



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church of Conway

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"Keeping Everyone Informed"

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School will soon be out, and summer is upon us, a time when many go on vacation. The work of the Church, however, goes on. It must. God and the Church do not go on hiatus.

So what needs to be remembered? Stewardship, for one thing. Reminding everyone that the bills also come in the summer, the homeless still need to be fed, missionaries are still in the field, etc. The Church must depend on each member doing his or her part on a regular basis. That is our responsibility and our privilege.

We must also carry on our stewardship of service: lining up teachers for Vacation Bible School, finding volunteers for the nursery, ushers and greeters for worship services, people to work on special events, and people to help carry out the functions of the Church.

The bottom line is this: Help is always needed — no matter what the season. Your help in whatever way you can give it, whether it be financial or volunteering your time and talent, is most appreciated. God is doing great things at FUMC. It is great to be a part of it!

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE

Scripture is filled with many famous — and infamous — fathers and sons. Match the name of each father on the left to the name of his son on the right.

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|----------|-------------|
| 1. Noah | A. Dan |
| 2. Jacob | B. Jonathan |
| 3. David | C. Ham |
| 4. Saul | D. Solomon |

Answers: 1. C, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B





MAC'S MESSAGE

As I promised, this month we will begin moving out of the *nut shell* theologically in considering the question, “What is a Methodist?” When we talk about what Methodists believe, or our theology, we refer to ourselves as Wesleyan. This means that we rely upon the works of John and Charles Wesley to help us understand who, and whose, we are. Our primary sources for understanding Wesleyan thought are the sermons of John Wesley, as well as the hymns of his brother, Charles. The first thing they would tell us is that the Bible is our primary source of reference and illumination.

Moving beyond that basic affirmation of Holy Scripture, I consider *God's grace* to be the cornerstone of Wesleyan belief. Though the tendency in the modern world is to claim and marvel in God's grace and in companionship with Jesus Christ, for Wesley, thoughts about grace begin with a sober appreciation of our need for God's grace. Although people like to think of themselves as basically good (thereby needing God's grace only to make life a little better), Wesley clearly understood and taught that we are sinful by nature, and hopelessly lost without God's grace. Through God's grace, we are rescued from a life of sin.

In this strong emphasis on God's grace, Wesley spoke of the dimensions of God's grace given in three ways — prevenient grace, or the grace that enables us even within our sinful state to turn to God; justifying grace, or the grace that sets us in a right relationship with God; and sanctifying grace, or the grace that guides and sustains us as we grow and mature along our Christian pilgrimage in life.

Perhaps you will recall these words of a hymn we sang last month — “Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace freely bestowed on all who believe!” Though written by the daughter of a Presbyterian pastor, Methodists certainly appreciate those words. Next month, we'll look a little closer at the Wesleyan understanding of the implications of grace for Christian living. Meanwhile remember, God loves you, and so do I.

Mac



THE CHURCH IN OUR HANDS

The minister of a small church was walking down the hall on a Sunday morning and stopped by a children's Sunday school class. They had a little plastic church building that they used to collect their offering. The pastor was fascinated by the toy and picked it up to look at it. Very quickly one of the little boys said, 'Be careful, Pastor, you have our church in your hands.' That statement said it all. In a larger sense, God has entrusted the church in our hands. What an awesome opportunity!

The Lake Junaluska Singers will be in concert on Monday night, June 16, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach. FUMC has been extended a special invitation to attend.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Report by **Toby White**, Outreach Chairperson

Blood Drive — “Thank You” to those that donated blood and those that assisted with the blood drive on Sunday, April 13. A total of 26 pints of blood were collected which is the highest total in over three years for a drive here at First United Methodist Church. Please mark your calendar now for the next Blood Drive which will be on Sunday, October 12.

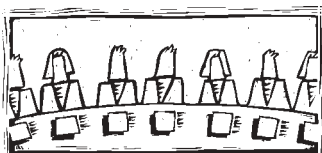
Help 4 Kids Collections —

Rice and dried pinto beans will be collected from June 1 thru June 15. The preferred package sizes are 1#, 2#, and 3#. These two staples are much in demand in the rural areas of Horry County by those needing assistance.

School supplies will be collected from July 20 thru August 3 as we have done for several years. All types of school supplies are needed; however, a list of the preferred items will be included in next month’s “Messenger.”

