

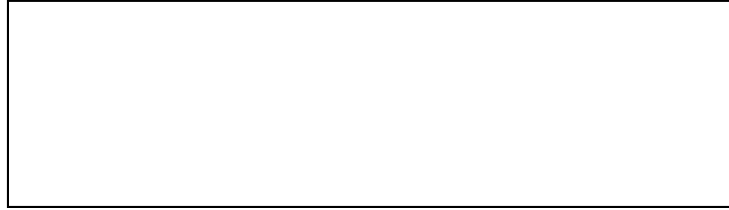
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"It's a Wonderful Life!"

What a wonderful Advent and Christmas we are enjoying together! As I write these words, it's still not over! You see, I'm writing this on Monday, December 18, 2006. Yesterday, was a full and joyous day with our worship services, drop-in and grand fellowship. I feel very blessed in this Christmas season. Truly, I've had much more than my share of Christmas joy. As I pause and give thanks, I am humbled by the realization that God has still more blessings to bring my way. This afternoon, I join the "On-the-Road-Again Gang" and travel to James Island to see the Holiday Festival of Lights. There are still more Christmas gatherings, more fellowship, more worship.

Lynda and I thank you for your gracious and generous welcome to our new home in Conway. Although you had already made us feel abundantly welcome, the warmth you have shown in this Christmas season reminds us again how fortunate we are that God has brought us your way. Thank you for the cards, calls, gifts and fellowship! Especially, we thank you for the many ways in which you have embraced Randy, Mary Leigh, and my parents as a part of the First UMC family as well.

We look forward to growing together in Christ as we embark upon this new year, which we will celebrate together as a "Year of Jubilee!" (More on that soon.)

Again, we thank you! And always remember, God loves you; and so do I.

Mac

WHAT'S GOING ON AT FIRST CHURCH

Church Office and CDC Closed

Monday, January 1
New Year's Holiday

Burroughs-Collins Circle

Tuesday, January 2, 10:00 a.m.
Location: FLC, Sr. Room

Trustees

Tuesday, January 2, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Parlor

Adult Handbell Choir Resumes

Wednesday, January 3, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Handbell Room

Chancel Choir Resumes

Wednesday, January 3, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Choir Room

UMW Executive Committee

Thursday, January 4, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Paula Youngs' Home

"Hands of Christ" Bible Study Group

Friday, January 5, 12:00—2:00 p.m.
Leave for Greenville, SC

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir Party

Friday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

Caregivers

Monday, January 8, 10:00 a.m.
Location: Family Life Center, Sr. Room

United Methodist Men

Monday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Family Life Center, Main Room

Henry-Rogers Circle

Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Frances Driggers' Home
(Carpool will leave FLC at 6:30 p.m.)

Stilley-Walsh Circle

Monday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Family Life Center, Sr. Room

Hawes-Watts Circle

Sunday, January 14, 3:00 p.m.
Location: Family Life Center, Sr. Room

United Methodist Women's Executive Committee

Tuesday, January 16, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Family Life Center, Sr. Room

Children's Choir Kickoff!

Tuesday, January 16, 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Location: Choir Room

CDC Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Parlor

Thursday Evening Bible Study Begins

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Family Life Center, Sr. Room

District Job Function Workshops

Sunday, January 21, 3:00 p.m.
Location: TBA

Youth Choir Kickoff!

Sunday, January 21, 4:45-5:30 p.m.
Location: Choir Room

All Children and Youth Activities Kickoff!

Sunday, January 21, 5:30 p.m.
Begins with a Meal
Location: Family Life Center, Main Room
Additional activities following meal.

Volunteers Assemble Messenger

Wednesday, January 24, 8:30 a.m.
Location: Parlor

Annual Hut Bible Class BBQ

Friday, January 26, 10:00 a.m.
Location: Fellowship Hall

ATTENTION, PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH: 2007 CHOIR KICKOFF!

FUMC CHILDREN'S CHOIR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, FROM 4:00-4:45 IN
THE CHOIR ROOM.

