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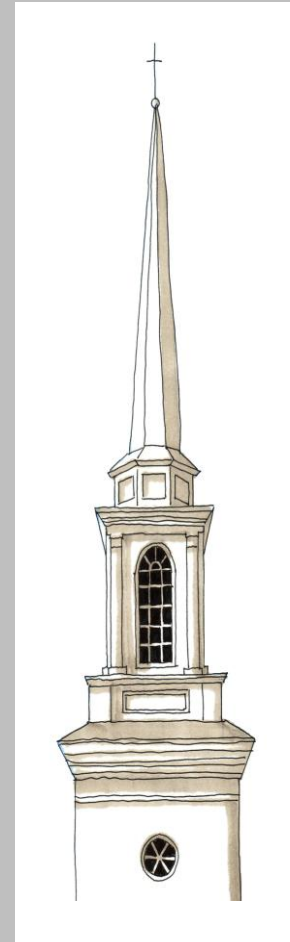


# The Messenger

## First United Methodist Church

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### Services for Lent

#### Ash Wednesday Services (in the Hut)

Wednesday, February 25, at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

#### Lenten Organ Meditations

(See schedule inside)

#### Lent Community Luncheons

Thursdays from Noon - 1:00 p.m.

March 5 at Trinity United Methodist Church

Speaker: Rev. Don Steins, Kingston Presbyterian Church

March 12 at First United Methodist Church

Speaker: Rev. Bob Guffey, First Baptist Church

March 19 at First Baptist Church

Speaker: Father Tripp Jeffords, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

March 26 at Kingston Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Rev. Mac Kinnett, First United Methodist Church

April 2 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Speaker: Rev. Carl Hunsucker, Trinity United Methodist Church

#### Maundy Thursday Communion

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

#### Vespers for the Passion of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5, at 5:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir and Orchestra

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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

*Report by Toby White*

Clean-out-your-Closets Project – During March it's a good time to see what's in your linen closets that you no longer need. Please bring any of the following items to the church so that we may provide it to Help-4-Kids for distribution among their needy clients:

Towels and wash cloths  
Sheets (twin size is most needed)  
Pillowcases and blankets  
Tablecloths, placemats, and napkins  
Twin bed frames and/or mattresses

Please notify the church office to arrange for pick up if you have frames or mattresses to donate. Deadline for this project is Sunday, March 29.

Lenten Offering – We are encouraging everyone to give a special offering during Lent to help those less fortunate than we are. We have been blessed in many ways during the last year and this offering is one small way that we can help to alleviate the pain and suffering of those not only in our community, but also those in other parts of the world. The agencies that will benefit from this year's offering are:

CAP (Churches Assisting People)  
Good Samaritan Fund  
Daniels' Indonesia Mission Project  
Hungrief  
CASA (Citizens Against Spouse Abuse)  
Fostering Hope  
Waccamaw Youth Center  
Help-4-Kids  
Salkehatchie Work Project

Last year we received over \$5,400 for the Lenten Offering. As you know from the reports in the newspapers and on TV, the needs are even greater this year; therefore, we hope to exceed last year's amount. Please mark your check or envelope with "Lenten Offering" so that it will be directed correctly. Your offering can be brought to church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, or any other convenient time.

Next blood drive is Sunday, April 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CAP food items needed this month are:  
cereals, grits, peanut butter, and jelly.

## THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE

For the month of March, FUMC's commitment to the Shepherd's table is:

### Cooking

March 12: 2:45 - 5:00 p.m.

### Serving

No serving duties this month

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Brad and Jessica Frye** on the birth of their son, **Tanner Bradley Frye** on February 14.

Congratulations to **Chris and Heather Johnson** on the birth of their son, **Benjamin Crewse**, on February 16.

Congratulations to **Anne Marie Martin**, a junior at Carolina Forest High School for induction into the National Honor Society.