Cash donations are also accepted for these collections, if you prefer. Mark your checks “Rice & Beans” or “School Supplies.”

CAP — Food items needed this month for CAP include cereals, canned meats, and pasta and sauce.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report by **Spivey Hood**

Spring Cleaning has begun! Pressure washing began with the Church building in May and the gutters were cleaned out. Entrapment issues on the playground are being taken care of. Some dangerous limbs and trees are being removed. Two new toilets (1 adult, 1 child) have been installed in the Education Building. The air conditioning in the Hut is being repaired. The carpeting in the Education building will be cleaned after the CDC closes. There will be some adjustment to our insurance following the closure of the CDC.

A three-month trial began in May for the Gideons use of the Family Life Center on the fourth Thursday of each month.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Live in such a way that those who know you, but don’t know God, will come to know Him because they know you.

Submitted by Sadie Rae Hutchinson



BUILDING STUDY COMMITTEE

Report by **George Jenkins**

Thanks to all who attended the congregational meeting on May 18 with our architect, **Gary Brown**. The plans Gary shared with us are preliminary and subject to change as we move forward with our master building plan. Your input is helpful at this point as we try to evaluate and incorporate needed refinement before moving ahead with renovations. We will keep you informed as things progress.

We appreciate all those who worked to provide the wonderful chicken bog dinner that followed the meeting. It allowed time for everyone to enjoy fellowship and further review and discuss the architectural drawings while Gary was there to explain, answer questions, and receive comments.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Report by **George Jenkins**



Worship Committee

Summer hours for Sunday School and Worship Service began on May 25 and will continue until Labor Day Weekend. The hours are 9:30-10:15 a.m. for Sunday School, and 10:30-11:30 for Worship. The Bishop's daughter, **Mandy Taylor Young**, will be our guest minister on June 8. We expect the Bishop to be in attendance to hear Mandy deliver the message. On June 29, we will have a Fourth of July celebration with a meal following Worship Service.



ALTAR GUILD

Report by **Amy Jenkins**

Serving on the Altar Guild this month are:

Pam Frye
JoAnn Smith
Helen White

We are always looking for new volunteers to step forward and become members of the Altar Guild. We offer on-the-job training and huge benefits.



CDC News

Closeout of the Child Development Center is progressing. Rooms have been closed as the enrollment has decreased. Out of the 76 children enrolled, 35 will be there until the last day, June 6. On June 11, an inventory of what belongs to the CDC will be conducted and items to be kept for the Church will be determined. A yard sale is planned to dispose of the unneeded items. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on June 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Report by **Paula Youngs**

The UMW Recognition Sunday Service went well, and we would like to thank Mac, George Jenkins, and Billy Fallaw for their assistance and support. This was certainly a special day for the United Methodist Women of FUMC. Scarlett Hester, a minister from First United Methodist Church in Myrtle Beach, did an excellent job as guest speaker for the event, and interest in the UMW was generated that may result in increased membership.

A picnic is being planned for June 21 at Riverfront Park to include the United Methodist Men and their families.

United Methodist Men



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Report by **Jimmy Jones**

The next UMM breakfast will be prepared by Chef Keith Gawith, and Burris Woodward will be ready to take over the kitchen for the following meeting. These breakfast meetings bring men to the table for food, fellowship, and fulfillment of their function in the Church.

The UMM are planning some activities to reach out to the Waccamaw Youth Center boys on a monthly basis.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report by **Blake Martin**

Overall, we are doing pretty well with our budget. Contributions are up some this year, and we have spent less to date than expected. Funds are being managed well. We are looking at a \$10,000 deficit right now, and we expect to take a hit on closing out the CDC, but we will recover, and things will even out in time. All things considered, we are fortunate to be where we are with our finances at this date.



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Report by **Libby and Billy Jones**

A new supply of "Missing You" cards have been ordered to help us keep in touch with members who haven't been to Church in a while. We reviewed a list of the local members and contacted them. We are continuing to have a coffee and donuts break on the last Sunday of each quarter.



THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Report by **Brenda Wilkins**

We have completed our first training session in the new computer lab recently established in the Family Life Center. Pictured at right are a few students from the class taken on the last day of the 4-week course. We are now planning future training sessions and increased access to the computer room. Some upgrades are planned as well.

On May 25, we finished taking pictures for the new Church directory. As soon as we can determine who we missed, we will schedule a time for make-up pictures. We are hoping to get pictures of everyone so our directory will be complete and up-to-date.