FUMC YOUTH CHOIR
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, FROM 4:45-5:30 IN
THE CHOIR ROOM.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Hannah Boyle
Carolyn Cox
George Kyzer
Lisa Lynn Manship
Cindy Thibodeau

January 2

Aaron Sweeney

January 3

Kenny Beckham
Kayla Langlitz
Sharon McMeekin
Karon Palmer

January 4

Martin Strobel

January 5

Marty Slapnik

January 6

Rebecca Harper
Mary Ann Land

January 7

Betty Smith
Jean Steen
Dell Tolson

January 8

Michael Godwin
Debbie Stanley

January 9

Frank Beeson
Genair Hutchinson
Libby McCutcheon
Michael Timbes

January 10

Tessa Edmondson
Jennifer Stevens

January 11

Betty Robinson
Frank Watts
Louie Welch

January 12

James Burroughs
Myra Jones

January 13

Nancy Stiltner

January 14

Christian Barrett
Ray Binis

January 15

Bill Barnhill
Wendy Dannelly
Craig Hyman

January 17

Mark Huggins
Preston Mayers

January 18

Ruth Coy
Mac McIntyre

January 20

Joyce Burroughs
Edward Lewis

January 21

James Floyd
Kathy Hucks
Donna Mishoe
Jacob Prince
Jo Ann Smith

January 23

Elaine Farr
Christopher Lilly

January 24

Emma Alsager
Sonya Martin
Sherri Woodward

January 25

Anna Johnson
Ike Locklair
Stanley Nixon
Cole Waggoner

January 26

Justin Rice
Lisa Thorndyke

January 27

Buck Cutts
Virginia Hardwick
Ryan Perry

January 28

Morgan Martin
Bobbie Tyler

January 29

Marie Ray

January 30

Theresa Donaldson
Laurel Finlayson
Josh Holt
Dave McAda
John Thibodeau

January 31

Tony Atkins
Tara Boyle
Toby White

Financial Report Year-to-Date Ending Dec. 19, 2006

Budgeted Receipts

Operating Fund \$471,912.28

Non-Budgeted Receipts

Bryan Fund (Cemetery).....302.95
CAP.....2,640.25
Capital Improvement.....85.00
Carillon Fund.....455.00
CDC Angel Fund.....200.00
CDC Scholarship.....500.00
Chancel Choir Fund.....1,470.00
Cookbooks.....1,355.00
Daniels' Mission Fund.....7,798.12
Easter Lilies / Poinsettias.....1,389.50
Easter Lily / Poinsettia Child.....2,280.50
Epworth Children's Home.....7,800.00
Family Life Center.....976.00
General Memorials.....2,467.00
General Scholarship.....1,888.50
Gideon Ministries.....276.00
Good Samaritan Fund.....3,396.00
Greenery.....832.00
Hut Bible Class.....2,358.50
Hut Radio Ministry.....485.00
Landscaping Fund.....750.00
Lenten Offering (undesignated).....3,896.46
Love Offerings.....2,670.00
Ministerial Scholarship.....10.00
Miscellaneous Invoices.....9,110.81
Missionary Fund.....1,565.00
Modeste Cox Fund.....131.79
Music Discretionary Fund.....2,427.12
Music Scholarship.....5.00
New Bus Fund.....8,000.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.....105.00
Parsonage Modernization.....19,335.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....303.00
Red Bird Mission.....280.00
Salkehatchie Summer Service.....2,550.00
Salvation Army.....200.00
Souper Bowl.....716.00
Special Offering.....608.00
UM Student Day.....25.00
United Methodist Women.....146.00
World Communion.....39.00

Total Non-budgeted\$91,828.50

In order to meet our 2006 Budget, we need to average \$10,753 per week toward our Operating Fund.

SERVING IN JANUARY

ALTAR GUILD

Edith Hucks, Janet Roche, Karlene Rudolph

ACOLYTES / CRUCIFERS

01/07

01/14

01/21

01/28

CHANCEL FLOWERS

01/07 *Available*

01/14 Janet Roche

01/21 Cheryl Chastain

01/28 *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

01/07 Phil and Penny Davis

01/14 Charles and Kathy Hucks

01/21 Janet Martin and Kimberly Inabinet

01/28 John and Mary Long

COUNTING COMMITTEE

Sunday: Phil Thompson and Blake Martin

Monday: Nancy Stiltner and Karlene Rudolph

EVENING SERVICE (THE HUT) SPEAKERS:

01/07 The Rev. Joe Daniels

01/14 Robert Harper

01/21 Dr. Sharon Thompson

01/28 The Rev. Leslie McIver

MEAL SCHEDULE (SUNDAY)

01/07 No meal tonight!

