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Labor Day
September 4

Grandparents Day
September 10

Patriot Day
(Remembrance of 9/11)
September 11

Thirty-four Years Later...

Frankie Hart brought a fascinating piece of memorabilia by the church office recently. It was a fine article written by Carter Breeze recounting the events leading up to the purchase of our pipe organ. Being somewhat of a history buff, particularly the history of places I live, I found great enjoyment in learning this intriguing story.

I was a senior at Brookland Cayce High School in 1973. I distinctly remember the discussion in a chemistry lab about the freak snowstorm that allowed us to stay in school, while the parts of the state that rarely experienced significant accumulation struggled in the grip of the odd weather pattern. With the excitement of my senior year, those thoughts soon faded as other more pressing matters approached.

About ten years later, I was appointed to the Edisto Charge in Orangeburg County. Folks there were still talking about "The Storm of '73," when they had gone out on tractors to rescue stranded motorists. Since the storm had taken out their electricity, they had been more than happy to empty freezers filled with food as they extended hospitality to travelers in need.

Once again, I find myself reminded of "The Storm of '73," and its impact upon the lives of people I know. What a surprise to learn of the storm's significance to the price of our pipe organ. (If you don't know the story, ask someone who was here, or stop by the church office for a copy of Carter's article.) Now, in addition to hearing beautiful music, I shall think of obstacles overcome each time I hear our pipe organ played.

I look forward to seeing you in church each Sunday, where our pipe organ bears witness to a great commitment to meaningful worship at FUMC Conway. And remember, God loves you; and so do I!

Mac

WHAT'S GOING ON AT FIRST CHURCH

Fall Bible Studies:

Rev. Kinnett will be offering a ten-week Bible study module based on the Disciple Bible Study Series. The study will be about the book of Genesis and will be offered on Sunday afternoons at 5:30, beginning on September 17, in the Family Life Center Sr. Room. Rev. Kinnett will offer the same study on a weekday morning, beginning this month. Weekday time and location will be announced in our Sunday *Bulletin*.

Robert Harper will be offering a thirteen-session Bible study entitled, "Yours are the Hands of Christ" by James Howell. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings beginning September 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center Sr. Room.

Fall Sunday School Class:

Delan Stevens will be leading a career and college-age class beginning this month. The class will meet at 10:00 a.m., each Sunday, in the Family Life Center Scout Room.

Riddle Me This

What do yellowed tile, a leaky faucet and plumbing as old as Eleanor Roosevelt have in common? They all can be found in the parsonage of First Church, Conway.

The Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, invite you, individually and as a congregation, to join them in a parsonage-upgrade drive. Our goal is to raise the funds necessary to modernize the parsonage without having to borrow from the bank. Please prayerfully consider how you might return to the church a portion of what God has entrusted to you in support of this upgrade project. All gifts are sincerely appreciated!

Child Development Center (CDC):

The CDC welcomes Michele Spivey as Assistant Director. We have been working on some great activities for this coming year. In September, you will see lots of fun learning activities going on as the children learn about their school, community helpers and apples. We will have a "Lemonade Social" with our grandparents on September 8, in honor of Grandparents Day.

Three teachers have signed up for the TEACH scholarships, so that they can further their education in the early childhood education field. This will increase the number of our staff participating in this program to seven. Please help us congratulate them on all their hard work.

S & S Travelers

Our trip this month will be on Wednesday, September 20. We will leave the FLC at 10:30 a.m., for McClellanville's historic district and lunch at Graham's Seafood or the Crab Pot. We will tour the town of McClellanville and visit Hampton Plantation and St. James Santee Church. We will return to the FLC at 3:30 p.m. Your only expenses will be for gas and lunch. Bring your camera!

Youth & Children's News

I know it's hard to believe, but it's BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!!! Our children and youth have had an awesome summer filled with opportunities to serve others, learn about Christ and have fun together. We've missed those of you who were busy this summer, and we hope to see all of you back with us this fall!!

As we all refocus and head back to school, it's also time to begin to focus on what the fall will look like for the Youth & Children's Ministries at First Methodist this year. We are really excited about some of our upcoming programs; but, remember, we need *your* help to *make* ministry happen for the children and youth at FUMC!!