From left: Brenda Wilkins, Administrative Assistant; Students Louise Goodwin, Vivian Chestnut, George and Amy Jenkins; and Instructor, Jean Timbes.

NEWS ABOUT THE MUSIC PROGRAM AT FUMC

Report by **Billy Fallaw**



Our Chancel Choir was invited to sing at the Annual United Methodist Conference on June 1. We chartered a bus and invited others from the Church to join us for the trip to Florence. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Choir and our Church to be recognized.

The Music Ministry at FUMC is looking for Church members ages 16-18 who are interested in working as a music intern this summer. These internships will range in time needed, but some of the areas of need are choral library, handbell library, assisting with workshops, assisting with Liturgical Arts Week, and other areas of talent that a student may have, such as singing and/or instrumental music. All positions will receive a stipend commensurate with time involved. This outreach of the music ministry is an effort to provide opportunities for our youth who are musically talented and may or may not be discerning ministry as a profession. Those who are interested may contact me at billy.fallaw@fumconway.org or 488-4251. It is my desire that FUMC be a leader among churches that encourages and provides its members with many opportunities to serve God through visual and performing arts.

FUN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Sunday school teacher was explaining how God created Eve out of Adam's rib. Suddenly, a student who enjoyed showing off started groaning and grabbing his side.

When the teacher asked what the boy's problem was, he said with a smile, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Report by **Jenny Wilburn**

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Preschool Play Days — Children ages 2-5 will get together with each other and their parents for play and fun activities on the first Saturday of each month this summer (June 7, July 5, and August 2) in the courtyard at FUMC from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You can register online at www.fumcconway.org/playday.

What Would Jesus Do Wednesdays — Our elementary children are doing community service projects on Wednesdays (9 a.m.-noon) such as visiting shut-ins and others who cannot get to Church often. They sing for them and deliver greeting cards that they make themselves. They have also begun learning about recycling. There are now three recycling containers throughout the Church facilities. One is in the Family Life Center, one is in the Fellowship Hall, and one is in the Office. A tour of a recycling plant is an upcoming activity.

J.W. & Company — Our summer Sunday School program began May 25 and will continue through August 31 for children age 3 (as of 9/1/07) through 6th grade. Children will experience life as it was in John Wesley's time by doing such things as butter making, candle making, saddle bag crafting, and colonial toy building. They will learn bible stories and verses, games from colonial times, and how God used John Wesley to spread the good news about Jesus.



Caroline Long shows off the saddle bag that she made in J.W. & Company Sunday School. The children learned about circuit riders and how they carried their belongings while riding horses from town to town.



Reuben Long smiles as he races to fill his team's cup with water at J.W. & Company Sunday School. The children learned about John Wesley's family home and how a "bucket brigade" works.

Indiana Joan and the Quest for Happiness — This is a production for the whole family to enjoy. It will be on Sunday, June 8, through Tuesday, June 10, and include dinner, games, music, skits, and more! Register online at www.fumcconway.org/Indiana.

Cosmic City Vacation Bible School — Children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School on July 14 through July 18 from 9:00 a.m. until noon each day. A VBS Family Celebration will be held on Friday, July 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register online at www.fumcconway.org/VBS.

Liturgical Arts Week — This week of exploring the art of worship is open to children first grade through sixth grade on August 11-15, 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$30.00, and activities will include making stained glass, composing prayers, banner making, interpretive movement, scripture dramatization, and daily worship.

2- & 3-Year Old Sunday School — The 2- and 3-year-olds are getting a first impression of their heavenly father in Sunday School (9:30-10:30 a.m.) and in the nursery during Worship on Sunday mornings. They learn one key truth and Bible verse all month long and master it through creative and fun activities. Parents also receive a “Small Talk” sheet that lets them know what their children are learning and how they can continue the learning at home.

Collecting for Epworth — The children are collecting money for Epworth Children’s Home through jars they decorated and placed throughout the Church. Please donate to this effort.

Nursery News — We welcomed Jan Kyzer and Gayle Fanshaw to our nursery staff in May and we are so glad to have them in this vital ministry of our Church.