01/14 No meal tonight!

01/21 Tammy Steiner / George and Maryanne Martin

01/28 Dave and Jenni McAda / John and Mary Long

NURSERY

Volunteers are needed for our nursery ministry area. If you are interested, contact Jenny at 488-4251 or jenny.wilburn@fumconway.org.

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Kent Bitting / Ken Senn

USHERS (JANUARY 7 COMMUNION)

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

USHERS (SUNDAY WORSHIP)

Richard Jordan, head; Daniel Eady, Eric Fox, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Irby Koon, Dave McAda, Ken Senn, Bill Taylor, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

USHERS (YOUTH)

1st and 2nd Sunday: Corbin Jenkins, Ellen Skipper, Creg McAda

VISITOR FOLLOW-UP

Dow Stanley

Publication Deadlines:

• **February, 2007 Messenger deadline is noon on Monday, January 15.**

• **Bulletin deadline is 10:00 a.m., on Friday, 9 days prior to the Sunday of usage.**

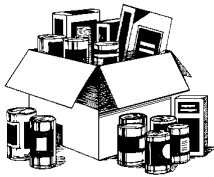
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OUTREACH / MISSION AREA NEWS

CAP FOOD COLLECTION



Our Youth will be collecting food for CAP as a part of Souper Bowl Sunday this year. Look for more information about this activity in the next few weeks.

CAP FOOD EMPHASIS FOR JANUARY:

Jelly, cereals, and rice

Remember—Hunger is a twelve-month-a-year problem.

PAPER 4 U and PENCILS 2

We will be collecting school supplies again as the students are getting started in the second semester. 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

These supplies will be distributed by the Help 4 Kids agency.

Items should be brought to the church during the period of January 21 through February 4.

Toby

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the box of food and candy. It is just what I needed to get me through the week of exams! It means so much to know that everyone is thinking about me and praying for me. I cannot wait to be able to come home and see everyone again.

Thank you again,
Whitney Martin

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

In Memoriam

Judith Richardson Watson
December 1, 1939—December 15, 2006

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



Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Pinckney Watson and family on the death of his wife, Judith, on December 6, 2006

The Advent candles are given by Amy Lovell and George Jenkins, Jr., in memory of her mother, **Myrtis Timbes Thompson**.

CAP

... In honor of **Genair and Sadie Rae Hutchinson, James and Edith Hucks, Bill, Mary Ruth and Lauren Baxter, Dan, Annie and Dana Register, and John and Bobbie Tyler**, by Henry and Pat Buck.

... In honor of **George and Amy Lovell Jenkins**, by Churchill Jenkins.

Chancel Choir Fund

... In memory of **Judith Watson** and **Vivian Gardo Heape**, by Dena McGinn.

General Memorials and Gifts

... In memory of **Opal Allen** and **Ben Johnson**, by Allen and Joann Ray.

... In memory of **Willie Harold Watts**, by Henry and Barbara Davis, Philip and Margaret Thompson.

... In honor of **Elizabeth Jones' 90th birthday**, by Bill and Betty Whitaker.

... In honor of **Margaret Goldfinch**, by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kimbrell.

In memory of **Judith Watson**, by Mary Edna Turner.

Good Samaritan

In memory of **James E. Smith**, by Family Fellowship Class.

Operating Fund

... In memory of **James H. Mills, Jr.**, by Elizabeth Mills.

Parsonage Modernization Fund

... In memory of **Willie Watts**, by The John McCutcheon Class.

Daniels Mission News

Dear friends and church family,

This may be our last message to you before we depart for Indonesia on January 25. We want to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and funds that make it possible for us to carry the love of Christ to the people in our thirteen churches and many villages on Nias.

