

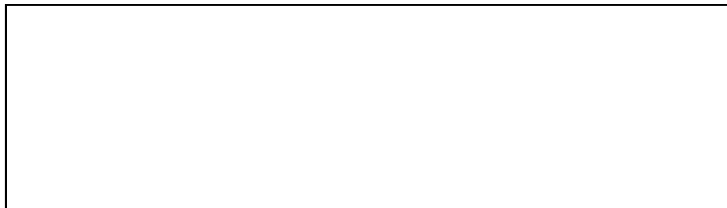
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Important Dates for 2007

Our church staff and leaders are busy making plans for 2007. Although there is still much planning to be done, here are some important dates you will want to put on your calendar. We have yet to set the date for Homecoming, but I'll share that date as soon as it is set. It looks like the Year of Jubilee is shaping up nicely.

Mac

February 11 – Festival of Love Valentine Lunch
February 21 – Ash Wednesday
March 18 - 20 – Revival Services, Doug Bowling preaching
April 1 – Palm Sunday
April 8 – Easter
April 15 – Confirmation Sunday
May 13 – Mother's Day
May 27 – Pentecost
July and August – Camp Meeting Sundays
July 30 – August 3 – Vacation Bible School
August 5 – Commitment to Christian Service
August 12 – Short Term Disciple Study on Romans begins
October 21 – Children's Musical Program
November 18 – Give Thanks Sunday
December 2 – Advent begins

Communion dates for 2007:

January 7
February 18
March 29
April 15
June 10
August 5
October 7
November 25
December 24

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1

Bill Hamilton

February 2

Catherine Causey
Tanner Goshert
Emily McClellan
Todd McClellan
Cheri Sweeney
Susan Todd
Helen Wakefield

February 4

Deborah Anderson

February 5

Brad Mayers
Lucas Partin

February 6

Betty Dunham
Diane Goshert
Joe James
Ann Myers
Jack Wachtman

February 7

Brenda Cutts
McKinley Sanders

February 8

Tara Devers
Ken Senn
Howard Smith

February 9

Amanda Hausfield
A.J. Lebiedz

February 10

June Brown
Troy Devers
Misty Elkins
Demaris Rabon
Jacob Westbury

February 11

Jeannie Dusenbury
Charlie Frye
William Goldfinch
Shirley Harris
Whitney Martin
Michelle Rabon
Billie Thompson

February 12

Robert Crenshaw
Tommy Harper
Edith Hucks
Arthur Messinger
Mary Sweitzer

February 13

Charles Myers
Emily Steiner

February 14

Brad Lineback
Tyler Stokes

February 15

Bud Hale
Shirley Hardwick
Garvin Huggins
Bobby Stilley
Margaret Thompson

February 16

Sallie Goldfinch
Chris Johnson
Beverly Ponce

February 17

Beverly Kirtz
Christine Morris
Sally Thompson

February 18

Marley Dickerson
Kimberly Pederson

February 19

Linda Locklair
Rick Rickenbaker

February 20

Andrew Beeson
Carlisle Dozier
Hunter Jenkins

February 21

Scott Sansbury
Lois Sayre

February 22

Orrie Kyzer
Barbara Lackey
Howard Smith
Penelope Timbes

February 23

Jack McCutcheon

February 24

Jeb Brigman
Brian Lookadoo
Betty Woodward

February 26

Charles Dusenbury

February 27

Lloyd Burroughs
Donald Garvine
Holly Grant
Sheila Kyzer

February 28

Kimberly Godwin
Bridgette Harper
Payton Jones
Libby Saville
Melissa Simmons
Margaret Trull

February 29

Larry Dickerson

WHAT'S GOING ON AT FIRST CHURCH

“Festival of Love” Valentine Lunch

Sunday, February 11, 12:15 p.m.

A catered meal in the Fellowship Hall plus
“The Not-So-Newlywed Game”

Salkehatchie Summer Service

Organizational Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Family Life Center, Sr. High Room
Mark your calendar for June 16—June 23, and plan to
attend our first meeting to register! Plan also to pay
the \$100 deposit when registering for camp.

Church Dinner Night

Sunday, February 25, 5:00 p.m.

A catered meal (for everyone) in the
Family Life Center.

T.W. Anderson Group

New Meeting Location:

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

The group meets at the home of George and Jan
Kyzer, located at 3100 4th Avenue, Conway, SC.
Contact George or Jan at 248-2803 with questions.

