan 21:	Exodus 11-13
Jan 22:	Exodus 14-15
Jan 23:	Exodus 16-18
Jan 24:	Exodus 19-21
Jan 25:	Exodus 22-24
Jan 26:	Exodus 25-27
Jan 27:	Exodus 28-29
Jan 28:	Exodus 30-31
Jan 29:	Exodus 32-34
Jan 30:	Exodus 35-37
Jan 31:	Exodus 38-40

Volunteers for January



Acolytes and Crucifers

January 3	Sarah Hood Corbin Jenkins
January 10	Julia Brooks Dylan Jenkins
January 17	Mattie Hucks Maggie Harper
January 24	Thomas Hickman Emily Steiner
January 31	Glen Ross Gangi Skottowe Fox

Sunday Morning Counters Alicia Harper and Ike Locklair

Monday Morning Counters Janet Roche and Karlene Rudolph

Altar Guild

Janet Roche
Janet Von Deck

Children's Church

January 3	Sammy and Debbie Johnson
January 10	Teal Britton
January 17	John and Ann Stegall
January 24	Justin and Mandy Roof
January 31	Alicia Harper

MYF Dinners

January 3	No MYF this night.
January 10	Caroline and Eric Fox
January 17	Ann and John Stegall
January 24	Ken and Cathy Senn
January 31	Cindy and Robert Harper

Ushers

Head Usher: Richard Jordon
Kevin Cox, Eric Fox, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson,
Ken Senn, Bill Taylor, Mike Thomas,
Frank Watts, Chris Wright

Shepherds Table Cooking January 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Nursery Volunteers:

January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Mary McKellar Purvis	Amy Jackson	Jenny Chanaca	Jessica Hardee	Ansley Key
Ali Thompson	April Fanshaw	Thomas Hickman	Julie Cox	Maggie Harper
Jan Gawith	Alice Nelson	Julie Clardy	Allison Daly	Jonathan Hayes
Anna Levy	Ann Marie Martin	Christy Elvis	Ann Morgan Fallaw	Remanda Fenner



January 3: Salkehatchie Meeting– 5:00 p.m. in the FLC
January 10: Trustees Meeting– Immediately following
 Worship in the FLC.
January 18: Church Council Meeting--7:00 p.m. in the FLC



United Methodist Women

On behalf of the UMW, I am so excited to welcome each and every one of you into the New Year. I am sure that most of us are making plans to make changes or to do something new in the upcoming year. For every lady in the church, may I encourage each one of you to make that something new – UMW. In the last year of service with the UMW, I have found that the biggest blessings often come when we decide to take a step out on faith.

I know that most of us are busy, and we always seem to stay that way. However, by joining a circle, think about it as a time for yourself. A time to get away and spend time with God and other women in the church who want to seek His word and be filled with His spirit. I am absolutely certain that the time will fly by, and each one of us will feel more spiritually satisfied. All any of us have to do is take that step out on faith and commit to making UMW a part of our life.

There are numerous circles that are seeking new members and circles that would possibly like to get started again. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any lady involved in the UMW. We would love to welcome you into our fellowship.

Sincerely,
Sallie Goldfinch



2010 Offering Envelopes

The 2010 Offering Envelopes are available in the parlor. Please stop by after church and get yours.

A New Plaque

A new plaque has been installed in the Narthex in recognition of the gifts in honor or memory of loved ones that made the Van Bergen Flemish Electronic Carillon a reality. The chimes strike the hour daily and play music from the tower twice daily and on special occasions in the life of the church. This carillon is truly a gift to this church and community.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor is hosting a trip to see the Oberammergau Passion play in 2010. Located in Bavaria, Germany, the town of Oberammergau has presented the story of the passion of Jesus continually since 1634.

The play began as a vow to God, that if their village was spared from the effects of the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would perform a play every ten years thereafter for all time depicting the life and death of Jesus. After the plague passed the village by, the residents began presenting the play, creating a tradition that has now lasted for almost 400 years. The most recent performances took place in 2000 and the next season will begin on May 15, 2010.

The play is now presented repeatedly over the course of five months during the last year of each decade, and involves more than 2,000 performers, musicians, and stage technicians, all of whom are residents of the village. The cast consists entirely of villagers who have lived in Oberammergau for at least 20 years. They must be amateurs and people of high moral and ethical principles. Villagers make the costumes and, as no wigs are used, participants must grow their hair and beards for several months prior to the performances, beginning on Ash Wednesday of the year before the play is presented.

Christians from all over the world travel to Bavaria to see this once per decade presentation. You are invited to join a group of South Carolina United Methodists for a twelve day trip led by Bishop Taylor, beginning on July 20, 2010, to see Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, and other locations in Italy and Germany, culminating with the Passion Play in Oberammergau.

Reservations are being taken now. For more information, view the brochure at <http://www.umcsc.org/PDF/bishop/PP10-9%20taylor.pdf> or contact Rev. Tim Rogers at the Conference Center in Columbia by email at tirogers@umcsc.org or by phone at 803-786-9486.