Even though their hearts may be heavy this Christmas from the needless deaths of family and friends, they will decorate, celebrate and sing praises to God for his goodness to them. The Light of the World has come into the hearts of His followers and made it possible that more Nias children will be able to attend school, more of them will sleep a little less hungry, and all of them will have a little more reason to believe that their lives will be brighter in the year to come.

May all our lives be brighter because He has blessed us with His love.

Joe and Rae Daniels

NEWS AND ADDITIONS

WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS!

Please make them feel welcome!

Scott and Helen Johnson

Jennifer Johnson

2830 Graham Road

Conway, SC 29526

365-4888

The Johnson family transfers their membership from
Trinity UMC, Conway, SC.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to

Susanna Buck and Donald Wayne Register

who were married on October 21, 2006.

They reside on Memory Lane in Conway, SC.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

January will be a busy month in the CDC as the children begin a new year of creative learning. The entire CDC wishes everyone a very happy new year!

On-The-Road-Again News

The first trip for the "On-The-Road-Again Gang" was a huge success. At 2:30 p.m., December 18, 44 happy people boarded a Sunway bus for a trip to James Island County Park to see the Christmas Lights, which were beautiful and enjoyed by all.

I would like to thank all those that helped with the planning and executing of the trip and especially all those who went with us.

We look forward to other trips in the future. Please put the dates of April 16-19 on your calendar, and watch for more information.

God is Good!

Maxine Dunn

UMW NEWS

The newly elected United Methodist Women Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 4, at the home of Paula Youngs for a covered-dish dinner and planning session. All members please bring your dish to pass, calendars, and ideas to share. Planning for the upcoming year will be the agenda.

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

Burroughs/Collins	January 2, 2007	10:00 a.m.	Family Life Center, Sr. Room
Hawes/Watts	January 14, 2007	3:00 p.m.	Family Life Center, Sr. Room
Henry/Rogers	January 8, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Home of Frances Driggers (carpool leaves the FLC at 6:30 p.m.)
Lannis Jordan	No information available for January		
Spivey/Ward	No information available for January		
Stilley/Walsh	January 8, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Family Life Center, Sr. Room

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATE

Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 4, 2007

The Souper Bowl of Caring is the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. This unique youth-led movement of caring is transforming the nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving.

Our youth will be leading FUMC Conway's participation in the Souper Bowl of Caring in two ways:

- 1. Canned-Food-Drive Competition.** The youth will be collecting non-perishable food items for CAP in an interesting way during the month of January. There will be 2 boxes located in 3 locations (the Family Life Center, upstairs in the Children's Gathering room and in the Narthex). These boxes will be labeled for Clemson or USC. Bring your food donations to church and place them in the box for the team that you want to win the canned-food-drive competition. The team with the most items collected in their boxes by Sunday, January 28, will be declared the winning team of this year's Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive on Sunday, February 4. We will keep a running total of the cans collected for each team on the church web site at www.fumcconway.org.
- 2. Collect Financial Donations.** On Sunday, February 4, the youth will be stationed at all church exits after the morning worship service with empty soup pots to collect financial donations for CAP. Every dollar counts!

Children's Choir Kickoff will be on Tuesday, January 16, from 4:00-4:45 p.m., in the Choir Room.

Christ's Critters, Z-force & UMYF 2007 Kick-off; Sunday, January 21

Youth Choir Kickoff will be from 4:45-5:30 p.m., in the Choir Room.

All groups meet at the Family Life Center for dinner at 5:30 p.m.; then we're headed out to do something fun!!

Christ's Critters and Z-force (K-5th grade) will be bowling. Bring your socks and \$7 to play 3 games at Waccamaw bowling.

UMYF (6th-12th grade) will be playing Lazer Tag. Remember to wear dark colors and bring \$20 to play 3 games at Lazer FX.

Did you know...

...we have new baby changing stations in our church restrooms? These sturdy wall-mount stations are located in the women's restroom by the Sanctuary and in both the men's and women's restrooms in the Family Life Center.

...registering as a "user" on the church web site allows the signed-in user to have access to additional information?

...2007 has been declared the Year of Jubilee at First United Methodist Church?