On-The-Road-Again News

The second trip for the “On-The-Road-Again
Gang” has been scheduled for April 16-19 with Sun-
way Tours. The trip includes St. Simons Island, GA,
and St. Augustine, FL. A brochure is included with
your newsletter.

One special note—you can register directly with
Sunway Tours. All trip costs should be paid directly
to Sunway. Please let the office know of your regis-
tration after contacting Sunway!

Maxine Dunn

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

ALTAR GUILD

Bobbie Davis, Betty Ann Griffin, Churchill Jenkins, Bobby Stilley, Margaret Thompson

ACOLYTES / CRUCIFERS

02/04 Lee-Caroline Sanders / Emily Steiner
02/11 Jessica Lee Millich / Maggie Harper
02/18 Skottowe Fox / Kyle McAda
02/25 Collin Hucks / Dylan Jenkins

CHANCEL FLOWERS

02/04 Catherine Causey
02/11 Margaret Goldfinch and Cynthia Turner
02/18 Mr. and Mrs. William A. Nelson, III
02/25 *Available*

Be sure to sign the flower calendar posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Special note: If you are placing flowers in the sanctuary, please let the church office know whether you plan to pick the flowers up, or if they may be distributed to our shut-ins.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

02/04 Alicia Harper and Caroline Fox
02/11 John and Ann Stegall
02/18 Franklin and Tiffany Sanders
02/25 William and Sallie Goldfinch

COUNTING COMMITTEE

Sunday: TBA
Monday: TBA

EVENING SERVICE (THE HUT) SPEAKERS:

02/04 Blake Martin
02/11 The Rev. Ken Land
02/18 Dr. Val Dunham
02/25 Edith Hucks

MEAL SCHEDULE (SUNDAY)

02/04 No meal tonight!
02/11 Spivey and Ashley Hood / Keith and Wendy Skipper
02/18 TBA
02/25 Church Dinner—Catered at 5:00 p.m.

NURSERY

Gail Poston

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Franklin Sanders / Charley Heacock

USHERS (FEBRUARY 18 - COMMUNION)

Ike Locklair and Jim Ward, co-chairs; Zack Dusenbury, Bill Foxworth, Andy Hendrick, Hunter Jenkins, Duc Watts

USHERS (SUNDAY WORSHIP)

Duc Watts, head; Billy Joe Calhoun, Jack Driggers, Keith Gawith, Robert Harper, Charley Heacock, Craig Hyman, Joe James, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, Phillip Thompson

USHERS (YOUTH)

1st and 2nd Sunday: Katherine Brooks, Zach Senn, Cameron Perry

VISITOR FOLLOW-UP

Dow Stanley

Publication Deadlines:

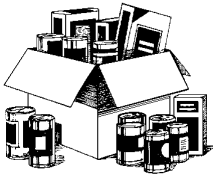
- **March, 2007 Messenger deadline is noon on Monday, February 19.**
- **Bulletin deadline is 10:00 a.m., on Friday, 9 days prior to the Sunday of usage.**

For any information you'd like included in the Bulletin or Messenger, please contact the office by email or phone. Information received by the deadlines noted above will be appreciated!

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OUTREACH / MISSION AREA NEWS



CAP FOOD COLLECTION

Our Youth will be collecting food for CAP as a part of Souper Bowl Sunday on February 4.

CAP FOOD EMPHASIS FOR FEBRUARY:

Macaroni and cheese, cereals, pasta and sauce
Remember—Hunger is a twelve-month-a-year problem.

CAP (Churches Assisting People) Yearly Report

The year of 2006 showed that the needs of people in Conway and the surrounding areas were greater than in previous years. There were 5,889 families (equivalent to 15,691 family members) that applied for assistance during the year. Emergency food (3-day supply) was provided to 4,745 families to provide nearly 112,000 meals, an increase of 10% over last year. Also, over \$86,000 was distributed for assistance in paying utility bills, rent, lodging, and other miscellaneous expenses; that is nearly a 20% increase over last year. For the fourth straight year, our church, FUMC-Conway, was the largest monetary contributor of the 30-plus churches that contributed to CAP, with more than \$13,000 being given. A very special "Thank You" to all of the groups and individuals in our church that contributed to CAP in 2006; CAP's success could not have been attained without your help. With everyone's help, we can make 2007 an even better year, as the needs just seem to keep on growing.

PAPER 4 U and PENCILS 2

The deadline for bringing the school supplies to the church office is Sunday, February 4. These items will be distributed by the Help 4 Kids agency to children who are currently on the subsidized lunch program and who are receiving food for the weekends through the Backpack project. Providing school supplies is another way to help these families in need.