## MEMORIALS

**Greg Martin** by David & Anne Gibson, Annie B. Johnson, Bill & Patty Taylor

**Mary Lee Taylor** by Bill & Patty Taylor

**Charles Martin** by Lee & Amy Hickman

**Carl Hardwick** by Burroughs & Woodie Woodward

**James Bruorton** by Bill & Patty Taylor

**Leila Hucks** by Bill & Patty Taylor

**Tommy Calhoun** by Myron & Maxine Dunn

**Joe James** by Bill & Patty Taylor, Annie B. Johnson

**Emma "Cece" Collins Boyd** by Myron & Maxine Dunn

**Jimmy C. Sanderlin** by Myron & Maxine Dunn

**James F. Lee** by Bill & Patty Taylor

**Henry Buck** by Bill & Patty Taylor

**Corky Thrasher** by Bill & Patty Taylor

**Ralph Edwards** by Bill & Patty Taylor

**Jack Johnson** by Annie B. Johnson

**Jesse Grier Johnson** by Annie B. Johnson

## HONORARIA

**Frank Watts** in honor of his birthday by Margaret S. Prince



Don't Forget!

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8.

Set your clocks ahead one hour.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

The first evening meeting of the UMM was held on Monday, February 2, in the Family Life Center with an invitation extended to the UMW to join the group for dinner. Guest speaker, **Guilford Shaw**, gave a very interesting presentation, which capped off the evening.

The United Methodist Men are thrilled with the turnout for the Valentine's Day Dinner on February 14. The proceeds will greatly help our youth as they prepare to go to Salkehatchie.

The UMM will meet for breakfast on Saturday morning, March 7, at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## CONWAY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(A Ministry to the Worship and Glory of God)  
March 9, 2009, 11:30AM – 1:00PM

at WESTMINSTER ARP CHURCH  
1619 PARKVIEW RD – CONWAY

LUNCH (\$5/PP) –

RSVP BY 3/4/09 248-4140

PROGRAM: Quilts Made with Love

SPEAKER: Sue Dusenbury

DONATION: *Food for CAP*

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There will be an Executive Board meeting of the UMW on March 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

A General meeting of the UMW will be held on March 20 in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. It will include a covered dish dinner with a guest speaker. General meetings include the entire UMW of FUMC.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACILITIES MANAGER

Effective February 1, **Mr. Phillip Edwards** joined the staff of FUMC in the capacity of fulltime facilities manager. His office is in Room 106 (the former CDC office). You can already see the difference he is making in the repair and maintenance of the church.

Please take a moment to welcome Mr. Edwards when you see him around. He is a much needed and much appreciated member of our staff.

## METHODIST UNIVERSITY CONCERT

On Thursday, March 5, at 8:00 p.m., FUMC will host a performance of the Methodist University Chorale of Fayetteville, NC. Please be sure to put this date on your calendar so you won't miss this event.

## MARCH BIRHTDAYS

1	Anna Lou Johnson	14	Gwen Mishoe	28	Rebecca Howell
	Diana Rodwell	15	Heyes Goldfinch		Sylvia Avant
	Jenny Chanaca	16	Ali Thompson		James Hammond
2	Irene Calhoun	17	George Jenkins	29	Michael Brooks
3	Joey Jones		Sue Dusenbury	30	Frankie Hardwick
	Alice Nelson		Katelyn Stegall	31	Pam Copeland
4	Susan Thomas	20	Jan Gawith		
5	Bennie Land		Patrick Carter		
	Amelia Wood	21	Dick Sayre		
7	Anne Roof		Kyle McAda		
8	Matthew Woodward	23	Janet Roche		
9	George Henry Martin	24	Andy Hendrick		
11	Lynda Garvine	25	Anne Marie Martin		
	Barry Roof		Chad Steinfield		
12	Jeanne Fisher	26	Mildred Jones		
	Justin Cox				

## YOUTH NEWS

Our spring semester has started, and we are up and running! We would like to welcome **Charles Hucks** who will be helping **John Long** with the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders. **Hunter Jenkins** has been helping with the 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders all year. We owe all of these men a BIG "Thank You" for volunteering their time to work with the youth.

This spring we have lots of great events and opportunities for the youth. In addition to the scavenger hunts, races, games and fun we have every Sunday night, we also have plans for a lock-in, the 30-hour famine, Surf's Up, Myrtle Beach Pelicans Game, a River Day and A Day at the Beach. And Salkehatchie is right around the corner, so if you have not signed up and would like to join us or hear more about it, please contact **Julie Carter** or **Blake Martin**.