January Birthdays

1	George Kyzer	14	Ray Binis	25	Ike Locklair
1	Carolyn Cox	15	Craig Hyman	25	Anna Levy
6	MaryAnn Land	18	Ruth Coy	25	Remanda Fenner
6	Rebecca Harper	18	Zoey Elvis	27	Buck Cutts
7	Betty Smith	20	Chelsa Fenner	27	Virginia Hardwick
7	Jean Steen	21	Jo Ann Smith	28	Morgan Martin
8	Debbie Stanley	21	Kathy Hucks	29	Julie Cox
9	Genair Hutchinson	21	Donna Mishoe	30	Bonita Smoak
9	Libby McCutcheon	23	Kendal Elvis	30	Don Smoak
10	Ben Chanaca	24	Sonja Martin	30	Jackson Long
11	Frank Watts	24	Sherri Woodward	31	Toby White
11	Ernie Turnes	24	Ann Morgan Fallaw	31	Tara Boyle
13	Nancy Stiltner	25	Stanley Nixon		



New 2010 Altar Flower Calendar

The 2010 Flower Calendar has been posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please take a moment to reserve dates that are meaningful to you. Altar flowers are especially needed in January.

January Speakers for the Hut

January 3	Rev. Mac Kinnett
January 10	Rev. Carl Harris
January 17	Mr. Robert Harper
January 24	Rev. Joseph Washington
January 31	Jody Davis The Sanctuary Wall

As you have noticed, the north wall of the sanctuary is in need of repair. The Church Trustees are working with the contractor who last replaced the gutters to determine the source of water that is coming in and make necessary repairs. Once that has been done, the current damage to the plaster and paint can be addressed. The Church Trustees thank you for your patience and support as they handle the many responsibilities associated with our church facilities.

Memorials

In Memory of:	Given by:
Sylvia Watts	Debbie and Foster McLeod
Sylvia Watts	Barbara Hickman
Sylvia Watts	Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Hardee
Sylvia Watts	Bill and Pat Watson
Sylvia Watts	Mr. and Mrs. James Brown
Sylvia Watts	Keith and Jan Gawith
Sylvia Watts	John McCutcheon Class
Sylvia Watts	Helen Webster
Sylvia Watts	Sarah Ariail
Sylvia Watts	Mr. and Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Sylvia Watts	Coffee Club-Pulley Bones
Sylvia Watts	Gail H. Watts
Sylvia Watts	Robert Naugher Prince
Sylvia Watts	Margaret Prince
Sylvia Watts	Milton and Frances Clardy
Sylvia Watts	Roland Shelley
Sylvia Watts	Palmetto Chevrolet
Sylvia Watts	Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis
Sylvia Watts	Bernice Bassett
Sylvia Watts	Jack and Merle Holmes
Sylvia Watts	Betty Floyd
Sylvia Watts	Myron and Maxine Dunn
Sylvia Watts	Betty Jo Huggins
Sylvia Watts	Mary Elizabeth Wellons
Sylvia Watts	Janet Davis

In Memory of:	Given by:
Sylvia Watts	Glenda Dixon
Sylvia Watts	Charlie Terry
Sylvia Watts	Paul and Jo Ann Sheler
Sylvia Watts	Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Padgett
Sylvia Watts	George and Amy Jenkins
Sylvia Watts	Zach and Jeannie Dusenbury
Sylvia Watts	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson
Sylvia Watts	Lynn and Jimmy Hammond
Sara McMillan	Belle Miller Hood
Sara McMillan	Conway National Bank
Sara McMillan	Chapin Company
Sara McMillan	Mancill, Inc.
Sara McMillan	BG. Hugh M. McLaurin, III
Sara McMillan	Jean B. Thompson
Sara McMillan	George and Amy Jenkins
Sara McMillan	David S. Nye
Rae Daniels	George and Amy Jenkins
Rae Daniels	Toby and Helen White
Rae Daniels	Betty Floyd
Rae Daniels	Glenda Sweet
Rae Daniels	Charles and Callie Timbes
Rae Daniels	Myron and Maxine Dunn



Kid's Own Worship!

It's new! It's exciting! It's fun! Beginning January 3, 2010, there will be a change in our Children's Church gathering! This will now expand from 3yrs olds through 4th grade. We will leave worship at the usual time, but the curriculum and structure will now include the children having their own worship time. If you are scheduled for CC, still plan to volunteer and help Cindy, who will lead the program. (Specific information will be shared with volunteers. See Cindy if you have questions.)



Salkehatchie Meeting

For those interested in the Salkehatchie Youth Summer Camp, you are encouraged to attend a meeting Sunday, January 3 in the FLC. (Must be 14 yrs. old by June 2010 to participate in Salkehatchie.)

Wednesday Night Children's Music Programs
Will Resume on January 13
More information, coming soon!



Calling all Middle and High School students on Sunday Nights
Where: FLC
Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
What: Supper, Fellowship, Games and Bible Quizzes!

SENIOR HIGH PLANS

January 3
No MYF this night

January 17
No MYF this night
MLK Holiday

January 30-February 1
Annual Ski Trip

JUNIOR HIGH PLANS

January 3
No MYF this night.

January 10
Winter planning at Dream Land Skating
3:00 p.m. @ FLC
\$5 skating fee

Friends are welcome
Dinner @ FLC Concludes the evening

January 17
No MYF this night
MLK Holiday

January 24
Guest Speaker: Neil Hendrick

January 31
Ski Trip or
Canned Food Scavenger Hunt
5:30-7:00 p.m.