Paid in Hugs, Laughter, and Smiles - If you enjoy rocking babies, singing songs, blowing bubbles with 2-year-olds or answering the inevitable “Why?” from a 3-year old, then you might just be who we are looking for! Our nursery is growing and changing in many ways and consistent attendance is rising in both the infant and the 2s and 3s nursery class. We are excited about all of these changes, and with these changes comes a wonderful opportunity for our congregation. We need some help! If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery ministry one Sunday a month (or more) please see Jan Kyzer in the nursery on Sundays or call Jenny Wilburn at 488-4251.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The 30-Hour Famine — 32 youth participated in this activity. They did several service projects which included sorting clothes at the Salvation Army and cleaning up the premises of the Shepherds Table. They also learned about world hunger and what it feels like to be hungry.



The Amazing Bible Race — This summer activity for the youth offers an exciting way to learn the Bible. Teams will compete against each other for points and prizes as they take part in this race for knowledge. Team meetings are held each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.

Student Impact — This summer activity is all about youth serving God at FUMC. 7th-12th grade students have the opportunity to serve and help with the children's ministry on Sunday mornings and during special events by being a part of Student Impact (i.e. Vacation Bible School, W.W.J.D. Wednesdays).

Salkehatchie Car Wash — The youth will be raising money for Salkehatchie by sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. to noon in the Family Life Center parking lot.

Salkehatchie Service Dinner — The youth will serve dinner to the Rivertown Salkehatchie camp on Wednesday, June 18.

Youth River Party — On Sunday, June 22, bring your river-wear, towel, swimsuit...etc to Church and change after worship, jump in the bus, and spend the afternoon (until 4:00 p.m.) on the river. Lunch will be provided.

Rafting Trip — A rafting trip is planned for August 8 -10 to Whitewater Express in Tennessee. The cost of the trip is \$130 with a deposit of \$30 due to Jenny Wilburn by June 15.

LET'S PLAY BALL!!!

Photographs and Report by **Rae "Scoop" Daniels**

Our First United Methodist Church softball team has been Division Two champions for the past two years. They have taken the field this season to defend that title. This dedicated and enthusiastic team represents our Church with their time and talent.



The Action.



The win!

RECENT GAMES

First United Methodist vs Grand Strand Baptist

They are adversaries on the field; friends when the game is over, but there's no sympathy for the losers. The game was called after the fifth inning due to the huge lead by The Methodists.

First United Methodist vs. The Rock Church

Despite the cold and the wind, First Church outscored by one run The Rock Church. "The Rock" rallied in the seventh but First's team held them off for the win. Both teams hit and scored well.

Put June 9, 12, 16, 19 and 20 on your calendar, and come on out to the ball game. The team needs YOUR support.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Monday, 6/9	First Methodist vs North Conway	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, 6/12	First Methodist vs Pine Grove	7:00 p.m.
Monday, 6/16	First Methodist vs Juniper Bay	9:00 p.m.
Thursday, 6/19	First Methodist vs Christ United Methodist	8:00 p.m.
Friday, 6/20	First Methodist vs Horry Baptist	9:00 p.m.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL OUR HOTLINE AT 248-1744.

For those who don't know where the ball fields are, they are located in one convenient location behind Chick-Fil-A in Conway just past Jenkins' field. Don't miss out on any of the action!



S&S Travelers

ON THE ROAD AGAIN WITH THE S&S TRAVELERS!

Don't forget — The S&S Travelers will be starting up again on June 11. This is our sixth summer and everyone is invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. every other Wednesday morning at the Family Life Center.

Our bus holds 14 passengers, has plush seats, and air conditioning. We ask for \$4.00 per person to cover the cost of gas. Anyone wishing to take their own car is also welcome. Please join us for a day of Christain fellowship. We will observe the following schedule:

- June 11 — Websters Restaurant in Mullins
- June 25 — Magnolias Restaurant in Myrtle Beach
- July 9 — The River Room in Georgetown
- July 23 — The Grand Buffet in Myrtle Beach
- August 6 — Visit Calabash, North Carolina
- August 20 — Websters or O'Haras in Mullins

For more information, call **Patty Taylor** at 248-4639 or **Janet Martin** at 234-3235.



FLOWER CALENDAR



Altar Flowers

Please remember to check the Flower Calendar often to see where the blank dates are so you can sign up. When you provide the Altar Flowers, you can dedicate them in memory or in honor of someone. If you want to purchase only one arrangement, that is fine. Two families can go together to share the expense for both vases, and the message in the bulletin will recognize both dedications. The Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board on the wall outside the office. Most of June is still open.