Check out our upcoming events:

Preschool Sunday School is moving on up!!!

The 3- and 4-year-olds are moving upstairs to room 219 to their very own room, complete with a play kitchen, train set and Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Mary McKellar. We hope to see you all in Sunday School!! *The Nursery is available for 3-year-olds during the worship service in room 117 with Ms. Debra.*

Children Worship! K-5th Graders

Starts **Sunday, September 3**, at 10 a.m., in the Children's Gathering Room.

UMYF (6th-12th), Z-force (3rd-5th) and Christ's Critters (K-2nd) Kickoff

Sunday, September 10, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

6th & 7th Grade Confirmation

Classes started Sunday, August 27, at 10 a.m., in the Jr. High Room in the Family Life Center. If you missed the first class and still want to participate, please join us!

S.C.R.E.A.M. Retreat 3rd-6th Graders

September 22-24
Cost: \$110

Ski Retreat 7th-12th Graders

December 30th - January 1
Cost: \$ 330

Jenny Wilburn @ 488-1315 or jenny.wilburn@fumcconway.org

For up-to-date information about youth and children's ministries and other church happenings, remember to check the church website: **www.FUMCconway.org**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1

Christi Edwards,
Jocelyn Jones,
Norma Kirby,
Brian Kyzer

September 2

Samuel Hickman,
Betty James

September 3

Dick Kleine

September 4

Keith Skipper

September 5

Chadwick Harper, Edith
Lewis, Charles Purvis

September 6

Mike Hendrix, Bill Howle

September 7

Jimmy Brown, Molly
Dunbar, Dale Gladson,
Betty Jo Huggins,
Lois Vaught

September 8

Elizabeth Jordan,
Jade Teo

September 9

Tanja Edmonds,
Laurie McLeod

September 10

Debbie Johnson

September 11

Susanna Buck,
Keenan Lineback

September 12

Brynne Mesimer,
Donnie Messinger,
Taylor Singleton,
Claire Skipper

September 13

Glenda Sweet

September 14

Jimmy Lee,
JoAnn Wiegand

September 15

Charles Baxter,
Trisha Doyle

September 16

Alise Taylor

September 17

Jacob Johnson, Steve
Smalls, Jay Wood

September 19

Justin Roof

September 20

Bobby Bland, Rick Em-
brey, Elizabeth Senn,
Michael Visnich, Jim Ward

September 21

Amy Hickman,
Evan Jordan,
Tatiana McCormick

September 22

Allen Ray,
Lauran Thorndyke

September 23

Daniel Wilburn

September 24

Daniel Eady, Belinda Fan-
shaw, George Martin,
Kevin McGrady

September 25

Bridgett Beeson,
Elizabeth Collins,
Gary Edwards,
Lynda Kinnett,
Benjamin Smith

September 26

Gene Hardwick,
Terry Williams

September 27

Kent Bitting,
Sylvia Richardson

September 28

Frances Driggers,
Brandi Finley,
Deborah Johnson,
Jane Snurr

September 29

Marilyn Deminski,
Faye Francis,
Laura Hyman

September 30

Perry Dunbar,
Kirsti Grinna,
David Sweeney

Financial Report Year-to-Date Ending Aug. 14, 2006

Budgeted Receipts

Operating Fund \$292,604.73

Non-Budgeted Receipts

Modeste Cox Fund.....	72.59
Parsonage Modernization	950.00
Bryan Fund (Cemetery).....	152.72
Salkehatchie Summer Service	2,225.00
Hut Radio Ministry.....	485.00
Hut Bible Class	1,588.50
Chancel Choir Fund.....	1,260.00
Good Samaritan Fund.....	2,091.00
Gideon Ministries.....	76.00
Missionary Fund	1,290.00
CAP	1,075.25
Lenten Offering (undesignated).....	3,896.46
Cookbooks.....	1,155.00
Landscaping Fund	400.00
Special Offering.....	408.00
Miscellaneous Invoices	4,674.28
General Scholarship	1,634.50
United Methodist Women.....	96.00
Music Discretionary Fund.....	1,558.08
Easter Lilies.....	673.50
Easter Lily Child.....	717.50
Souper Bowl	716.00
Red Bird Mission.....	80.00
General Memorials.....	2,482.00
Carillon Fund	355.00
Love Offerings	2,670.00
Daniels' Mission Fund.....	4,448.12
Pastor's Discretionary Fund.....	303.00
New Bus Fund	8,000.00
Epworth Children's Home	3,882.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	105.00
CDC Angel Fund.....	200.00
CDC Scholarship	500.00
Total Non-budgeted.....	\$50,220.50