Items needed are mostly "replacement items" as follows:

- Packs of #2 pencils
- 24-pack crayons
- Spiral notebooks, wide-ruled
- Composition books
- Loose-leaf notebook paper, wide-ruled
- Packs of multi-colored markers
- Small packs of Kleenex tissues
- Pencil-top erasers
- Pack of six (6) tab dividers
- Glue Sticks

Toby

MUSIC NOTES

"Directions for Singing"

"Directions for Singing" is a musical celebration of the life and work of Charles Wesley, which is scored for mixed chorus, orchestra, soprano and baritone soloists, and narrator. It was commissioned by St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, in honor of the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth. The title is taken from the series of seven instructions written by his brother, John Wesley, and included in John Wesley's *Selected Hymns*, 1761. It features a narrator who portrays John Wesley, as well as some audience participation, as familiar Wesley hymns are introduced throughout the work.

Andy Fowler, pianist and composer-in-residence for the Carolina Master Chorale, composed the work in 2006. He is a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and has served on the faculties of the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Austin, and Auburn University. He received his M.M. and B.A. degrees from the University of South Carolina, and his Ph.D from the University of Texas at Austin. He is also the Director of Music for Trinity United Methodist Church of Conway, South Carolina.

The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will be joining the Carolina Master Chorale, Trinity United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, Myrtle Beach, and Belin Memorial United Methodist Church in a joint performance on Saturday, March 17, at Coastal Carolina University's Wheelwright Auditorium. The performance will feature a mixed chorus of over 150 voices, members of the Long Bay Symphony, and guest soloists from across the U.S. As we affirm our purpose as United Methodists in this Year of Jubilee, please make plans to attend this celebration of the music of the Wesleys. More information about tickets will be forthcoming.

Josh Dumbleton

In Memoriam

Elizabeth (Betty) Herrick Stewart Robinson

January 11, 1923—October 11, 2006

Sadie Hazel Hardee

April 5, 1918—January 8, 2007

James Michael Lee

October 18, 1968—January 14, 2007

John (Jack) Smith Land

October 6, 1925—January 21, 2007

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death
of His faithful ones." Psalm 116:15*

UMW NEWS

February Circle Meetings reported to the church office by publication deadline:

Burroughs/Collins	No information available for February		
Hawes/Watts	February 6, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Family Life Center, Sr. Room
Henry/Rogers	February 5, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center, Sr. Room
Lannis Jordan	No information available for February		
Spivey/Ward	February 4, 2007	3:00 p.m.	Family Life Center, Sr. Room
Stilley/Walsh	February 5, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center, Main Room

The UMW has put together a plan for 2007. During the year, we are looking forward to having some events with the UMM, serving Lenten and Advent luncheons, and providing toys and books for the children at Conway Hospital who go in for surgery.

Our first event will be the Executive Committee is treating our Circles to a Valentine luncheon and program on Saturday, February 17. All women of the Church are invited to come and meet the rest of the women. The Executive Committee decided we needed more time to meet and learn about each other. We get so busy with mission work and other pressures of our lives that we sometimes forget ourselves. This will be a golden opportunity to begin changing that. We can learn that LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR is a wonderful way to spend some time. Every woman in the church is invited.

Please, all women of the Church, save February 17 at 11:30 a.m., for a couple of hours for yourself and other Methodist women.

Officers for the term 2007-2009:

President:	Paula Youngs
Vice President:	Wilmarie Boatwright
Secretary:	Anne Hale
Treasurer:	Glenda Sweet
Sec Program Resources:	Betty Woodward
Nominations:	Freda Jones

Circle Leaders:

Burroughs-Collins:	Tootsie Atkins
Hawes-Watts:	Angie Robbins
Henry-Rogers:	Freda Jones
Lannis Jordan:	Amanda Roof
Spivey-Ward:	Betty Woodward
Stilley-Walsh:	Sylvia Richardson

Mission Coordinators:

Education and Interpretation:	Louise Goodwin
Spiritual Growth:	Anna Lou Johnson / Tootsie Atkins
Social Action:	Jan Gawith
Membership:	Sue Howle
Fellowship:	Jan Bitting and Tiffany Sanders

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks to the Church and everyone for their cards, food, phone calls and prayers during my illness. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Love,
Lauren Dusenbury

The FUMC Staff wish to thank those who remembered us in special ways during the holiday season. We are blessed to be a part of the work of this church in Conway. We look forward to the days and weeks ahead in this Year of Jubilee!

Cheryl, Chris, Elaine, Jenny, Josh and Mac