SPECIAL DATES

- Flag Day, June 14, 2008
- Father's Day, June 15, 2008
- First day of summer, June 20, 2008



Since the early 1800s various groups have observed a day to display the American flag. Presidents Woodrow Wilson (in 1916) and Calvin Coolidge (in 1927) issued proclamations marking June 14 as National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved June 14 as a day of national observance. President Harry Truman signed it into law. The American flag has changed designs more than any other flag in the world. In fact, the United States didn't have a standardized flag until 1912! And even after standardization, the flag changed three more times with the addition of new stars representing new states.

MISSION NEWS

Report by **Rae Daniels**



Nias seminary students, Ratna Sardika and Sukari Bu'ulolo, graduated in December.

Ratna and Sukari have achieved Guru Injil status, the first step toward full ordination in the Methodist Church, and have returned to serve churches on Nias according to the contracts they signed with us. Their contracts called for them to serve on Nias Island in return for five and a half years of seminary education.

We are extremely proud of them. They are dedicated; they are good preachers; they conduct church services confidently and care about the people they serve and, in spite of their own hardships, or maybe due to them, they are an inspiration for their people.

Their churches are long distances from each other and some are reached only by footpaths, others only by motorcycle. Neither of them has transportation of their own. They both have congregations to reach which require many hours of walking through the rain forest.

Their funding comes from several sources. They get Rp300,000 from the District Superintendent which, presumably, he takes from what he collects from the churches. Methodist Headquarters is giving them Rp200,000 a month, and the churches give them Rp100,000 as they are able. With this Rp600,000 which adds up to about \$2. a day, they are to furnish themselves a place to stay, food, transportation and their other life needs. They cannot possibly live on it. Ratna is assigned to five of the poorest churches on Nias East Coast, and Sukari is assigned to the central Gomo District where churches are poor as well.

Ratna is living in an earthquake damaged parsonage without furniture far from her work. Sukari is sleeping on the floor with no place of his own in the home of a family with five “babies.” He wants to move into the parsonage, but the parsonage has no water nor furniture nor anything else.

Sukari, who is about forty, has a long-time girlfriend. They want desperately to marry. The problem is that Nias girls are sold for the most part to the highest bidder with or without her agreement and they are very expensive. Sukari’s family is poor. Her family is asking Rp40,000,000 [\$4,500.] for her, more money than Sukari will make in a lifetime. One of the blessings that come with living in the United States is that your daddy may hate your intended, but he is not likely to sell you to somebody else.



Joe with Ratna and Sukari in front of the recently dedicated Methodist Church on Nias Island.

Since almost everything on Nias must be imported to the island, the cost of living there is greater than the cost of living in Medan. However, with God’s grace, these two young Methodist ministers will persevere despite the hardships that face them. Please keep them and the people they minister to in your prayers.



Childhood Memories

by Brenda Wilkins

“Take my hand,” my father said. “Walk through the woods with me.
I’ll show you things that other folks might never chance to see.”
So I skipped along at Daddy’s side, and saw sights to behold.
The hoot owl with his eyes so wide, and leaves of red and gold.

I saw bees and their honey tree; we took a careful look.
We dug sassafras for tea, and drank water from the brook.
We came across a tiny pine, I said it was so small.
My Dad said in a few more years it would be very tall.

He said, “You may be bigger now, but that won’t always be.
It will pass us up someday, then dwarf both you and me.”
We watched a squirrel on a limb, consume an acorn treat.
It didn’t seem to bother him, that we should watch him eat.

A rabbit jumped out of the brush; I asked my father, “Why?”
“That hawk made the rabbit flush.” He pointed toward the sky.
“Nature has to balance things. You’ll understand someday.
That rabbit could be eaten, if he doesn’t get away.”

I didn’t want to leave that glen when Daddy said, “Let’s go.”
He promised we’d come back again, for more that he could show.
Like the pine, I’ve now grown tall, but I recall that wonderland.
And how I learned about it all in the clasp of my father’s hand.

FATHER’S DAY

The first celebration of Father’s Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who’d cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father’s Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father’s Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father’s Day as a national observance.



June 1

Kristin Boulware
Brendon Clonts
Jade Edwards
Virginia Fairman
Brad Govan
Chad Hardwick
Scott Johnson
Gwen Miller
Lex Morgan

June 2

Bill Baxter
Aubrey-Ann Myers
Mary McKellar Purvis

June 3

Randy Bell
Alison Goodwin
Lindsey Small
Hunter Stokes
Tyler Thomas

June 4

Julia Brooks
Jeff Butler
Linda Gregory
Christopher Martin
O'Bryan Martin
Mark Woodward

June 5

John Gaddy
Rune Grinna

June 6

Tootsie Atkins
Billy Jones
Margaret Jordan
Anne Parker

June 7

Philip Bell
Kevin Cox
Maxine Dunn
Bo Ives
Dan Thomas

June 8

Jennifer Doig
Maggie Harper
Lynn Strader

June 9

Elinor Avent
Ellie Funke
Bobbie Pate
Franklin Sanders

June 10

Jimmy Beckham
Jeff Bracken
Lee James
Leonard Rodwell

June 12

Laura Housand
Susan Jones
Craig Martin
Karlene Rudolph
Cathy Senn
Carl Tucker

June 13

Freda Jones

June 14

Faye Perrault
Larry Robbins

June 15

Belinda Gillespie
Phil Thompson

June 16

Mary Ann Dunn
Eric Fox
Jose Holbert
Karey Holt
Rebecca Steen

June 17

Grayson Hardee
Cameron Perry
Jenny Wilburn

June 18

Eddie Bailey
Carole Lee Butler
Jack Croft
Courtney Hardee
Ashley Hood
Miriam Anderson

June 19

Chris Bethea
Christina Brereton
Hurley Campbell
Jody Campbell
Elaine Strobel

June 20

James Hill
Pat Thompson

June 21

Michael Lee
Sara Ann Smith

June 22

Carolyn Bailey
Teresa Montgomery

June 23

Mary Hucks
Robbie Huggins
Ford Sanders
Patty Taylor
Chuck Timbes

June 25

Robert Floyd
Jim Hucks

June 26

Steve Lookadoo
Kay Strickland

June 27

Janet Flournoy

June 28

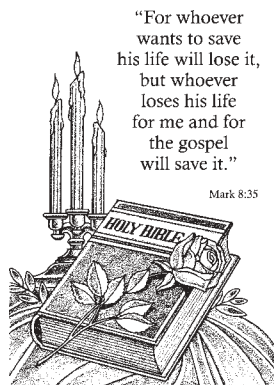
Ramona Lookadoo
Fred Tetterton
Emily Todd
David Turner

June 29

Charles Hucks

June 30

Kyzer Griffin
Rebecca Snurr
Russell Zantow



SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- **Rena Thrasher and family** upon the death of her husband, R. "Corky" Thrasher on May 20, 2008.
- **Leila Hucks and Freda Jones** following the death of Leila's brother and Freda's uncle, Gilbert M. Smith on May 22.
- **Dale and Judy James** in the loss of his brother, William Robert James, on May 26.

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:



Frank Thompson by Kenneth G. Byars

Joe James by Rebecca Thigpen; Betty Jo Huggins; Robert & Cindy Harper; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Watts; Mrs. Patsy Buck, The Watts Family; The Nye Family; Mr. & Mrs. L. B. Courtney; and Randy & Amelia Wood.

William "Mac" Goldfinch, Jr. by George & Amy Jenkins.

James Bruorton by Richard & Wanda Kleine.

Corky Thrasher by Myron & Maxine Dunn; Brit & Nancy Stiltner; H.L. Singleton.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lee James, who is a Junior Marshall at CHS this year. He has also been selected to attend Palmetto Boys State.

Stephanie Blanton McCutcheon who received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree on May 10, 2008, from the University of Buffalo — The State University of New York.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church,

Many thanks for the beautiful rose you brought to Mom (Paula Moore). She has enjoyed it so much as well as the rest of the family. Again, thanks for remembering her, and may God bless each of you.
Love, Patricia Graham

First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for all of your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery. It is such a blessing to know that we are supported by such wonderful people. A very special thank you goes to our Sunday School class, Expectations. They have been such a tremendous support system. Thank you all so very much. Jan Bitting

Dear Friends,

Worshipping with you yesterday (May 18) was a blessing for me. I treasure your warmth and hospitality. Truly the Spirit of God is with you. I pray that God will bless you as a Church and individually always. In Christ, Scarlett Hester
P.S. I'm excited to think of the renovations you have planned. Great things are happening!



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

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