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

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

ALTAR GUILD

Cindy Harper, Adrienne Jennings, Lois Sayre

ACOLYTES / CRUCIFERS

9/3 Michael Brooks / Dylan Jenkins
9/10 Chanan James / Skottowe Fox
9/17 Katelyn Stegall / Maggie Harper
9/24 Kyle McAda / Matthew Woodward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/3 Bud Hale
9/10 Dave McAda
9/17 George Jenkins
9/24 Donna Mishoe

CHANCEL FLOWERS

9/3 Pat Breeze
9/10 **Available**
9/17 Maxine Dunn
9/24 **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

September

9/3 Will and Sallie Goldfinch
9/10 Franklin and Tiffany Sanders
9/17 Dow and Debbie Stanley
9/24 Cathy and Elizabeth Senn

October

10/1 Lynn and Alison Hammond
10/8 Maryanne and Anne Marie Martin
10/15 Phil and Penny Davis
10/22 Charles and Kathy Hucks
10/29 Kimberly Inabinet and Janet Martin

COUNTING COMMITTEE

Sunday: Ike Locklair and Jill Watts
Monday Counters: Charles Dusenbury and
Libby Saville

NURSERY

Starlette Strader, Debra Cushing

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Delan Stevens and Franklin Sanders

USHERS (COMMUNION)

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

USHERS (SUNDAY WORSHIP)

Mark Brooks, head; Kent Bitting, Josh Copeland, Larry Dickerson, Zack Dusenbury, Jim Edwards, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Billy Jones, Bennie Land, Delan Stevens, Britt Stiltner, Brad Todd

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Deadlines for Publications:

- **October Messenger deadline is noon on Monday, September 18.**
- **Bulletin deadline is 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 10 days prior to the Sunday of usage.**

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



Mission Area News

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

“PAPER 4 U & PENCILS 2”

A big “Thank You” goes to all who donated items or cash for this project this year. More details to follow in next month’s *Messenger*.

CAP (Churches Assisting People)

FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who brought the grocery bags back to church filled with food items. Remember that food items can be brought to church every Sunday, not just when the grocery bags are distributed.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER:

Pasta & sauce, cereals,
and rice (prefer 1# & 3# packages)



Any non-perishable items may be donated. The items we list each month (as above) are the items that are in shortest supply at the CAP food pantry.

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

YARD SALE

Saturday, September 30

Remember that the CAP yard sale will be on Saturday, September 30, in the CAP parking lot. Please bring all of your items to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday thru Friday, September 27-29 (put them inside the Fellowship Hall near the door on 5th Ave.). Baked goods will be sold, as well as regular yard-sale items. If you have questions or need someone to pick up your items, please contact Toby White (234-2619) or the church office.

Toby

Memorials and Gifts

In Memoriam

Benjamin T. Johnson

March 18, 1936—August 10, 2006

Samuel Hughes Ray

January 26, 1937—August 18, 2006

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



Sincere Christian sympathy is extended to Rick and Kathy Embrey on the death of her mother, Nezera Mrozinski, who passed away on August 8, 2006, at their home.

Carillon Fund

In memory of **R.L. “Bob” Hendrick** by Linda Hendrick.

Chancel Choir Fund

In memory of **Connie Nobles** by Britt and Nancy Stiltner.

In memory of **Sam Ray** by Britt and Nancy Stiltner.

Daniels Mission Fund

In honor of **Ted and Ruth Coy’s** 60th wedding anniversary by Virgil and Anne Hale.

In memory of **Sam Ray** by Dr. and Mrs. Edward Coy.

Good Samaritan Fund

In honor of **Robert Harper** by an anonymous donor.

In memory of **Sam Ray** by Jim and Edith Hucks and Billy and Libby Jones.

