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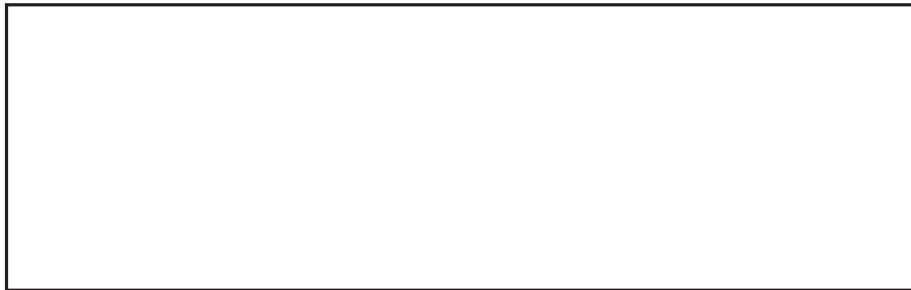
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FUMC wishes to thank Agape Senior, Goldfinch Funeral Services, Mary Ruth Baxter, and Jack McCutcheon for sponsoring our Advent Concerts. Thanks to Betty Woodward, as well, for her hard work. Over 650 people attended our Noon concerts and Sunday evening programs during Advent.

As we move forward into the new year, we will focus on preparing for Spring. Again this year, we will offer Lenten Organ Meditations on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent beginning on Wednesday, March 4 and continuing through Wednesday, April 1. Organists will include Billy Fallaw; Mark Chaney of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Myrtle Beach; Mark Bernazzoli of Coastal Carolina University; Rodney Ward of Appalachian State University; and Andy Fowler of Trinity United Methodist Church in Conway. 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.

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Report by Toby White

Again this year, your response for the Christmas Project for the Waccamaw Youth Center was tremendous! Our goal was a minimum of \$1,100 and the total donated was \$1,850, which is nearly the same as donated last year. We provided a new keyboard and a large quantity of art supplies which will be used to initiate new programs for the boys at the WYC. We also provided each boy with \$15 worth of movie theatre gift certificates. With the remaining money, we were able to provide hams and turkeys to Help-4-Kids as we did last year for distribution to 14 needy families in our area.

The shoe collection project was also quite successful. "Thank You" to those who donated "gently used" shoes for our collection during November. A total of 159 pairs of shoes have been delivered to Help-4-Kids. This was the first major shoe collection project by any group to benefit Help-4-Kids. We plan to do this project again during 2009.

Barbara Mains, Director of Help-4-Kids sent the following note:

Thank you for everything you do for our kids throughout the year. Your generosity and caring help to make their lives better. Our gratitude to all of you at FUMC.

During the month of February, we will be collecting the following items for Fostering Hope, a local agency that helps children living in foster homes.

--Underwear and socks (must be new) for infants to age 16

--Toothpaste and toothbrushes

--Shampoo and conditioner

--Hand lotion, chapstick, and deodorant

The deadline is March 1.

During March, take a look to see what's in your linen closets that you no longer use that could be helpful to someone else. These items are needed by Help-4-Kids for distribution among their needy clients.

--Towels and wash cloths

--Sheets (twin size is most needed)

--Pillowcases and blankets

--Table cloths, place mats, napkins

--Twin bed frames or mattresses

Call the office if you have frames or mattresses that need to be picked up.

Deadline for this project is March 29.

We are starting an ongoing collection of used prescription eye glasses. These can be brought to the Outreach collection point in the church at any time. CAP food needs for February are cereal, grits, rice, pasta, and sauce.

THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE

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

Cooking

February 6, 2:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Serving

February 18, 4:45 - 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIALS

Greg Martin by Mrs. Mary T. Foxworth, Women at the Well Sunday School Class, Ms. Juan Holmes, Mr. & Mrs. Toby White, the Campbell Family, Bobbie Davis, Brenda Little, Nancy Hendricks

Mary Lee Taylor by Ms. Elizabeth T. Cox, Ms. Carolyn T. Bailey, Mrs. Harriette Stogner, Ms. Patricia S. Watson

Charles Martin by Pete & Martha Johnson

Elizabeth Jones by Doug & Anne Roof

James Bruorton by Bobbie Davis

Leila Hucks by Bobbie Davis

Tommy Calhoun by Betty Jo Huggins, Dena McGinn

Robbie Huggins by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fresh, Haynes Drew, the Burroughs/Collins Circle

Emma "Cece" Collins Boyd by Mr. & Mrs. John Thompson, Ms. Susan Cox Graves, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Britt Stiltner, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Thompson, Mrs. Mary T. Foxworth, Bobbie Davis

CHRISTMAS HONORARIUMS

Reuben Marlowe, Carl Harris, Steve Shugart, Reggie Thackston, Tom Brittain, John Hipp, Ben Barnett, and Mac Kinnett by Robert and Cindy Harper

Charles and Callie Timbes by Dianne and Charley Ray

Linda Boyd, Pat and Marvis Henry, and Charley and Dianne Ray by Charles and Callie Timbes

Sadie Rae and Genair Hutchinson by Dianne and Charley Ray

Faithful Church Workers by Dena McGinn

A donation to the Music Department in honor of our wonderful teachers, **John Long, Robert Harper, William Goldfinch, and Reverend Joe Daniels**, and our dear pianist, **Sallie Goldfinch** by the Family Fellowship Class

VALENTINES DAY DINNER

The United Methodist Men are sponsoring a Valentines Day Dinner on February 14 to raise funds for our youth to go to Salkehatchie. The cost is \$25.00 per person, and there will be two seating times: 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Seating is limited to 70 people each. Tables may be reserved in groupings of either 8 or 4.

The menu is: Appetizer--shrimp cocktail, low country egg roll, or tbd. Soup--lobster bisque or French onion. Salad--house or Caesar. Entrée--baked flounder with crabmeat, chicken marsala, or NY strip. Dessert--Cheesecake with berries, carrot cake, or royale chocolate cake. Beverages--tea, coffee, coke products, or water.

Reservations will be taken starting on February 2. Call the church office at 488-4251 to reserve your seats at that time.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you, members of the Henry Rogers Circle and John Case for a very BIG effort. Together, we provided the women and children from all of the CASA shelters in Horry County with a Christmas party complete with breakfast, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and gifts from Santa. There were crafts, and carols with Adrienne Jennings playing the piano. John Case gave each child a lesson on the snare drum, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party.

NURSERY NEWS

Our nursery is doing very well! One Sunday we had 12 children of our 14 on roll – quite a busy time. During December we studied about the birth of Jesus. The children in my room are learning to say “Jesus” and “I love Jesus.” Gayle’s children are attentive at story time and sing songs and play games. Every Sunday we do some kind of art activity to go with our lesson. Gayle and I, along with our volunteers, are having a wonderful time teaching the children about Jesus. We offer a big THANKS to the nursery volunteers, and we are looking forward to the new year.

TRUSTEES

The heating/AC system in the Sanctuary has been fixed. Lights in the children’s gathering area upstairs have also been repaired. A mold problem in one of the former CDC rooms is currently being taken care of. The organ in the Sanctuary was inspected and tuned in December.

Chairman of the Trustees for 2009 is Sammy Johnson, who replaced Spivey Hood. Thanks Spivey, and welcome Sammy.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Catherine Causey	12 Tommy Harper	19 Linda Locklair
Helen Wakefield	13 Charles Myers	20 Hunter Jenkins
5 Brad Mayers	Emily Steiner	21 Lois Sayre
Will Fallaw	15 Margaret Thompson	22 Jim Jackson
6 Betty Dunham	Bobby Stilley	Howard Smith
Ann Myers	Bud Hale	23 Jack McCutcheon
7 Brenda Cutts	Shirley Hardwick	24 Betty Woodward
8 Ken Senn	Garvin Huggins	Brian Lookadoo
Susan Todd	16 Chris Johnson	26 Charles Dusenbury
10 June Brown	Sallie Goldfinch	27 Donald Garvine
Demaris Rabon		Sheila Kyzer
11 Shirley Harris		28 Libby Saville
William T. Goldfinch		Bridgette Harper
Jeannie Dusenbury		
Charlie Frye		
Whitney Martin		

THE HOLIDAYS AT FUMC

What a glorious celebration of Advent and Christmas we experienced this holiday season at First United Methodist Church. There was a youth and adult handbell concert, a performance of Vivaldi’s Gloria, four Advent concerts with members of the Long Bay Symphony, a children’s musical entitled “Bows of Holly,” and two Christmas Eve Worship services. All were very well attended and received acclaim from those who came to celebrate the season with us. The positive feedback we received from the church and the community regarding these Holiday events was overwhelming. What a blessing it was for FUMC to be able to provide such a joyous celebration.

We wish to thank all those who worked so hard to make these events successful. We look forward to next year when we can offer similar concerts, events, and worship services to the church and the community.

THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Ushers

Duc Watts, *Head Usher*

Billy Joe Calhoun, Jack Driggers, Keith Gawith, James Hammond, Charles Heacock, Craig Hyman, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin, George Martin, Dick Sayre, and Phillip Thompson

Altar Guild

Churchill Jenkins, Bobby Stilley, Woodie Woodward, and Margaret Thompson

Sound

Jenni McAda and Ken Senn

Children's Church

2/1: John and Mary Long

2/8: John and Ann Stegall

2/15: Nate & Alice Nelson

2/22: Kathy and Elizabeth Senn

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jim and Amy Jackson joined our church on December 14, 2008. They have two children, **Catherine** (nine years old) and **Sophie** (one year old).

Both Jim and Amy come to us by way of transfer from St. Luke United Methodist Church in Hartsville, SC.

Acolyte/Crucifer

2/1: Emmelyn Hood/Ann Morgan
Fallaw

2/8: Matthew Woodward/Skottowe Fox

2/15: Avery Carter/Corbin Jenkins

2/22: Dylan Jenkins/Zach Senn

Counters

Sundays

Alicia Harper & Ike Locklair

Mondays

Nancy Stiltner & Libby Jones

Hut Speakers

2/1: Val Dunham

2/8: Robert Harper

2/15: Blake Martin

2/22: Lavon Singleton



ALTAR FLOWERS

A new flower calendar for 2009 has been placed on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the church office. Please take a moment to stop by and reserve a date or dates when you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE YOUTH

The youth at FUMC sponsored a Christmas Party for a local family in need. They gave each of the nine children a coat and shoes, as well as toys.

A ski trip is scheduled for 8th-12th graders February 20-22 to Sugar Mountain in Boone, NC. Please contact Julie Carter to sign up to go.

Coming up this spring, there will be some great activities. There will be more scavenger hunts, mission projects, a lock-in, a trip to Surf's Up, and a Pelicans game. Stay tuned!

CONWAY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

(A Ministry to the Worship and Glory of God)

Feb 9, 2009 - 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**@ WESTMINSTER ARP CHURCH
1619 PARKVIEW RD – CONWAY**

**LUNCH (\$5/PP) – RSVP BY 2/4/09
248-4140**

**PROGRAM: Conway Christian School
Ensemble**

DONATION: Food for CAP

BRING A FRIEND!