February 20-22, our youth enjoyed a weekend of snow skiing at Sugar Mountain, North Carolina. The group of twenty-two, youth and counselors, left at lunchtime on Friday and were treated to one of the coldest weekends of the winter for their retreat. They returned home on Sunday evening and reported that they had a great time and no one was hurt.

## THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

### Ushers

Mark Brooks, *Head Usher*  
Zack Dusenbury, Jim Edwards, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Garvin Huggins, Billy Jones, Bennie Land, Britt Stiltner, Brad Todd

### Altar Guild

Callie Timbes, Wilmarie Boatwright,  
Glenda Harper

### Sound

Delan Stevens & Charles Hucks

### Children's Church

3/1: Brad & Susan Todd  
3/8: Lynn Hammond  
3/15: Keith & Jan Gawith  
3/22: Charles & Kathy Hucks  
3/29: Sammy & Debbie Johnson

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNUAL WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., the Lighthouse will sponsor the annual Standard Publishing Company VBS Workshop. All churches in the county are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The theme for the 2009 VBS is "Studio 'GO' Game Show." For questions, please call the Lighthouse at 248-9632.

### Acolyte/Crucifer

3/1: Thomas Hickman/Maggie Harper  
3/8: Glenn Ross Gangi/Skottowe Fox  
3/15: Christine Gangi/Sarah Hood  
3/22: Emmelyn Hood/Ann Morgan Fallaw  
3/29: Matthew Woodward/Will Fallaw

### Counters

*Sundays*  
Ike Locklair & Debbie Jenkins  
*Mondays*  
Charlotte Ives and Glenda Sweet

### Hut Speakers

3/1: Rev. Jo Anna Fallaw  
3/8: Dr. Val Dunham  
3/15: Rev. Carl Harris  
3/22: Rev. Ken Land  
3/29: Rev. Joe Daniels



ALTAR FLOWERS

The following dates are still open on the flower calendar:

March 1 and 8  
April 26

## LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS

Again this year, FUMC will offer Lenten Organ Meditations on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent beginning on Wednesday, March 4, and continuing through Wednesday, April 1. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Organist</u>
March 4	Billy Fallaw
March 11	Rodney Ward
March 18	Mark Chaney
March 25	Mark Bernazolli
April 1	Andy Fowler

A native of Conway, **Rodney Ward**, is a junior at Appalachian State University. He served as Organist for the Saturday mass at St. James Catholic Church from age fourteen until he left for his studies at ASU. He also served as Associate Organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 2005-2007. In 2006, Rodney had the opportunity to perform on the organs at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on K Street in Washington, DC, as well as the Catholic Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, and at the National Cathedral. In March 2007, he was a featured soloist on organ at the American Church in Paris, France.

**Dr. Mark Chaney** is Choirmaster and Organist at Trinity Episcopal Church in Myrtle Beach. He received his DMA in conducting from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, in 2007. He also holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and Ohio

Northern University in Ada, Ohio. From 1998 to 2004, Dr. Chaney was Director of Music Ministries at Messiah Lutheran Church in Rochester.

**Mark Bernazolli**, who served here as interim organist and has been guest organist on occasion, is from Coastal Carolina University where he serves as Staff Accompanist to the Performing Arts Department of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Mark began his piano studies at the age of five. He moved to Myrtle Beach in September of 2002 and has been interim director and organist to many congregations along the Grand Strand.

**Andrew Fowler** is a native of Myrtle Beach. With a Bachelors of Arts in piano performance from the University of South Carolina and Doctorate of music theory from the University of Texas, Andy serves as Music Director of Trinity United Methodist Church in Conway. Andy is an organist as well as a pianist. He is also Composer in Residence and Pianist for the Carolina Master Chorale and Music Director/Orchestrator for the Theatre of the Republic. He is an avid interpreter of 20<sup>th</sup> Century American jazz and musical theater standards, as well as the classical keyboard canon.

These concerts are offered to the church and community as a time to set ourselves apart from the world as we consider what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. May we have a Blessed and Holy Lent.