Hut Bible Class

In memory of **Ben Johnson** by the Conway National Bank, Family Fellowship Class, Keith and Jan Gawith, Genair and Sadie Rae Hutchinson, Billy and Libby Jones, Tom and Margaret Jordan, Palmetto Chevrolet, Lavon and Betty Singleton, Philip and Margaret Thompson, and Betty Woodward.

In memory of **Jim Rogers** by Juan Holmes.

In memory of **Jack Taylor** by Tom and Margaret Jordan.

In honor of **Dick and Wanda Kleine’s** 50th wedding anniversary by Don and Naomi Bredfeldt and Duc and Jill Watts.

Operating Fund

In honor of **Wilmarie Boatwright** by Evelyn Pugh.

Salkehatchie

In honor of **Blake Martin** on his birthday by Carolyn Causey.

Daniels Mission News

This is a short list of things we've done **together with people like you** this year. A complete list is available. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and from Methodist church people on Nias Island.

Rae and Joe Daniels

We did the following:

- Gave food money to about 3000 church family members.
- Gave building funds to continue building two churches.
- Gave funds to repair two churches and enlarge one.
- Gave money for supplies to thirteen churches.
- Gave money to individuals for special needs—for example, burying their dead.
- Paid for surgery to remove a tumor from a girl's foot.
- Paid for hernia surgery for a young man who couldn't work.
- Obtain a wheelchair for a paralyzed man whose only mode of transportation was in a wheel barrow.
- Had printed Methodist Hymnals in Indonesian for each church.
- Furnished books about John Wesley's life and work for each church.
- Delivered used clothing for our poorest area church children and sports equipment for schools in that village.
- Sent Analiser Halawa out to organize villages so that UMCOR-NGO will be able to work in a very large area of about 15 villages where there is no high school, only tow jr. high schools, no medical clinic, no clean water, poor to no roads, poor housing.

The three of us traveled by car, ambulance, motorcycle, and truck and walked through rain forest and over foot logs across rivers to get to churches. Joe did a seminar on John Wesley and the Methodist Church for all churches, helped churches organize boards and committees, prayed for the sick, encouraged churches to stay strong in the faith, baptized babies and preached.



Children in Worship

Have you ever heard parents say:

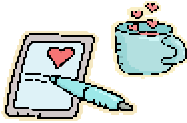
“Great idea. Do you want mine to sit with you?”

You may hear other adults say:

“Aren't they cute? Now, why can't they be quiet and sit still?”

Yet, how can we pass the faith from generation to generation if we are not all there as part of God's family? Children DO belong in worship! But, sometimes it helps for them to have had “planned experiences” that enable them to know what is expected, how to participate, and what our words and actions mean. For this reason, our elementary-aged children are learning about worship during the Sunday School hour this fall. Please keep them, their teachers, and our church family in your prayers.

UMW News



From the Desk of the UMW Acting President

Many exciting things are planned for the fall of 2006. All women of the church are invited to join with us. Even friends of yours who are not from our church are welcome to be a part of our activities.

With that thought, our first event is on September 23rd at 2:00 pm.—a Susannah Wesley Tea in the Family Life Center. Please come taste some delicious pastries and visit with old friends and make some new ones. Please bring a potential new member with you to share in the fellowship.

On December 12th, at 12:00 noon, we are planning a Christmas Party in the Family Life Center. Instead of a gift exchange, a money tree will be decorated with stockings full of love and dollars.

Circles

The schedule of fall meetings for the Circles is as follows:

Burroughs/Collins	1 st Tues. of month	10:00 am	9/5/06 (Von Deck home)
Hawes/Watts	1 st Tues. of month	10:00 am	9/5/06 (Family Life Center)
Henry/Rogers	1 st Mon. of month	7:00 pm	9/11/06 (Hale home)
Jordan	2 nd Wed. of month	7:00 pm	9/13/06 (Family Life Center)
Spivey/Ward	1 st Sun. of month	3:00 pm	9/10/06 (Family Life Center)
Stilley/Walsh	1 st Mon. of month	7:00 pm	9/11/06 (Family Life Center)

Submitted by

Paula Youngs

Acting President



God's Great Bounty

If you have been wondering if there are still FUMC cook-books available, the answer is "YES." They are \$15 each, and you can pick one up in the church office during office hours. They make great hostess gifts for your fall travels!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Monday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall